

**TOWN OF BLEECKER  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 22, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Councilman Becker: Present

Councilman Croucher: Present

Supervisor Howard: Present

Councilman Bartholomew: Present

Councilman Smith: Present

Also in attendance were Brenda Craig and Kathy Henry.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Smith made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Becker and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Clerk Report:

In April the Town took in \$579.52; \$5 in dog licenses, \$120 in transfer station permits, \$339.52 in building permits, \$75 in sporting licenses, and \$40 in certified copies. It was disbursed; \$70.86 to DEC and \$508.66 to the Supervisor.

Dog Control:

One rescue taken to Humane Society.

The Supervisor, Bookkeeper and Assessor's reports were submitted.

Highway, Building, and Grounds:

Jeff Brooks reported that we have the new truck, and a new employee.

Dumpster day totals: Garbage (tons), 18.13 in 8 loads, 7.90 tons of metal, .64 tons of electronics, 1.16 tons of freon units, and 4.55 tons of tires, for a total cost of \$2,769.20

Due to the condition of the 1976 Dodge pick-up truck, the original bid of \$3000 was rescinded and an offer of \$1500 was made.

**RESOLUTION #34-24**  
**Accept Bid on 1976 Dodge Pick-up Truck**

Councilman Smith offered the following Resolution and asked for its' approval:

**Resolved;** the Bleecker Town Board does hereby accept a bid from David Wilson of \$1500 for the purchase of the 1976 Dodge pick-up truck, sold "as is".

It was seconded by Councilman Croucher and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Jeff Brooks also reported that he will be meeting with Gorman Paving to finalize the amount of paving that can be done with the CHIPS money that we are receiving  
Jeff asked the Board , if Soil and Water cannot do the culverts before he needs to pave can we rent an excavator? The Board thought that it was doubtful.

**RESOLUTION #35-24**  
**Agreement to Spend Highway Funds**

Councilman Croucher offered the following Resolution and asked for its' approval:

**Agreement** between the Town of Bleecker Superintendent, Fulton County, NY, and the undersigned members of the Bleecker Town Board:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State For State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways shall be expended as follows:

1. **GENERAL REPAIRS**
2. **PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.** The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town Highways:
  - (a) On the road commencing at #497 North Shore Road, Peck Lake and leading to the Turn-around, a distance of 1 mile, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$142,000.  
Type: Binder  
Width of Travelled Surface: 1 mile  
Thickness: 2.5 inches- 1650 tons

It was seconded by Councilman Becker and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes  
Supervisor Howard: Yes  
Councilman Bartholomew: Yes  
Councilman Smith: Yes

Jeff asked the Board what the procedure is for expanding turn-arounds at the end of dead-end roads. Supervisor Howard told him to check with the County Highway Superintendent on procedure.

**Resolution #36-24**  
**Audit of Court Clerk Financial Records**

Councilman Smith offered the following Resolution and asked for its' approval:

**Resolved;** the Bleecker Town Board has hereby audited and approved the 2023 financial records for the Bleecker Town Court.

It was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes  
Councilman Croucher: Yes  
Supervisor Howard: Yes  
Councilman Bartholomew: Yes  
Councilman Smith: Yes

**RESOLUTION #37-24**  
**Transfer Funds for New Chevrolet 6500 Truck**

Councilman Becker offered the following Resolution and asked for its' approval:

**Resolved;** the Bleecker Town Board does hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$98,425 from the Highway Equipment Reserve to the Highway Checking Account to pay for the 2024 Chevy Silverado 6500 dump truck.

It was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed :0

Councilman Becker: Yes  
Councilman Croucher: Yes  
Supervisor Howard: Yes  
Councilman Bartholomew: Yes  
Councilman Smith: Yes

Supervisor Howard presented a quote for public wi-fi access. He asked if we should go with an emergency phone that only calls 911 instead or in addition? He said also that we could put together a meeting with Steve Santamaria to see what is best.

#### **RESOLUTION #38-24**

#### **Contract with Canada Lake Computer Services, Inc for an emergency wi-fi system**

Councilman Croucher offered the following Resolution and asked for its' approval:

**Resolved;** the Bleecker Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to contract with Canada Lake Computer Services to install a public wi-fi hot spot in the Town Hall. The system will not be connected to the secure Town network, but will allow public access to the internet for emergency use at a cost of \$418.99.

It was seconded by Councilman Becker and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Councilman Smith asked where we stand on window and door replacement in the highway garage. Jeff told him that he just hasn't had time yet. He asked if it would be better to ask for a professional quote to do the whole job or just let our own guys do it as they have time? We already have the money set aside for the job.

Councilman Bartholomew asked if we have any control over the Assessor's hours. Supervisor Howard said, not really, because we agreed to his schedule when we hired him.

Brenda Craig asked about the assessor's process for raising assessments. There followed a discussion of factors involved in assessments and tax bills in general. The Board also discussed the disparity in School Tax rates.

**RESOLUTION #39-24**  
**Authorization to Pay General and Highway Fund Bills**

Councilman Becker offered the following Resolution and asked for its' approval:

**Resolved;** the Bleecker Town Board has hereby audited and approved for payment General Fund bills #V-66 through #V-78 for a total of \$6,681.75 and Highway Fund bills #V-43 through #V-53 for a total of \$98,425.00.

It was seconded by Councilman Croucher and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Councilman Becker made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew and approved; in Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35

Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk