

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
June 26, 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 Dave Steele, Kathy Henry, and Richard Carlson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Kathy Henry thanked Jeff for a great job on North Shore Road.

Dave Steele from Bowler's Hill Rd asked the Board for help. He thanked Jeff for his prompt response, and outlined a problem he has with erosion caused by work done by Soil and Water Conservation when they did ditch work for the Town. Soil and Water undercut a hill on his property, causing erosion of the bank and de-stabilizing trees along the road. He is afraid of trees falling in the school bus route. He has talked to them about remediation, but nothing has been done, so can the Board help? Supervisor Howard set up a meeting for Saturday.

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

Clerk Report:

In May the Town took in \$300; \$150 in Transfer Station permits, \$20 in Building Permits, and \$130 in Sporting Licenses. It was disbursed; \$122.82 to the DEC and \$177.18 to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong reported 17 inspections, 4 new permits, 1 Certificate of Compliance, and completed 4.5 hours of in service training.

Dog Control:

Ag and Markets submitted their inspection report

Richard Carlson gave his Board of Assessment Review report. They had 16 grievances and 6 stipulations, 14 grievances received favorable consideration. The Board has thereby directed the Assessor to make reductions in the 2024 assessment roll in the amount of \$496,800, consisting of \$316,800 in grievance reductions and \$1180,000 in stipulations.

Councilman Bartholomew started a discussion about equalization rates and fair assessments. There was no consensus on remedies for those problems.

RESOLUTION #40-24
Accept the Books for the Fiscal Year 2023

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

Resolved: the Bleecker Town Board has hereby audited and approved the financial records from the Bookkeeper and Supervisor covering the Fiscal Year 2023.

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 has filed a Highway Department policy document with the Town, outlining what is expected from each employee and what constitutes grounds for termination.

RESOLUTION #41-24
Adopt Highway Procedure Document

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby approve the following Highway Department Policy and directs it to go into effect immediately:

HIGHWAY DEPT POLICY 2024

Vehicle Accidents

Any accident whether it be with another Vehicle, Person or Property must be immediately communicated to the Highway Supt either by radio or in person. This also includes running any Town Vehicle off the road even if the driver is able to get the truck back on the road unassisted. If the Highway Supt is not available, the information should be communicated to either the Town Clerk or the Town Supervisor. Failure to do so can result in Termination.

Absence from work

If an employee is unable to report for their shift, the Highway Supt. must be notified prior to the commencement of the work shift.

Use of Town Vehicles and Equipment

Town Vehicles and equipment can only be used for Town related work as approved or directed by the Highway Supt.

On the Job Injury

Any injury sustained while working for the Town must be immediately reported to the Highway Supt.

Fuel Use

Gasoline and Diesel dispensing is restricted to Town owned vehicles and equipment only. When filling any vehicle or equipment, mileage/hours and gallons used must be reported to the Highway Supt on forms provided for that purpose.

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

RESOLUTION #42-24
Budget Adjustment

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

Resolved: The Bleecker Town Board does hereby authorize the transfer of funds to DA5130.2 in the amount of \$98425.00.

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

RESOLUTION #43-24
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 #V79 through #V-94 for a total of \$6,422.48 and Highway Fund bills #V-54 through #V-65 for a total of \$ 16,320.21

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

Councilman Bartholomew made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilman Croucher and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0
The meeting was adjourned at 8:07

Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk