

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 23,2024**

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 Jeff Brooks and Kathy Henry

Kathy Henry told the Board that the Peck Lake residents on North Shore were very happy with the paving job, and thanked the Highway Department for a job well done.

At this time, Supervisor Howard opened the Public Hearing on the 2025 Budget.

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 September the Town took in \$768: \$10 in Dog Licenses, \$60 in Transfer Station Permits, and \$698 in Sporting Licenses. It was disbursed; \$659.49 to the DEC and \$108.51 to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong reported 3 inspections.

Dog Control:

No Activity

The Financial Reports were submitted.

Councilman Becker asked Councilman Croucher what he thought his authority over the Highway Department consisted of. Councilman Becker received a report that Councilman Croucher had authorized the paving contractor to park on private property. Councilman Croucher replied that he had not spoken to the contractor.

Supervisor Howard asked that budget line 5110.4 Maint. Of Streets exp other be decreased to 10,000. It is thew line that covers culverts and materials not supplied by our pit. Since there is more material than thought, we can safely reduce the budget line.

County, Town and Fire Tax totals for 2025 should all be lower than last year's totals. Highway is budgeted for all the men getting the maximum per hour, in case they get their CDL's and move up.

Windows for the Highway Garage and the coating for the Quonset hut will be bought out of this year's budget. Windows have already been ordered.

Jeff Brooks reported that the State DOT has flagged the Pinnacle Bridge, so he has contacted Andy Bell. An estimate for repairs will be ready next week.

Councilman Becker made a motion to close the Public Hearing. It was seconded by Councilman Becker and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

RESOLUTION # 55-24
Accept Preliminary Budget as the Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025

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

Resolved; subsequent to the Public Hearing held on October 23, 2024, the Bleecker Town Board does hereby accept the Preliminary Budget as the Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025.

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 # 56-24
Authorization to Pay General and Highway Fund Bills

Councilman Bartholomew 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-126 through #V-133 for a total of \$1,821.71 and Highway Fund bills #V-90 through #V-96 for a total of \$167,546.16.

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

RESOLUTION #57-24
Move Meeting Dates to November 20 and December 18

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

Due to conflicts with the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas, it is
Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board shall hold its regular monthly meeting for November on Wednesday, November 20 instead of November 27, and the December monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 19 instead of December 26.

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

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 7:40

Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk