

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24,2025**

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 Brian Macintosh, Jeff Brooks, Robert Wilcox, Molly Eveland, Alex and Stella Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance

Alex Miller thanked the Board for responding quickly to the request for an Autistic Child sign on County Highway 112.

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 August the Town took in \$852; \$80 in Transfer Station Permits, \$190 in Building Permits, and \$582 in Sporting Licenses. It was disbursed; \$549.85 to DEC and \$302.15 to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong reported 6 inspections, 2 new permits, and completed 4 hours of in-service training.

Dog Control:

Pat Ashbey reminded everyone that there will be a Rabies Clinic held at the Town Hall on October 4, from 9 to 11.

The Supervisor and Assessor's reports were submitted.

The budget process has been started.

Tax and Assessment:

Interviews for the Assessor's position have been scheduled, and a decision will be made by the next meeting.

Highway, Building, and Grounds:

A check for the sand pit logging was received, totaling \$19,200.40 for the Highway Equipment Fund. Jeff Brooks asked to use \$10,999 of it to buy a tandem dump trailer for garbage pick-up.

RESOLUTION #40-25
Authorization to Purchase Tandem Dump Trailer

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

Whereas: The logging operation in the sand pit has remitted \$19,200.40 to the Highway Equipment Fund, it is hereby

Resolved; that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to purchase a tandem dump trailer for garbage pick-up, totaling \$10,999 from that Fund.

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

Brian Macintosh told the Board that, due to rising costs that were not budgeted for, the Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company has to renegotiate their fire protection contract. Councilman Croucher asked if there were grants that the Fire Company could apply for. Mr. Macintosh said that they can apply, but they cannot count on them. They must budget as if they are not getting any grants.

RESOLUTION #41-25
Authorization to Sign Fire Protection Contract

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign a three year Fire Protection contract with the Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company for \$76,041 in 2026, \$83,645 in 2027, and \$92,010 in 2028.

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 #42-25
Request Traffic Study for “Autistic Child” Sign

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby request the State Department of Transportation to perform a traffic study on County Highway 112, between County Highway 145 and Persch Rd, to determine the feasibility of lowering the speed limit to 35 Councilman Becker: MPH, thereby meeting the requirement for an “Autistic Child” sign in that area.

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 #43-25
Authorization to Pay Gorman Construction when the Bill Comes In

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

Whereas; CHIPS funds cannot be released until the bills are paid, it is hereby

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board authorizes the payment of a bill from Gorman Construction upon receipt , totaling \$5250 for fog seal .

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 #44-25
Authorization to Pay General, Highway, and Trust & Agency Bills

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board has hereby audited and approved for payment Trust & Agency bills #V-16 through #V-17 for a total of \$6,933.26, General Fund bills #V-95 through #V-105 for a total of \$25,386.79, and Highway Fund bills #V-77 through #V-83 for a total of \$44,093.80.

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

There will be a budget work-shop on October 8 at 7:00 (or 6:00 if there is an interview scheduled).

The Assessor interviews will be held on Saturday. One candidate cannot start until July, and one can't make it.

Councilman Croucher said that we have to make sure that any candidate agrees to keep us at 100% equalization.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Recorded and submitted by Toni Jophnson, Town Clerk