

**TOWN OF BLEECKER  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
DECEMBER 17,2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Councilman Becker: Present

Councilman Croucher: Present

Supervisor Howard: Present

Councilman Bartholomew: Present

Councilman Smith: Present

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 November the Town took in \$10 in Transfer Station permits and \$10 in Building permits. It was all given to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong reported 5 inspections, 1 Certificate of Compliance and received his certificate for 24 hours of annual in-service training. He also completed 12 hours of advanced in-service training on the new Building Code.

Dog Control:

Pat Ashbey reported 1 assist to the Sheriff's Dept.

The Supervisor's financial report and the Highway Superintendent report were submitted.

Supervisor Howard received a communication from Steve Santamaria about the communication radios. Installing a repeater seems to be a feasible project, and he gave Bleecker a list of equipment needed. It was decided to ask for a bid on setting it up, with Councilmen Croucher and Becker suggesting going with the project, no matter the cost.

Assessor's Report:

Connie Henry said that she is settling in, and has had limited contact with Dave Galarneau. She said that she is trying to value a partially finished house, and asked for his input as to his method so far.

Highway, Building, and Grounds:

Jeff Brooks reported that the Highway Department is ready for garbage pick-up. Garbage will be picked up every Wednesday, no more Thursday offsets for holidays. He also reported that the 2018 International needs a CV joint, so he has ordered a new axel and joint.

Councilman Becker asked if we have had any luck finding a contractor to rewire the phones in the Town offices. There is nothing yet. The Highway Superintendent and the Board also discussed the Frontier lines that were taken down on North Shore Rd by the log trucks.

Supervisor Howard set the Organizational Meeting for January 5, 2026 at 7:00.

**RESOLUTION #50-25**  
**Authorization to Pay General, Highway, and Trust & Agency Bills**

Councilman Smith 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-127 through #V-139 for a total of \$43,145.79, Highway Fund bills #V-108 through #V-115 for a total of \$9,855.80, and Trust & Agency bills #V-21 and #V-22 for a total of \$7,208.94.

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 #51-25

Resolution in recognition of David Bartholomew

Offered by David Howard and seconded unanimously by the Board

From those who have served on the Town Board we would like to offer thanks to Mr. Bartholomew for 18 years of dedicated service to the Board and the residents of the Town of Bleecker. Elected office is not always an easy calling. It takes a special person to navigate the differences of opinion, the demands of fiscal management and the often contrary mandates of the State. Town government is the foundation of the Republic we serve. Our Towns and cities are the most direct and responsive level of government. We are here as a result of our neighbors trust in our ability to manage the money and services that they place in our care. Mr. Bartholomew has always exemplified that trust. Throughout the debates and opposing positions that make up our discussions on the way forward, his contributions have always been well thought out and presented in a positive way. Above all he is a gentleman and will be missed. We wish him well.

Thank you for your service.

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 Smith and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk