

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 27, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Councilwoman Reuben: Present

Councilman Becker: Present

Supervisor Howard: Present

Councilman Smith: Present

Councilman Croucher: Present

Also in attendance were; Georgiana Angus, Chanda King, Valerie and Ken Finch, Joanne Anderson, Pat Ashbey, Jeff Brooks, Tammy Koga-Lysogorski, Charlotte Wilkes, the Cook Family, Mike Vandenburg, Mel Charles, Robert Wilcox.

Public Comment:

The Cooks and Mr. Vandenburg would like the Board to petition the State for lower speed limits on Town Roads, specifically Persch and Barlow. After discussion, the Board agreed to ask for a study on all Town roads.

**RESOLUTION #28-26
Request for Speed Limit Study**

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

Whereas; residents of the Town Roads have petitioned the Bleecker Town Board for lower speed limits on Town roads, it is hereby

Resolved that the Bleecker Town Board will request that the NYDOT survey all the Town Roads and lower the speed limit to 35.

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

Councilwoman Reuben: Yes

Councilman Becker: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

MaryEllen Charles asked about the recent attention to Solar Farms and battery storage facilities, maybe we should consider a similar moratorium, just in case? Supervisor Howard said that we will finish with the regular business and go back to this discussion.

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:

The Town took in \$275 in April; \$15 in dog licenses, \$180 in transfer station permits, and \$80 in sporting licenses. It was disbursed; \$75.57 to DEC and \$199.43 to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong reported 6 inspections, three new permits, and one Certificate of Compliance.

Highway, Building and Grounds:

Jeff Brooks reported that the new diesel Chevrolet truck's motor seized on the road. It has been sent to Mangino's along with all the specs, but we have not heard whether it will be covered under warranty.

Paving is still scheduled for next week, subject to the passing of a State Budget.

Final totals for Dumpster Days were submitted by the Dept of Solid Waste. This year was \$1512.30 less than last year.

There was a discussion concerning passing a Local Law to establish a moratorium on battery storage facilities and solar farms. It was felt by the citizens that there should be a halt to the permitting process to allow for discovery and research.

RESOLUTION #29
Start Process for Local Law

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby intend to begin the process of establishing a Local Law to institute a moratorium on the permitting of Battery Storage Facilities, Solar Farms and Wind Turbine Installations in the Town of Bleecker.

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

Councilwoman Reuben: yes

Councilman Becker: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

RESOLUTION #30
Authorization to Pay General, Highway, and Trust & Agency Fund 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-54 through #V-72 for a total of \$9933.97, Highway Fund bills #V-39 through #V-44 for a total of \$3495.35, and Trust & Agency bills #v-11 and #V-12 for a total of \$6,575.98.

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

Councilwoman Reuben: yes

Councilman Becker: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Councilman Croucher 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