

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 24, 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 Joanne Anderson, William Bonfey, Richard and Lorraine Carlson, Valerie and Ken Fionch, Christine Reuben, Stephen Bonfey, Tammy Lysogorski-Koga, Charlotte Wilkes, Robert Wilcox, John Dackow, Suzanne Jones

Pledge of Allegiance

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 \$607; \$5 in dog licenses, \$160 in transfer station permits, \$382 in building permits, and \$60 in sporting licenses. It was disbursed; \$56.68 to DEC and \$550.32 to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong reported 5 inspections, 4 new permits, 1 Certificate of Occupancy, and 1 Certificate of Compliance.

The Supervisor and Assessor's reports were submitted. Supervisor Howard said that the Town has received a settlement check from Energy Services, our electricity provider, and that we need to look into who should be the provider, whether another third party or National Grid.

Richard Carlson gave the BAR report; there were only three grievances this year, two assessments and one stipulation, all received favorable consideration. The roll was reduced by \$401,900.

Highway, Building, and Grounds:

The Chevy Diesel truck is covered by Warranty, and is currently at Mangino's. We are waiting to see if the warranty starts over with the completely new motor being installed.

Paving on North Shore is complete, sealing will take place when the temperatures go below 50.

Jeff received a reply from DOT concerning the speed limits on Town Roads. We can only study four per year, therefore Jeff decided to do Persch Rd, Barlow Rd, Lily Lake Rd., and Tannery Rd. A revised Resolution was submitted.

Members of the Public asked the Board about opening Town Roads to fourwheelers. While the Board has no objection to them, State Law says that the roads can only be opened to vehicles travelling from one trail to another. A question was asked about what constitutes a trail? Councilman Smith said that he was willing to look into the details of the law and report back.

Pursuant to Public concern at the last meeting, the Board has drafted a Local Law to establish a moratorium on Solar Farms, Battery Storage Facilities, and Wind Farms. As there was unanimous approval from the citizens attending the meeting, the Board will enact the Law.

RESOLUTION #31-26
Enact Local Law #1-2026

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

Title:

Local Law Imposing a Moratorium on Commercial Solar Uses, Battery Energy Storage Systems, and Wind Energy Facilities in the Town of Bleeker.

Purpose and Intent:

It is the purpose of this law to declare a one (1) year moratorium on the permitting of commercial solar uses, battery energy storage, and wind energy facilities, as well as a moratorium on any activity associated therewith or intending to support such processes, in order to enable the Town of Bleeker sufficient time to obtain information pertaining to the safety and environmental impacts of such facilities.

Scope of Moratorium:

During the effective period of this Local Law, no person or entity shall engage in any activity and the Code Enforcement Officer shall not grant any special use permit, specific use permit, building permit, or approval of any kind which would result in the establishment, implementation, placement, or construction of a Commercial Solar Use, Battery Storage System, or Wind Energy Facility, including activities intending to support such uses, in the Town of Bleeker.

Definitions:

The term "Commercial Solar Use" shall mean the placement, construction, erection, installation, or use of a Solar Energy System for the generation of electrical power to be used primarily for the sale or distribution to users located off the site of such Solar Energy System.

The term "Battery Energy Storage System" shall mean any installation of a rechargeable energy storage system having an aggregate energy capacity greater than 600kWH, designed to store electrical power received from a generating or transmission source, and periodically discharging power from the battery energy storage system into the power grid.

The term " Wind Energy Facility" shall mean a wind energy facility that generates and supplies power for commercial or industrial use.

Extension of Moratorium:

At the discretion of the Town Board, this moratorium may be extended for one (1) additional year after proper notice and a public hearing to be held within forty five (45) days prior to the expiration of said moratorium period.

Validity and Severability:

Should any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part, or provision of this Local Law be declared invalid by a Court, such determination shall not affect the validity of any other part thereof.

Effective Date:

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its' filing in the office of the Secretary of State of New York State.

It was seconded by Councilwoman Reuben and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Councilwoman Reuben: Yes

Councilman Becker: yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

RESOLUTION #32-26
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-73 through #V-79 for a total of \$1476.53, Highway Fund bills #V-45 through #V-52 for a total of \$119050.71, and Trust & Agency bills #V-13 through #V-15 for a total of \$10619.18.

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

John Dackow expressed concern about the quality of paving on North Shore Rd. He asked if it was guaranteed to hold up. He was assured that, in the event there was any problem with the road, the paving company would guarantee the work.

Supervisor Howard also explained that we fund our paving entirely through the State CHIPS program, and that we try to get as much done for the Town as possible. The change in material for the road was made in order to get as much distance done as we could. Otherwise, it would take at least two more years to get the same distance paved.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk