

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 26,2026**

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 Jeff Brooks and Ken and Valerie Finch

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt the minutes from the last meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Becker and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Clerk Report:

In July the Town took in \$210; \$5 in dog licenses, \$110 in transfer station permits, \$20 in building permits, \$5 in sporting licenses, and \$40 for a marriage license. It was disbursed; \$22.50 to the Health Dept., \$33.06 to DEC, and \$154.44 to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong reported 9 inspections and 5 new permits(3 deck/porch and 2 pole barns).

Dog Control:

Pat Ashbey reported one dog placed after owner found deceased.

The Supervisor financials were submitted

Assessor's report was submitted.

RESOLUTION #33-26

Authorization to sign contract for Ice and Snow Removal on County Roads

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby authorize a contract with Fulton County for the removal of snow and ice from County Road 145 and Tower Rd.

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

Councilwoman Reuben: Yes

Councilman Croucher: yes

Councilman Becker: yes

Supervisor Howard: yes

Councilman Smith: yes

The Board discussed the issue of Four wheelers on Town Roads. Councilman Smith had previously presented the Board with State traffic laws pertaining to ATV's, and some samples of laws passed by neighboring Towns. The Town Attorney told Supervisor Howard that there was negligible liability to the Town if the Town was in compliance with those laws. The next question before the Board was, should we open the Town roads? Councilman Smith offered that maybe we should mirror one of the other Town's laws. The consensus was that we should draft a law to be looked at by the Board.

RESOLUTION #34-26

Pursue a Local Law with the Town Attorney in Anticipation of Opening Town Roads

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

Resolved: in anticipation of opening Town roads to ATV traffic, the Bleecker Town Board will draft a Local Law to be in compliance with all State Vehicle Laws pertaining to ATV use, and present it to the Town Attorney to ensure legal use.

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

The Board then discussed the issue of garbage pick up for short term rentals. There have been some questions about whether they are classified as Commercial, which would mean they are not entitled to local garbage pick up, or whether they should be treated as simply rentals, which would be picked up.

Councilman Becker opined that if they are a LLC, they are subject to the Room Tax and are commercial. Councilman Croucher asked if we could charge a garbage fee for them and still pick it up.

It was decided that the Town will keep picking it up for now, until we come up with a solution.

RESOLUTION #35-26
Authorize Changing the Clerk's Phone Line to Fiber

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

Whereas the bill for the Town Clerk's copper line has increased to \$234, it is hereby **Resolved**; the Supervisor shall pursue changing the phone line from copper to fiber.

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

Supervisor Howard updated the Board on the e-mail hack last month. After investigation, Canada Lake Computer Services found that the actual e-mail account had not been breached, only the Outlook server where e-mails are routed from. All passwords were changed and no damage was found.

Supervisor Howard also told the Board that the County will be abolishing the elected position of County Treasurer and going to an appointed County Finance Officer. It was felt that there is too much at stake financially to not have clear requirements for the job. The proposal will be on the November ballot.

RESOLUTION #36-26
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-94 through #V-105 for a total of \$2,520.48, Highway Fund bills #V-59 through #V-67 for a total of \$7,046.24, and Trust&Agency bills #V-19 and #V-20 for a total of \$6,575.98.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk