

These are the Town Board Meeting Minutes held on April 6, 2022 at the Blenheim Town Hall.

Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm with the salute to the flag.

Present: Supervisor Don Airey Councilwoman Renee Grabowski
Councilman Chester Keyser Councilwoman Anne Mattice-Strauch
Councilman Joseph Ward Highway Superintendent Dave Mattice

Motion made to approve March 2nd 2022 board meeting minutes by Councilwoman Grabowski; 2nd by Councilman Keyser; so moved

Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Airey

- Flood Committee/NYDEP/NYPA – still trying to coordinate for crest gates to be removed, the notch used more and syphons to be left in place. There is a tentative scheduled facility walk through with Board of Supervisors in June
- NYS RPTL Renewables – NYPA EV charging stations are installed at the Warehouse Security Parking lot but only for use by NYPA employees. NYPA to explore charging stations at Visitors Center for public use.
- Town Website – Supervisor Airey needs to review the changes
- Flags have been ordered for Main Street
- Parking Lot Sealing – bid notices to go out; waiting for warmer weather
- ARPA grant/funding – Town has received half of the funds with the rest coming this summer. Steve Dyer helped with login issues. Town board needs to have further discussions as to how to use the funds. Councilwoman Grabowski to attend Assoc Of Town Finance School in May to help determine how funds can be spent
- Richardson Property – Supervisor Airey has suggested that Attorney Mike West, Judge Arrandale and CEO Brian Caron meet to discuss clean up of property and to get it done
- Blenheim Hill Farms – They notified Supervisor Airey that they couldn't attend to give an update to the town on the project
- Councilwoman Mattice-Strauch has requested approval to host Gilboa School car wash again this year. Car wash to be held at 1748 State Route 30, in June, and Supervisor Airey to coordinate with County EOS
- Tire Day – no update
- Brush Fire in the field next the new municipal complex, caused by down wire, with brush fire truck getting stuck in the mud! Highway Superintendent contacted A&M towing who came with flatbed truck, bobcat with track, Weldon wench that is capable of 40 tons. Truck was removed from mud and NO CHARGE. Thank you, A&M!!!! Supervisor Airey to respond with note to A&M. National Grid was on site shortly after to replace pole.
- EMS wi-fi has been upgraded by MidTel
- Sub-Division Law – as more and more property is being sold in our community, further discussion is needed about creating and implementing a sub-division law

Highway Report – Superintendent Mattice:

- Tires for trucks have been received
- Crew has been servicing all equipment – including the loader
- Preliminary quotes have been received from Peckham and Gorman. Targeted roads will be Quarry Road (1180 feet) and Burnt Hill Road (3100 feet). Rossman Hill Road needs too much prep work for paving this year.
- Requesting an excavator, with ditching bucket and quick connect attach mower. Approximate cost is \$75,000. Board has requested that more information is given (ie state contract #, time of delivery)
- Steel Sales- plow that was ordered had an updated configuration, therefore, did not fit truck. A lengthy discussion with vendor as to return and cost. Other vendors are being researched as plow is definitely needed. Supervisor Airey stated that (3) bids will still need to be submitted. Superintendent Mattice has been assured that once order is placed, 6-8 week waiting period.
- It has been brought to Superintendent Mattice's attention that class "A" licenses are needed to haul heavy equipment on a trailer. The cost for this license and training is \$8,000 per person; will be investigating other options if this is needed
- Crew has been hauling in stone – which, so far, has saved the town approximately \$9,400

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Brian Caron

March report has been received and can be viewed during Town Clerk's business hours

Judge's Report – Ralph Arrandale

- Received a request to put dockets aside because of no ADA and DA Mallery will be at trial. Town will hold court, but cases will be adjourned or dismissed

Assessor's Report – Bob Mann Sr

- All exemptions are in. Workbook needs to be at County by next week.

Correspondence (not read at meeting but available during Town Clerk's business hours):

- The Gathering Place Monthly Newsletter
- Schoharie County Conservation Association Monthly Newsletter
- Schoharie County 4-H Newsletter
- Municipal Shelter Inspection Report – Unsatisfactory because no signed contract on file for Carlisle
- GCCS Drama Club production of "We Will Rock You" 4/23
- Solicitation letter from Peckham Industries, Inc.
- Comp Alliance Plan Summary
- Assoc of Towns Tentative Agenda for Town Finance School – scheduled for 5/16 & 5/17 Marriott Albany
- Announcement of Wastewater Education Seminar on 3/29- Holiday Inn Johnstown

Other:

- Councilwoman Grabowski stated that the town has extra funds and is requesting the following amounts to be moved:

Motion made to transfer \$100,000 from General Checking to General Savings and to transfer \$60,000 from Highway Checking to Highway Savings by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Mattice-Strauch; so moved.

Motion made to pay bills \$10,722.50 General; \$18,198.82 Highway by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilman Ward; so moved

8:00 pm Motion made to adjourn by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Mattice-Strauch; so moved

Minutes respectively submitted by Robin Alley, Town Clerk

Renee Grabowski, Town Councilwoman
Anne Mattice Strauch Councilwoman
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