

These are the Town Board Meeting Minutes held on December 7, 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 Carolee Russell
Highway Superintendent Dave Mattice
Excused: Councilwoman Anne Mattice-Strauch

Motion made to approve November 2nd, 2022 board meeting minutes by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Russell; so moved

Motion made to open the hearing of the Building Permit Fine by Councilwoman Grabowski; 2nd by Councilman Keyser; so moved

**Suggested fine of \$250 if no permit obtained and project work is in progress. Fine must be paid before any permit for the project will be issued.

Supervisor's Report - Supervisor Airey

- The town has received approximately \$15,000 related to County Retail Taxes. County took in approximately \$19M in sales tax- no increase in tax rate for town and county 2023 taxes
- Streambank Project – project will be moving forward due to a grant of \$9M awarded from Empire State Development
- MEVAC – contract renewal for 2023 in the amount of \$5,936.70

Motion made to accept, sign and pay in full MEVAC 2023 contract by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Grabowski; so moved

- Flood Committee/Gilboa Dam Update-
 - Town Supervisors attended the tour along with Pete Nichols (Soil & Water) and Treasurer Wollaber-Bryan. Tour included DEP Commissioner and other DEP Officials. NYPA and County to meet and discuss formulation of a Hydro Resource Management Policy.
- NYPA County Funding (\$200,000 total) Report – \$200K distributed funding to various town emergency services; Blenheim Hose Company was awarded \$10,000 for jaws of life
- Operation Greenlight Resolution – in support of green lights honoring veterans, for porches, etc
- NYS Div of Finance and Taxation Lawsuit (Commercial wind/solar projects) – Judge ruled for the temporary restraining order to stay in effect while dismissing motions filed by the NYS AG's Office. Judge gave the AG's Office 20 days to provide a Certified Copy of the Record. Issue of "Standing" held in abeyance by the Judge until the Certified Record is produced by the AG's Office.
- ARPA Funds- still trying to determine the best use of these funds, town has until 2024 to spend
- Short Term Rental Law – Supervisor Airey has completed the draft form of the law and would like to schedule the public hearing at the January 2023 organizational meeting. Town Board agrees; Town Clerk to advertise in paper
- NYS Codes Amendment – the town will need to adopt the new building codes, per NYS, as a local law (to be discussed at January 2023 meeting)
- Fuel/Diesel Bid Opening –
 - Mirabito - \$4.26/gal on-road and \$5.10/gal kerosene
 - Livingston fuels - \$.35 over posted rack price at the Port Authority

Motion made to accept Mirabito Energy Products bid, pending final review, by Councilwoman Grabowski; 2nd by Councilman Keyser; so moved

- Supervisor Airey officially introduced new council member, Carolee Russell and thanked her for her willingness to serve
- Miller Road – Supervisor Airey has received a letter from attorney who represents Yank/Sparrow. They have requested that the lower part of Miller Road be abandoned by the town. DEC has stated in the past that they have right-away. Supervisor Airey to counter-offer to abandon all of Miller Road to their property line. Lengthy discussion ending with request from the town board for more accurate information of length and precise mapping.

Highway Report - Superintendent Mattice

- Trucks were all down at once- but were repaired before first snow storm
- Started the process of emptying the East Side Road property; the goal is to be able to store equipment for the winter
- Meeting with Western Star Rep and County was cancelled. Town exploring option to "piggy-back" on County/State contract to purchase another ten-wheeler

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Brian Caron

- Report has been received and can be viewed during normal Town Clerk business hours

Assessor's Report - Robert Mann, Sr.

- Received a request regarding the new level of age exemption
- Request to determine cost of property back in 1997 compared to 2022

Judge's Report - Ralph Arrandale

- Nothing to report

Other:

- End of the year meeting will be held 12/29/22 at 4:00 pm. Town Clerk to put notice in Times Journal and post on website.

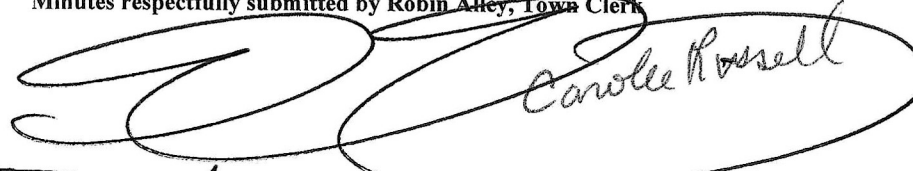
Correspondence (not read at meeting but available during Town Clerk's business hours):


- Email from Director Michael Hartzel letting the town know that EMT weekly hours will be less due to shortage of staff
- Notice from National Grid regarding upcoming utility pole maintenance
- The Gathering Place Newsletter
- Schoharie County Conservation Association Newsletter
- County Resolution 102 - Apportionment of Sales Tax Revenue Sharing for 3rd Qtr 022
- County Resolution 96 - Approving Second Semi- Annual Mortgage Tax Report of 2022
- Association of Towns reminder of 2023 Dues and Annual Business Meeting
- Solicitation letter from Biomed Consulting Inc.

Motion made to pay bills \$ 40,284.55 General; \$23,026.74 Highway by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Grabowski; so moved

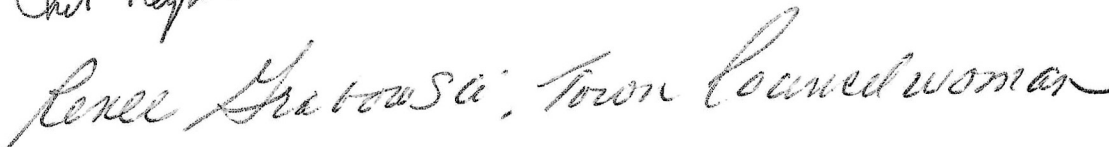
7:35 pm Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Russell; so moved

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robin Alley, Town Clerk

 Carolle Russell

 Don Keyser - Town Supervisor

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 Renee Grabowski, Town Councilwoman