

These are the Town Board Meeting Minutes held on July 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  
Highway Superintendent Dave Mattice

**Absent:** Councilman Joseph Ward

**Motion made to approve June 1, 2022 board meeting minutes by Councilwoman Mattice-Strauch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Keyser; so moved**

**Supervisor's Report - Supervisor Airey**

- Thank you, Gail for taking the June meeting minutes
- Flood Committee/Gilboa Dam Update- meeting was held last week that included NYCDEP and after much discussion, a meeting with the County Flood Committee. NYCDEP and NYPA to discuss coordinated Hydro Resource Management will be scheduled!
- NYPA settlement fund report, as directed in section 3.1 of the agreement, was submitted to NYPA and accepted.
- Hitchcock Building -water well pump has been replaced. Thank you, Dave! Cold patch was also done and it looks great.
- EMS Hours- County is have issues with hiring and retaining EMTs but they are working on a solution and hopefully hours will be back to 24/7
- Propane – town still has not received any bids for this service. Supervisor Airey to discuss a “spot purchase” in October
- Parking Lot Sealing – no update
- Richardson Property – no update
- Hazardous Waste Day – scheduled by the County on 7/30
- Kyle's Refuse Service – Kyle has requested an extension of another year (current contract ends December 2022). Prices will not increase but Supervisor Airey feels we should offer a “rebate”

**Motion made to accept contract extension to December 2023 by Councilwoman Mattice-Strauch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Keyser; so moved.**

- NYPA EV Charging- NYPA will be attending the next BOS meeting to speak about the charging stations.
- Supervisor Airey stated that grant correspondence has been received in regards to “disadvantaged communities”. This has eliminated the ability for host communities to participate in hydro/clean energy.
- Miller Road- issue of abandonment has resurfaced. A lengthy discussion regarding variances and DEC has stated that they will sue the town because it is viable access to bordering state land. Yank and Sparrow's attorney will be contacting DEC to discuss the issue. Town will still need to make a decision to abandon. Discussion tabled for August meeting.
- Town website- Thank you, Renee for getting that up and running!!!
- Town Clerk hours – Beginning 7/11/22, hours will be Monday through Thursday- 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. No objections

**Highway Report - Superintendent Mattice**

- Plow for the '09 has been received and it fits perfect!
- '09 hole in oil pan and will be sending truck to Deleat. Prices are cheaper and repair will be completed quick
- Rented mower from John Wycoff- Andy is using
- Gilboa Roads are done and they will come to help us – 7/27 tentative road repair date
- Gilboa will also help with Cole Hollow bamboo removal.
- County DPW is scheduling work to be done on Bear Ladder Road- from Cole Hollow down to Bear Ladder to remove debris and recenter the channel so we don't lose Cole Hollow or culvert on Bear Ladder. County has permit to get it done! Brush will be cut first from Bear Ladder to Cole Hollow
- Suggested again, to purchase another truck as it takes two years to get. Superintendent Mattice to get prices.
- Generator Service- we were billed but work was not done; supposed to be done yearly. Superintendent Mattice to contact service company.
- NYS Potholes program- Superintendent Mattice would like to use these funds to repair Burnt Hill Road
- Excavator/Tractor- still working on getting pricing. Dealer in Saugerties may have one right now for \$85-90K
- Superintendent Mattice has requested a load of topsoil to be delivered by Bob Mann; cost of \$125/8yards

**Motion made to approve a load of topsoil to be delivered by Bob Mann to the highway garage parking lot location by Councilwoman Mattice-Strauch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Keyser; so moved**

**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.**

- Tax roll has been processed and delivered to the Town Clerk where it can be viewed during Clerk's business hours
- Resident is still having issues with assessment on property. Complaints have been received by BAR and submitted to the County; no resolution yet

**Judge's Report - Ralph Arrandale**

- Needed confirmation that our Noise Ordinance law has been filed with the State. Supervisor Airey and Town Clerk confirmed.

**Blenheim Long Term Recovery Committee - Gail Shaffer**

- The committee will be meeting again in July

**Other:**

- Gail Shaffer has been asked by Rebecca Littlejohn to coordinate the delivery of the Hitchcock Painting to be moved to the Post Office vestibule area

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

- Letter received from Conesville Cardinals Youth Baseball informing town of sign up and requesting donation
- Notice from Schoharie County Department of Health alerting residents of the Powassan Virus (tick born)
- April 2022 property sales report from Real Property
- NYMIR Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Annual Training Webinar reminder
- Assoc of Towns notice of upcoming training for planning and zoning
- Solicitation letter from Campanelli & Associates, P.C. regarding zoning ordinances
- Solicitation letter from Laberge Group regarding Solar Farm Planning Board Review
- Schoharie County Conservation Association newsletter
- The Gathering Place newsletter
- Mohawk Valley Economic Development District newsletter
- Family Farm Day - scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>

Motion made to pay bills \$ 14,752.88 General; \$ 26,467.62 Highway by Councilwoman Mattice-Strauch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Keyser; so moved

7:45 pm Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Keyser; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Mattice-Strauch; so moved

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robin Alley, Town Clerk



Don Airey  
Town Supervisor

Out by  
Rene Gratoash Town Councilwoman  
Anne Mattice Councilwoman