

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

Excused: Councilman Joseph Ward Councilwoman Anne Mattice-Strauch

Motion made to approve August 3, 2022 board meeting minutes by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Grabowski; so moved

Motion made to open Public Hearing on Local Law 1-2022 regarding "Maximum Income Eligibility for Persons Over 65 Years of Age Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, Section 467" by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Grabowski; so moved

Supervisor's Report - Supervisor Airey

- Flood Committee/Gilboa Dam Update- Executive Session meeting is scheduled for 9/28/22 at 4 pm with Deputy Commissioner Rush and Mr. Vickers from NYC. Also, syphons are out of the water and dam rose eight feet with the rain received in the past few days
- NYS Div of Finance and Taxation Lawsuit – still pending
- FEMA/Dept of Homeland Security – Cole Hollow Appeal project; further discussion with FEMA and they are requesting \$79,000 to be paid back. Supervisor Airey has requested a meeting which will be in Albany; awaiting date and time.
- Hitchcock Building –
 - Sign – complete and ready for install. Thank you, Renee! Paul Kelly has been contacted to install.
 - New bollards were ordered and installed in the front of the building
- Parking Lot Sealing – sealing of both locations is complete- very nice job done by Brand's Paving!
- ARPA Funds- still trying to determine the best use of these funds
- Short Term Rental Law – Received a letter from Dept. of Health approving septic plans on Eminence Road. Supervisor Airey is suggesting that board review the copy of law distributed so that it can be voted on next month. (Board has received a copy of a law in Jefferson. Purpose is to make sure Air BnB's follow safety protocols, pay occupancy taxes, apply for building permits (for easier tracking), etc.)
- Richardson Property – no update
- NYPA EV Charging- no update
- Tire Day – no update
- Sub-Division Law – no update; but really need to discuss further
- Budget Workshop – workshop was held on 8/31. Highway Department has requested new equipment, however at this time, new equipment will not be included in the 2023 budget. IF equipment is needed, Supervisor Airey will seek BAN or use Highway Fund Reserve for purchases.

Motion made to accept proposed budget as Tentative Budget by Councilwoman Grabowski; 2nd by Councilman Keyser; so moved

- Receipt of official resignation of Councilman Joseph Ward. Town Clerk, Robin Alley, read allowed the resignation and board has accepted. Supervisor Airey has suggested that anyone interested in the remaining 15-months of Councilman Ward's term, should present a letter of interest for Board's review.

Highway Report - Superintendent Mattice

- Paving of Burnt Hill is scheduled for Monday, September 12
- All equipment is running well; highway continues to do most repairs in-house
- Request to purchase a rotary mower. Department continues to rent different equipment to do various road work (\$4600/month). Supervisor Airey stated that purchase of equipment is put on hold until a full board is present.

Motion made to approve rental of equipment for \$4600/month by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Grabowski; 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.

- Nothing to report

Judge's Report – Ralph Arrandale

- Nothing to report

Blenheim Long Term Recovery Committee - Gail Shaffer

- Nothing to report

Other:

- Model T Club had contacted Supervisor Airey a few months ago asking permission to use the bridge area for a gathering place to have lunch. Their visit went very well and Supervisor Airey thanked Ralph and Liz Arrandale and Dave Mattice for all the preparations needed to welcome them.

Motion made to close Public Hearing of Local Law 1-2022 by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Grabowski; so moved

Motion made to adopt Local Law 1-2022 by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Grabowski; so moved

Town Clerk to sign, affix Town of Blenheim seal and file with New York State.

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

- Schoharie County Conservation Assoc. Newsletter
- The Gathering Place Newsletter
- NYMIR 2021 Annual Report
- Solicitation letter from Helios Care requesting donation from received ARPA funds
- Solicitation letter from Laberge Group requesting they are included in budget to assist with grant research and writing
- Letter from National Grid highlighting ways to save on energy
- Letter from NYS Dept of Labor Unemployment Insurance showing the town as current

Motion made to pay bills \$ 23,852.57 General; \$7,597.70 Highway by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Renee Grabowski; so moved

7:30 pm Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Renee Grabowski; so moved

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robin Alley, Town Clerk



Dan Airey
Town Supervisor

Pat Key
Renee Grabowski, Councilwoman