

Town of Blenheim Town Board Meeting Minutes

The following are the town board meeting minutes for the Town Board meeting held on May 1, 2024 at Blenheim Town Hall. Meeting Commenced at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT;

Supervisor Don Airey

Council Member Renee Grabowski

Council Member Chester Keyser

Council Member Carolee Russell

Highway Superintendent Dave Mattice

Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch - Absent

Motion was made to approve March Meeting Minutes by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd By Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Don Airey

- Taxpayer A-78 Constitutional Challenge, County, has filed a restraining order per TRO request. All 16 supervisors supported this filing for tax papers on this Solar tax issue.
- Town Part O Resolution Opposition Motion, many counties and towns have given opposition, however the State supported and passed it.
- County Broadband Grant Support Letter application went in 10 days ago. 900 hundred in the county without broadband. Thanking towns for your support.
- Road Preservation Law / Resolution looking into it.
- Hitchcock Building well was looked at. Today Titan Drilling gave us numbers to consider. Looking to get another quota and option next week.
- Grievance Day changed to May 29, 2024 from 3pm to 7pm.
- Comp Alliance Renewal still pending.
- NYCDEP video feed will be \$2300 annual charge to the county. Homeland Defense would like a 24/7 view of the dam.
- Town road weight limits will be 8 ton on all town road. This due to the heavy active of loggers that has deteriorated our roadways.
- **Resolution 24 2024 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials.** **Motion** made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved. Up dated for Town Clerk and Assessor.
- **Motion** made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved. Brian Caron to remain Building Inspector-Code Enforcement Officer for the remainder of the calendar year.
- **NYPA** annual report from Blenheim submitted and accepted. Next annual settlement release to be late May or June, payment expected in June. \$250,000. AGR payment was \$93,000 last year. Perhaps \$100,000 this year. In 19 to 20 years, annual payment increased to \$750,000 per year.
- **Town of Blenheim Scope of Work / Bid Specification for Cold-Mix Paving and Single Chip Sealing of Town Roads Bid Number: 5124.**
One bid was received from the following:

<u>Name of Bider</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SUIT-KOTE	Country Club Rd, West Oneonta NY 13861	\$111,251.26

Motion was made by Council Member Coralee Russell; 2nd by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved. To award SUIT-KOTE with the contract. They will be notified.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Dave Mattice

Working on trucks parts for '09 will be coming in soon. When equipment is rented you lose a worker for they need to stay with the equipment for that time of rental. Logging is taking place on Burnt Hill Road. No time to repair roads at this time. Resident King will be logging on some of her properties this year. Also heard there might be logging on Burnt Hill Road. Dave to contact forester to find name of land owner. Don and Dave will work on saving roads from the loggers this year. **Motion** was made by Council Carolee Russell; 2nd by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved. To appoint Highway Superintendent Dave Mattice to post 8 ton weight limit signs on all town roads.

ASSESSOR REPORT

Getting all the numbers for the Assessment Rolls Posted for review, Public can view roll at Town Clerk Office or contact Assessor for discussion. By appointment only on Saturday, Sunday and evenings. Maps are available here.

BUILDING INSPECTOR-CODE OFFICER REPORT

Reports for April

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

No report

JUDGE REPORT: Ralph Arrandale

No report

BLTCRC REPORT: Gail Shaffer

Opening May 4 2024, 12pm to 5pm Saturday and Sunday. Had some deuterations from the earthquake. Some tiles fell from the ceiling and things fell from the shelves. Highway will help in fixing the sign.

PRIVILAGE OF THE FLOOR

Town Clerk went to training in Albany. Thanked town board for their support and the opportunity to attend this training.

Jefferson Town Meeting, hearing on Town Wind Law Revision (a potential 5 MGWATT Turbine project is in discussion). May 9 at 7pm.

MEVAC celebration on May 19,2024 their 50th Anniversary.

CORRESPONDENCE

In folder for review

Motion made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved to pay the bills.

Motion made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Chester Keyer; so moved to close the meeting.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Ericson, Town Clerk