

Town of Blenheim Town Board Meeting Minutes

The following are the town board meeting minutes for the Town Board meeting held on August 7, 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

Absent - Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Don Airey

- A moment of silence for the passing of a community member Joseph Ward. Many fond memories were spoken by many.
- Congratulation to Board Member Chester Keyser on his recent wedding.
- Received a quote from Provost Bros. Inc. to recondition the existing artesian well at the Hitchcock Building. EMS and the Post Office both pay rent and the town needs provide quality water to them. **Motion was made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd Conical Member Carolee Russel; so moved ahead with Provost Bros in fixing the well.**
- **Motion was made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved to advertise bid for a new Chevrolet One Ton Truck.**
- New people in Paul Kelly former house were here a month when a tree fell on the property. Would like to know if they could lease the abjointing Town-Owned FEMA property. Research will be done, and the Town Board will consider options for use. The new homeowners would be responsible for any accruing cost.
- Creamery Road Bridge which is owned by the county is in need of repair. Dan Crandle is looking into replacing the top portions that will support a 1.5 ton for this to pass the DOT inspection.
- **Motion was made by Board Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Board Member Carolee Russell; so moved. To except a proposal of \$3900.00 to cut down and chip up 38 trees on Welch Road.**
- **Motion was made by Board Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Board Member Carolee Russell; so moved. Except the proposal by Grantier Oil Co Inc for \$2.079 per gallon for LP Gas from 09/01/2024 through 05/31/2025.**
- Working with NYCDEP and NYPA in responses to the upcoming storm on Friday. They are planning to keep the gates up on the dam.
- County is still working with CSD developer on sales agreement for the old jail.
- LaBella Associates Housing survey finding were discussed due to the outcome for the Town of Blenheim 54.4% dilapidated and substandard conditions. This was completed by a windshield survey. Many questions were raised about this data. Supervisor Don Airey he has access to the finished report and will be reviewed.

- **Local Law No.2 of the year 2024 to establish the First Wednesday of each year, after the fourth Tuesday of each May, Commencing May 28, 2025 from the hours of 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for the Board of Assessment Review meeting to hear concerns or objections relating to assessment per section 512 of the Real Property Tax Law proposed. Public hearing will be open at the September 4, 2024 meeting and Motion was made by Council Member Renee Grabowski; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved, to advertise for the September Board Meeting.**
- Building Code enforcement fine ruling has been made. The town has received a sum of \$500 in fines.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Dave Mattice

This year's CHIPS Paving is completed on Burnt Hill Road, Richard Road and Dave Brown Mountain. A little grade work to be done yet. Andy had equipment breakdown and all have been fixed. Lots of things happening and changes will be made over time. The town has narrow roads and people don't like change. We also have 4 different school distinct that we are responsible for keeping the roads open. Burnt Hill Road sign and another 'slow' sign appeared to be tampered with. The Burnt Hill Sign was found in the grass and now has been re-attached.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Deborah Turber

Will continue to get things done, submitted report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR-CODE OFFICER REPORT: Brian Caron

Report has been Submitted

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Joseph Derma

Quite a lot of dogs, coons, foxes and bear sightings. Calls to surrender dogs, not the towns responsibility. Calls for barking dogs will not identify to who, what, were taking place. Please get the word out to get dogs and cats vaccinated. Report submitted.

JUDGE REPORT: Ralph Arrandale

No report

BLTCRC REPORT: Gail Shaffer

Thank you, Council Member Chester Keyser for your help on doing the sign modification.

PRIVILAGE OF THE FLOOR

Andy Graves Grandmother has passed away.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cornell Cooperative Extension
 New York Department of Transportation
 CDPHP
 Mohawk Valley Economic
 SCCA New Letter
 The Gathering Place

- **Motion** made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved to pay the bills \$ 14111.52 General; \$ 96343.71 Highway.
- **Motion** to go into Executive Session by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell 8:20p.m.
- **Motion** to go back in session by Council Member Carolee Russell; 2nd by Council Member Chester Keyser.
- **Motion** to hire Christopher Daugherty as a new employee for the Highway Department.
- **Motion** made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Carolee Russell; so moved to close the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Ericson, Town Clerk