

## **Town of Blenheim Town Board Meeting Minutes**

The following are the town board meeting minutes for the Town Board meeting held on December 4, 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

**Motion was made to approve November Meeting Minutes by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Renee Grabowski; so moved.**

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Don Airey

- School House and former Town Garage have been painted.
- Evidentiary Hearing on Schoharie County Taxpayer Constitutional Challenge A-78 was 10 days ago. This is step 2 in the judicial process. Final Briefs due January 13. Judge has 90 days afterward to render a decision. A decision in favor of the Plaintiffs could result in a \$1.5B annually for host communities to Renewable Energy Projects in fair assessments and taxation.
- Hitchcock Building Well has continued maintenance. with changes of filters. A quote was given for \$16,651.00 for a 300-foot drilled well. Prior approval was given to drill a well with a 6-inch casing inside the 8-inch casing. Work will be performed by 2 different companies, Provost Bros. Inc. and Cedar Ridge Well Drilling, LLC.
- Road work on the North Road is continuing. County will be putting a new top on in the spring.
- **Motion was made to change the Town Board of January 1 meeting to Friday January 3, 2024 at 6:30pm due to the holiday. Motion was made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved.**
- Diesel fuel contract has expired. Will be advertising for new bids.
- **Motion was made to appoint BAR Chair Maryanne Kenyon for a term 10-2024 to 9-30-2029. Motion made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved.**
- Uniform Justice Court Act / 2019-a, Notice from Town Court. Will be present his record and docket once a year. January meeting these will be presented.

### Privilege of the Floor

None

### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Dave Mattice and Andy Graves

Snow plowing roads and everything is great.

### ASSESSOR REPORT: Deborah Thurber

Have received 23 of data collection sheets from home owners. Continue to catch up on assessments.

### BUILDING INSPECTOR-CODE OFFICER REPORT: Brian Caron

Submitted report

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Joseph Durma

Nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE

SCCA Newsletter

The Gathering Place

**Motion was made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch; so moved, to budget transfer from General as follow,**

**GENERAL**

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>A1420.4</b>	<b>Attorney Contractual</b>	<b>\$10,885.00</b>
<b>TO:</b>	<b>\$ 4,250.00</b>	<b>A1410.4</b>	<b>Town Clerk Contractual</b>
	<b>\$ 2,215.00</b>	<b>A1610.4</b>	<b>Central Service Admin (Bookkeeper)</b>
	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>A1920.4</b>	<b>Municipal Association Dues</b>
	<b>\$ 3670.00</b>	<b>A9010.8</b>	<b>State Retirement short</b>

**Motion was made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved, to budget transfer from Highway as follow,**

**HIGHWAY**

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>DA5130.2</b>	<b>Machinery Contractual</b>	<b>\$56,083.00</b>
<b>To:</b>	<b>\$ 6,811.00</b>	<b>DA5110.1</b>	<b>Maintenance Road Pers Serv</b>
	<b>\$ 932.00</b>	<b>DA5110.4</b>	<b>Maintenance Road Cont</b>
	<b>\$34,610.00</b>	<b>DA5112.2</b>	<b>CHIPS</b>
	<b>\$ 9,730.00</b>	<b>DA5130.6</b>	<b>Preventative Maintenance</b>
	<b>\$ 3,853.00</b>	<b>DA9010.8</b>	<b>Retirement short</b>
	<b>\$ 147.00</b>	<b>DA9050.8</b>	<b>Unemployment Insurance</b>

Special evening with a celebration for Highway Supervisor David Mattice on his retirement.

**Motion was made by Supervisor Don Airey; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Anne Mattice-Struch; so moved for, Resolution # 26 In Honor and Recognition of Mr. David Mattice for over 20 Years of Dedicated Service to The Town of Blenheim and the County of Schoharie, New York**

**Motion made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Struch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved to pay the bills General; \$ 57,280.65 Highway; \$ 27848.09**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Struch; 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Ericson, Town Clerk