

Town of Blenheim Town Board Meeting Minutes

The following are the town board meeting minutes for the Town Board meeting, which was held on December 3, 2025, 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 Andy Graves

Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Don Airey

- Our NYMR insurance has been recalculated at a lower price than was ordinarily stated.
- County Health Department did a Neighborhood Groceries Distribute on November 23 for town residents. It was well attended. And a great thank you to the county.
- ESD-EWP payment to the county was 1.6 million.
- Many negative statements about County Budget and county employee were made on Facebook that are lies. NYPA contribution for the county will be given out this year. Finance Committee has worked very hard for this county. If there is a question that needs to be clarified, please call.
- Town will be setting up a tire day in April or May.
- Old jail update that a \$30,000 energy study was done at no charge. All is going well with more reports coming soon.
- Taxpayer Bill S-8012 challenge appeals continue.
- **Motion** to appoint Cynthia Young as Town Historian was made by Council Member Renee Grabowski; 2nd by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved. She will start in January of 2026.
- **Motion** to reappoint Tara Vote to the Board of Assessment Review for a 5-year term was made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved.
- **Motion** for Budget Transfers for General made by Council Member Carolee Russell; 2nd by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved.
- **Motion** for Budget Transfers for Highway made by Council Member Carolee Russell; 2nd by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved.
- Town received \$16,868.18 from 3rd quarter sales tax revenue

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Andy Graves

Easy month, everything is running and all put back together. Had to move around the plowing routes. The excavator had its 500-hour service done. Received the invoice for the purchase of the 2022 JCP excavator for \$65,000. Correction for the payment to be in January a letter will be sent standing this.

Privilege of the Floor

County bus was cancelled on 2x here in Blenheim due to no driver. County is working hard to resolve this issue. There is a shortage of CDL drivers.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Deborah Thurber

No submitted

BUILDING INSPECTOR-CODE OFFICER REPORT; Brian Caron
Report submitted

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Joseph Durma
Nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE

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Motion made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved to pay the bills General; \$ 48,646.41 Highway; \$ 28,780.73

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so, moved. The meeting ended at 7:30PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Ericson, Town Clerk