

Town of Blenheim Town Board Meeting Minutes

The following are the town board meeting minutes for the Town Board meeting held on February 5, 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 January Meeting Minutes by Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch; 2nd by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Don Airey

- STR Law many towns have had to revise 2 to 3 times. Our town will need to proceed in incorporating one. STR Law continues to be tabled.
- Final Briefs on Schoharie County Taxpayer Constitutional Challenge A-78 has been filed on January 13th. The Judge has 60 to 90 days to make a decision.
- Motion to sign the Animal Shelter contract for 2025. Motion made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved
- Talking with Cobleskill animal Shelter about taking aggressive dogs.
- Freightliner 10 Wheel Dump ACT/DEC update met with people we saved \$3000.00. Email to in part to DEC that the town needs to send a letter stating that it will only be used as a snow plow according to the ACT. Will send letter tomorrow.
- Hitchcock Building well is good. Landscaping will be done in the spring. Also, the drain pipe be cleaned out. Both Hitchcock and new Town Buildings will have the water tested.
- Fuel Bid for cold weather mix has been canceled. Re-advertisement for a new bid.
- County \$30M Broadband Grant proceeding. Don is 1 of 4 supervisors directly involved and voting will take place on Feb 21. This will be a large responsibility and financial exposure for the County but also has the potential for great benefit.

Resolutions: (complete Resolutions are included in the permanent record book)

- **Resolution #22** Audit of Justice Records by Supervisor Don Airey; 2nd by Member Carolee Russell; so moved

Privilege of the Floor

CDPHP renewal received Council Member Renee Grabowski will contact our agent and will look for alternate options.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Andy Graves

Picked new 2024 Chevrolet Silverado today. It needs to stop snowing! Only 1 day off in January. If there is a problem please call me. County was out of salt for a few days. North Road is very narrow and one of our plow trucks hit a telephone pole.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Deborah Thurber

No report

BUILDING INSPECTOR-CODE OFFICER REPORT: Brian Caron

4 constructions have been done without permits. Fines have been ordered.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Joseph Durma

No report

CORRESPONDENCE

SCCA Newsletter

Schoharie County Planning Commission

The Gathering Place

Mark Rust Entertainer

Schoharie County Soil & Water

Tax Collections have been going good. 58% of taxes collected to date.

Motion made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved to pay the bills General; \$ 29056.13 Highway; \$ 34226.03

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Ericson, Town Clerk