

Town of Blenheim Town Board Meeting Minutes

The following are the town board meeting minutes for the Town Board meeting held on February 4, 2026, 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 Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Don Airey

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

- **Resolution #21**, Internal Audit of Justice Records. **Motion** made to adopt was made by Supervisor Don Airey, 2nd Council Member Chester Keyser, with a roll call.
- **Motion** made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved. To sign a three-year contract for \$383.55 per month with MidTel our phone and internet provider.
- Blenheim Hill Farm is in the planning stage, of a 25 to 27 room hotel. Code Officer has been working on this project with owner. Owner may have picture for the next meeting to show everyone.
- Old Jail (PSAF) Supportive Housing Project is moving forward with a 60-unit building in Schoharie Village. July or August of 2027 is when the project will likely start. They are planning on having more informational meetings for the public.
- A dumpster is in place of the garbage truck this week, due to Kyle being away on vacation.
- County Soil and Water committee must have 2 legislators on it. Don Airey volunteered to serve as one of the County Legislators and was recommended by the AG and Conservation Committee. The full Board of Supervisors will take up the Resolution at the next BOS meeting. will be working together on this committee.
- New truck will be outfitted in March with an April delivery. Board now needs to decide how they want to finance this \$360K expenditure. Supervisor Airey will seek 3 different bank loan rate proposals which will be presented at next month's meeting. Some discussion lead to a conversation to finance all or half of the expense.

Privilege of the Floor

A local resident reported Burnt Hill Road has damage from the logger Jon Beretz. Damage was caused by the skidder that created holes in the road. Superintendent Andy Graves advised he had discussion with Beretz and they were to use mats to prevent damage. Andy and Supervisor Don Airey will investigate.

Health Insurance renewal packet shows increase to \$1089.15 per month for the single plan.

Town sends their condolences to the Ed Shaffer family on his passing.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Andy Graves

We have installed a snow kit on the 24 and 5500, this is to keep snow out of the air filter. A&M Towing assisted in getting the 09 out of the ditch on Miller Road. Thanks to A & M Towing, we were up and running within an hours time. Western Star wing cable broke and was repaired in-house. A few homeowners have plowed snow into the town roads. Andy researched the law that addresses this matter and suggested a future mailing to town homeowners. Don asked Andy to send a draft to him, and they will discuss the matter. Thanks to everyone staying home during the big storm this weekend. A complaint was made by the Postal Driver regarding numerous pot-holes on Roger Jones Road. When weather permits, we will put in some crusher-run.

Supervisor Airey also shared a resident's complement of the job that Andy and the Highway Crew does.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Deborah Thurber

Reviewed

The Mine Kill Manager's residence, owned by NYPA, was supposed to be a taxed property. Data from Deb and NYPA is being investigated.

BUILDING INSPECTOR-CODE OFFICER REPORT: Brian Caron

Reviewed

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Joseph Durma

No report

CORRESPONDENCE

SCCA Newsletter

Rural Resources

MVEDD

NYAOT

CDPHP

National Grid

Motion made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Struch; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved to pay the bills General; \$ 7682.60 Highway; \$ 33548.49

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Ericson, Town Clerk