

Town of Blenheim Town Board Meeting Minutes

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

Oath of Offices was given by Honorable Town Justice Ralph Arrandale to those who were elected & reappointed for the year 2026.

Motion was made to approve December 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)

- **Motion** made to adopt was made by Supervisor Don Airey, 2nd Council Member Chester Keyser, with a roll call for the following Resolutions.
- **Resolution #1**, Appointment of Highway Superintendent Andrew Graves.
- **Resolution #2**, Designating the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Brian Caron.
- **Resolution #3**, Designating the Town Deputy Supervisor Anne Mattice-Strauch.
- **Resolution #4** Appointment of Town Historian Cynthia Young.
- **Resolution #5**, Designating the Town Tax Collector Diane Ericson.
- **Resolution #6**, Designating the Town Registrar of Vital Statistics Diane Ericson.
- **Resolution #7**, Designating the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics and Deputy Tax Collector Robin Alley.
- **Resolution #8**, Designating the Town Dog Control Officer Joseph Durma.
- **Resolution #9**, Code of Ethics.
- **Resolution #10**, Designating the Town Attorney Michael West.
- **Resolution #11**, Designating NFP Property and Casualty as Town Insurance Agency.
- **Resolution #12**, Paid Holiday Policy.
- **Resolution #13**, Procurement Policy.
- **Resolution #14**, Building permit Fees Schedule.
- **Resolution #15**, Designating the Town Banks as NBT and Bank of Richmondville.
- **Resolution #16**, Investment Policy.
- **Resolution #17**, Refund of Taxes by Town Clerk/Tax Collector.
- **Resolution #18**, Designating the Mileage Reimbursement Rate.
- **Resolution #19** Designating the official newspaper.
- **Resolution #20**, Employee Health Insurance Cost.

- **Resolution #21** Audit of Justice Records, **Tabled**
 - **Resolution #22**, Vacation Policy.
 - **Resolution #23**, Health Insurance Buy-out.
 - **Resolution #24**, Adoption of the Schoharie County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.
- MPB has replaced the main boiler recirculator pump in the town hall main building. Unfortunately, it was defective and there was no heat in the building. Andy was able to find a replacement that day and installed the new circulator.
 - At the County Board of Supervisors organizational meeting, Don Airey was named Vice-Chairman of the Board. County committee reassignments were made at that time also.
 - New truck will be here in March. Board now needs to decide how they want to finance this \$360K expenditure.
 - County EWP Streambank update, county will receive 1 million in February. Since Don took over project, County has recovered \$8 to 9 million in reimbursement revenue and settlements while working to close-out project.
 - Old Jail Supportive Housing Project is moving forward.
 - NYPA has closed Lansing Manor and Visitor Center for repair and numerous updates.

Privilege of the Floor

Historians inquired about restoring the schoolhouse annex.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Andy Graves

Everyday active with snow. Western Star went down due to a PTO solenoid. Hit deer with the red pickup, only damage was to the driver side door. All repairs will be done internally.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Deborah Thurber

Reviewed

BUILDING INSPECTOR-CODE OFFICER REPORT: Brian Caron

No report

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Joseph Durma

No report

CORRESPONDENCE

SCCA Newsletter	NBT Bank	Schoharie County Soil and Water
Mark Rust	CDPHP	Kinder Morgan
National grid	CDPHP	

Motion made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved to pay the bills General; \$ 12510.16 Highway; \$ 71969.73

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Ericson, Town Clerk