

—Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm with the salute to the flag.

Supervisor Airey announced that the public hearing on the Short-Term Rental Law will remain open and future comments can be sent to Town Clerk's email (blenheimclerk@midtel.net)

- NYCDPEP- Representatives gave presentation at the June BOS meeting; policy discussions scheduled for September
- Miller Road- Town Attorney, Mike West has reviewed the document regarding abandonment of lower portion of Miller Road and has approved. Certificate for the process has been signed by Supervisor and Board Members. Attorney West also confirmed that no public hearing is needed. Highway Superintendent, Dave Mattice, to update list of roads and submit to Dan Crandell, Commissioner of Schoharie County Public Works
- Hitchcock Building- Supervisor Airey to review redrilling of well and contact vendors
- Homeless Shelter Committee- GPI report is expected back by end of this week or next; hopefully ready to present at July BOS meeting
- Blenheim Fossil Rocks- YES, we have our own!!! Councilwoman Grabowski to submit information for signage
- County Animal Control Law- There has been another incident of a dog bite (owner was bitten so badly that he was sent to hospital). EMS and Joe Durma responded to the scene and Health Department was made aware. At June BOS meeting, animal control was discussed at length, but no resolution specifically only to continue to enforce Ag & Markets existing laws (Article 7 & 26). Joe Durma will continue to work with Sheriff and Health Department
- NYPA Funds- Town has received NYPA payment of \$250K and Supervisory Airey has submitted the letter that NYPA requests every year describing how the funds are being used
- Supervisor Airey has been contacted by an author, and a request made for our bridge logo, who is writing a book on covered bridges (author has information on about 150 already!) Supervisor Airey to accommodate as best as possible
- Town Highway Garage Fans- Supervisor Airey met with Aaron's Electric who supplied a quote of \$5200 to install (3) 60" ceiling fans. As of today, no other contractors have returned calls. Also, because we are a governmental entity, this project will need to pay prevailing way. Decision was made to table motion to accept bid until another quote is received.
- Supervisor Airey has requested that all board member try to attend meetings by 6:15 so that they have time to review all vouchers

- Road Updates- Andy has been mowing (brush cutting) roads with rented equipment
- We have been assisting Town of Wright with paving, which is now complete and will be assisting Town of Gilboa next week
- Our road project is anticipated to take only ½ day- nothing scheduled yet
- Still awaiting cost for a new truck- Supervisor Airey stated that he would also like to meet and discuss cost with Western Star representative (estimated cost for new truck is about \$350k to \$375k and 2 year waiting period.) Supervisor Airey further stated that he may ask the board for a resolution/motion to purchase truck after Western Star meeting since “we are in good fiscal shape and we can continue to save for this purchase.”
- Stone will be brought in by Cobleskill Stone Products
- Eminence Road- tree work has not been completed yet, permit is valid until December
- Supervisor Airey thanked Dave for coming to the meeting on his vacation

- No report submitted

- There is a Bill being proposed in the Senate that towns with a high volume of business require that the judges be attorneys/lawyers. Letters have been sent to Chris Tague's office, and others, in opposition. Supervisor Airey has requested a copy of letter so that, if needed, Board will take action as well

- Nothing to report

Assessor's Report – Robert Mann

- Nothing to report
- Town Clerk has received final assessment roll; notice to be submitted to town's designated paper

Other:

- Councilwoman Grabowski stated that our insurance representative, Sean Byrne, has been very instrumental in helping with all our health insurance needs, specifically for those that now qualify for Medicare. CDPHP does not compensate, or pay commission to those representatives. Councilwoman Grabowski has requested that the town pay a one-time commission fee of \$400.

Motion made to pay one-time commission fee of \$400 to Sean Byrne in August by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Russell; so moved. Town Clerk to submit voucher.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS: No comments made at this meeting regarding the Short-Term Rental Law. Public hearing will remain open.

Correspondence (not read at meeting but available during Town Clerk's business hours):

- Schoharie County Historical Review – Vol. 87 No. 1
- Schoharie County Conservation Association newsletter
- Certificate of Final State Equalization Rate for the 2023 Assessment Roll from NYS Dept of Tax & Finance
- NYS Dept of Labor Unemployment Insurance notice of underpayment – Town Clerk sent notice to bookkeeper
- The Gathering Place newsletter
- Letter from Staples- due to the contract ending with Citibank, NA the Staples Commercial More Account will be closed, effective 7/31/23. (no other information is available at this time)

Motion made to pay bills \$ 11,154.66 General; \$25,358.96 Highway by Councilwoman Mattice-Strauch; 2nd by Councilman Keyser; so moved

7:15 pm Motion made to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter (vote may need to be taken when out of session) by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Mattice-Strauch; so moved

7:25 pm Motion made to exit Executive Session by Councilwoman Mattice-Strauch; 2nd by Councilwoman Russell; so moved

Decisions were made regarding the position of the Town Assessor:

Motion made for Mr. Mann to continue as Town Assessor and payroll until December 31, 2023 by Councilwoman Grabowski; 2nd by Councilwoman Russell; so moved

Motion made to appoint, concurrently with Mr. Mann, Deborah Thurber, pay at the same rate with beginning date of August 1, 2023 by Councilwoman Grabowski; 2nd by Councilwoman Russell; so moved. Town Clerk to acquire paperwork from bookkeeper for Deb to fill out and return

Motion made to submit purchase order of \$1,250.00 to County for Dell Laptop computer by Councilman Keyser; 2nd by Councilwoman Russell; so moved

7:30 pm Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Mattice-Strauch; 2nd by Councilman Keyser; so moved

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robin Alley, Town Clerk

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Renee Grabowski - Town Councilwoman
Anne Mattice - Councilwoman
Carolee Russell - Councilwoman