

Town of Blenheim Town Board Meeting Minutes

The following are the town board meeting minutes for the Town Board meeting held on July 3, 2024, 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

Absent - Highway Superintendent Dave Mattice

Absent - Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Don Airey

- NYPA Annual Settlement payment received in the amount of \$250,000. Attended NYPA EAP meeting at SUNY Cobleskill, Don Airey, Renee Grabowski, Anne Mattice-Strauch and FD Chief Kevin Gillespie attended.
- Road Preservation Law / Resolution Draft continue to be worked on.
- Advertising for open position on town highway department for another 2 weeks. Town wants to interview candidates.
- **Motion** was made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by council Member Carolee Russell; so moved, to appoint Maryanne McGovern Kenyon as chair for the BAR committee.
- NYCDEP Dam Video is still being worked on.
- **Motion** was made by Council Member Carolee Russell; 2nd by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved to appoint Alexa LeGodais for the Court Clerk position.
- County Animal Shelter - Ag & Markets has unsatisfactory report. Needs a new inspection in 30 days.
- Thanks to Barber Farms for donated flowers for Blenheim Vets Memorial and Steve Whitesell planted them.
- Met with NYS DEC Forester Robert Cross on Eminence Road. Work was completed.
- Next week will be working on paving of Burnt Hill Road.
- New Freightliner 10 wheel dump truck will be delivered 2nd quarter of 2025.
- Sales agreement for the old Schoharie County Jail has been received– ongoing negotiations continue. Final sale may pave way for a \$20 million grant from NYS OTDA for low-income housing / homeless support center by CSD.
- New people in Paul Kelly former house were here a month when a tree fell on the property. Would like to know if the adjoining Town-Owned FEMA property is for sale. Research will be done, and the Town Board will consider options for use.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Dave Mattice

No report

ASSESSOR REPORT

Read by Supervisor Don Airey – Report available for public review.

BUILDING INSPECTOR-CODE OFFICER REPORT

No report

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

No report

JUDGE REPORT: Ralph Arrandale

No report

BLTCRC REPORT: Gail Shaffer

Added another sign for the hours of the BCC. Thank you, Council Member Chester Keyser for your help.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Steve Whitesell is looking for a list of attractions and business in the town for the Scenic Byway Committee. 8-ton signs on the road is covered with tree branches. Will converse with Dave to get it taken care of. Publication on housing and a survey provided to the town.

CORRESPONDENCE

In folder for review.

Motion made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved to pay the bills.

Motion made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Carolee Russell; so moved to close the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Ericson, Town Clerk