

Town of Blenheim Town Board Meeting Minutes

The following are the town board meeting minutes for the Town Board meeting held on June 5, 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

Highway Superintendent Dave Mattice

Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Don Airey

- Taxpayer A-78 Constitutional Challenge by County, Judge Farrell has been assigned.
- Road Preservation Law / Resolution Draft to be suggested to the Town Board next month. This is to get loggers Bonded to insure care/repair of road damage and protect against other activities that may pose damage to Town roads.
- Town received a letter of notification from the town of Jefferson regarding modification to their Wind Law. In the May Schoharie County Planning Commission meeting they rejected the amendment on the Wind Law.

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF INDUSTRIAL WIND ENERGY GENERATING FACILITIES / TURBINES BEING SITED IN THE TOWN OF BLENHEIM, JEFFERSON AND SCHOHARIE COUNTY # 25, was presented by Supervisor Don Airey; 2nd by Council Member Anne Mattice-Stauch; roll call vote with all approved and passed by Council Members.

- **Motion** was made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Stauch; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved, to place an advertisement in the papers for a fulltime position for the highway department.
- Highway speed signs have not been acted upon yet.
- **Motion** was made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved to advertisement in the paper for 2 weeks for the Court Clerk position.
- Hitchcock Building well we are still looking for another company to evaluate and quote solution.
- Grievance Day on May 29, 2024 from 3pm to 7pm went well. Everyone worked well together. There was one grievance.
- NYCDEP Dam Video feed – Update - an agreement was made to have 24 / 7 live video feed by to the Office of Emergency Services.
- County Animal Shelter - Ag & Markets has unsatisfactory condition report.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection on July 27th from 8am to 11:30am at Schoharie County Transfer Station, 2805 Route 7, Cobleskill.
- Met with NYS DEC Forester Robert Cross on issues on Eminence Road. New permit was issued. THANK YOU, ANDY for all your hard work.

- Dave to post weight limits 8-ton signs on all town roads. This due to the heavy activity of loggers that has and could potentially deteriorate our roads.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Dave Mattice

JR's 2019 International truck has been put back together. They will be logging on Wanda King Roger Jones Road property starting July 1. Heard nothing on Burnt Hill about logging yet. Andy will be replacing culverts on Burnt Hill Road. There will be delays during this process. Andy is getting numbers for the 1-ton truck replacement. Andy is doing a great job! Thank you, Andy!

ASSESSOR REPORT

Read by Supervisor Don Airey

BUILDING INSPECTOR-CODE OFFICER REPORT

Reports for April & May

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

No report

JUDGE REPORT: Ralph Arrandale

Police Department are sending people on the wrong days and to wrong address for Court. They will be contacted and given the correct dates.

BLTCRC REPORT: Gail Shaffer

Contractor will start in August on painting and repairs. Thank you, Council Member Chester Keyser for your help in fixing the sign.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Honor Roll from Gilboa School has many Blenheim children named.

Cleaning service has given an estimate to perform extra cleaning services for Hitchcock Building & Town Hall. **Motion** was made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Stauch; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved, to proceed with this estimate.

Resolution #62 Sales Tax revenue first quart was \$14814.76 and mortgage taxes were \$2835.92.

NYPA proposed returning property of 1.3 acer parcel back to Blenheim. Supervisor Don Airey will look at it but, as of now we are having no interest in it.

CORRESPONDENCE

In folder for reviewed

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

Motion was made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Stauch; 2nd by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved to go into Executive Session.

Motion made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Anne Mattice-Stauch; so moved to close the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Ericson, Town Clerk