

## **Town of Blenheim Town Board Meeting Minutes**

The following are the town board meeting minutes for the Town Board meeting held on November 6, 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 October Meeting Minutes by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved.**

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Don Airey

- **Motion made to open Budget Public Hearing Meeting by Council Member Anne Mattice-Stauch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved.**
- Working on Resolution/Law for, STR Law and Road Preservation. Vacation policy.
- November 25, 2024 Evidentiary Hearing on Schoharie County Taxpayer Constitutional Challenge A-78.
- Hitchcock Building Well was worked on for 4 days. It is 70ft deep with an 8 inch casing. A well pump ran for a day and a half before it burnt out. A black silt was coving everything, which has been a puzzle of its origin. Solution may be to drill a well with a 6-inch casing inside the 8-inch casing. **Motion was made by Council Member Chester; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved. To drill a new well at the Hitchcock Building.**
- Road work on the North Road is continuing. County will be putting rough grade on the road surface and instilling guard rails. Work will continue through November.
- **Motion was made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Stauch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved, to transfer \$90,000 from general account to IntraFi account.**
- Flood Committee has a new name. This committee will be named Schoharie County Hydro Resource Management Committee.
- NYPA County Funds Distributed \$200,000 to 26 recipients.
- NYMIR Policy Excess Liability Limits with the coverage now of \$1-Million to \$2-Million. Discussion was made if we should raise it to \$2-Million to \$4-Million. **Motion was made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Renee Grabowski; so moved. To raise the coverage to 2-Million to 4-Million for the next year.**
- CHIPS paperwork has been submitted for the year.

### Privilege of the Floor

The Doctors Club's representative asked about concerns of road work on Seasonal / Limited Maintenance section of Burnt Hill Road. Supervisor Don Airey and Highway Department will discuss and work on this issue.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Dave Mattice and Andy Graves

Request will be made for a new laptop for the Highway Dept. Superintendent. Expected to be received in January.

Ready for the winter. Plows are ready to go and everything is in good shape. Stone yard looks nice having been graded with a tapering slope. Recently ordered, Chev 5500 truck on schedule with a time frame of the end of December for delivery.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Deborah Thurber

Will be working with Council Member Renee Grabowski to get mailing together of data collection sheets to home owners. Three new exemptions on form RP-421-p-rmd that will apply to some homeowners.

BUILDING INSPECTOR-CODE OFFICER REPORT: Brian Caron

Submitted report

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Joseph Durma

Attended meeting on Monday October 28, 2024 with many other Dog Control Officers, Sheriff's Department, State Inspector from Ag & Markets, and several other Town Supervisors for discussion on unwanted and dangerous dogs. As of now there is no solution this problem. Mr. Durma suggested that dog owners should have identification on their dogs, at very least, their phone number.

JUDGE REPORT: Ralph Arrandale

No Report

BLTCRC REPORT: Gail Shaffer

Closed for the season

CORRESPONDENCE

SCCA Newsletter

The Gathering Place

Bank of Green County

37<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

**Motion was made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch; so moved, to close Budget Hearing.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Struch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved, to Adopt the Town of Blenheim Preliminary Budget for 2025.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Struch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved, to go into executive session for Personnel matter.**

**Motion to come out of executive session was made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Struch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved.**

**Motion made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved to pay the bills    General; \$ 10648.41    Highway; \$11694.96**

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

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Ericson, Town Clerk**