

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

The following are the town board meeting minutes for the Town Board meeting, which was held on November 5, 2025, 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

1. **Motion** was made to approve October Meeting Minutes by Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Don Airey

- Thanks to everybody for coming out to support the elections. Community support is greatly appreciated by all.
- Cole Hollow Streambank Stabilization project request was granted a 30-day Emergency Permit from DEC and is now successfully completed. Thanks to Pete Nichlos from Schoharie County Soil and Water, for his assistance in this process. Pete was a tremendous help in providing guidance and assistance. The project was not without some permitting issues, but all done. Superintendent Andy Graves has done a great job of completing this project. Completion was accomplished in 3 days with no road closure necessary.
- Thank you to Council Member Renee Grabowski and Town Clerk Diane Ericson for taking the training on the new county website. There is no change to our website. When logging on to the county website for the Town of Blenheim will be linked directly to our site.
- **Motion** was made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved, to approve NYMIR Insurance contract for 11/27/25. This year has increased to \$25,506.88 a year. Last year's amount was \$22,866.27.
- MEVAC Contract has been executed.
- Buell Fuel Oil Company had mistakenly pumped 200 gallons of fuel into the tank at the BBC building. This was witnessed and reported by a resident of Blenheim. Action was taken to retrieve this fuel by the Buell Fuel Co.
- Many thanks to Ellen Adam for enhancing the Veterans Memorial at her own expense with array of flowers and plants. Also, many thanks to Dave Mattice for providing water at the site.
- Looking forward to receiving a NYPA BG AGR payment this coming year in addition to the annual payment.
- **Motion** made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved. **Resolution # 30, Town of Blenheim Resolution in support of Congressman Nick Langworthy's Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) and in opposition to New York State Government-Mandated Natural Gas Bans.**
- **Motion** made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved, **Resolution #29, Standard Workday Resolution for Employees.**

### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Andy Graves

Cole Hollow paperwork has been submitted. Road repairs involved going 2ft below the water line and fixing where it had been undermined. Pete Nichols was a great help in completing this project. We were able to finish in 3 days without closing the road.

5500 is ready to go to plow. Plows are going on the rest of the trucks. The 2009 International truck is not together, still waiting on parts. We will know next week about the studs for the hub. All 4 air tanks have been replaced in Western Star. Lots of tree limbs down. 518-295-8114 is the number to call if you see trees down in the road.

Town has the option to purchase the 2022 JCP excavator for \$65,000, with a 1-year warrantee. That we have been renting for last 5 months at \$3264.00 a month. This also will include the town backhoe as a trade in. The backhoe cannot reach the height to fill our current trucks. **Motion** was made by Council Member Renee Grabowski; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch; so moved with Supervisor Don Airey opposing. To proceed with the purchase, if negotiating can provide better terms.

#### Privilege of the Floor

Thanksgiving Dinner Home Delivered Meals will be proved to Schoharie County families again this year by a volunteer group that has collaborated for many, many years on this effort. It is expected that over 700 meals will be delivered by volunteers who have made this possible for our communities.

Congratulations to Andy Graves who won again with his racing car.

Gilboa-Conesville/Roxbury boys' varsity soccer team has won Section IV Championship and Delaware League Championship for 2025 our local children participated.

#### ASSESSOR REPORT: Deborah Thurber

Report submitted

#### BUILDING INSPECTOR-CODE OFFICER REPORT; Brian Caron

Report submitted

#### DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Joseph Durma

No Report

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Green County Commercial Bank

MVEDD

Schoharie Co Thanksgiving Dinner

SCCA Newsletter

Nation grid

Schoharie County Board of Elections

**Motion** made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch; so moved to pay the bills General; \$ 6116.51 Highway; \$ 19,599.32

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Anne Mattice-Strauch; so, moved. The meeting ended at 7:30PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Ericson, Town Clerk