

Town of Blenheim Town Board Meeting Minutes

The following are the town board meeting minutes for the Town Board meeting held on October 2, 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 September Meeting Minutes by Council Member Anne Mattice- Strauch; 2nd By Council Member Chester Keyser; so moved.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Don Airey

- Opening of bids for the 2024 Chevrolet Silverado
Denooyer Chevrolet \$ 108,211.10
Depaula Chevrolet \$ 107,319.14
Bids will be under review by the Highway Department
Motion to award to the lowest bid if all the requirements are met was made by Council Member Anne Mattice-Stauch; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved.
- Short Term Rental Law to be reconsidered in the near future. A new and revised draft will be prepared.
- Board of Supervisors A-78 Tax Law challenge was heard by Judge Farrel and Evidentiary Hearing was scheduled for November 25th. Judge decided petition will proceed. Expert witnesses will be called. This is a state wide challenge with huge potential implications for Upstate Renewable Energy Projects for Host-Communities.
- EWP Streambank project for the county is still seeking ESD Grant Reimbursement for \$2.6M with DEC & ESD.
- Road work on the North Road has begun and is now one lane with a traffic light. Construction will continue through late November.
- County meeting about Animal Control Officers will hopefully be held later this month.
- County has received 27 applications for NYPA annual grant funding.
- Low-income housing concerns continue in the county. There may be an effect on the old jail site for housing due to new state initiatives of building new low-income housing in the town of Schoharie and elsewhere.
- Energy Summit in Syracuse, talks on all forms of energy production.
- Town budget was reviewed and discussed. A flat tax rate will be for this coming year. **Motion to move to tentative stage and put notice in paper for two weeks announcing Budget Public Hearing was made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved.**
- Town of Blenheim received sales tax revenue in the amount of \$16,694.48.
- Firework display will occur at Blenheim Hill Farm on October 12, 2024 for a wedding. All permits and paperwork are all completed.

- This month's Board of Supervisors meeting is October 18th .
- The Doctors Club's letter was read in regard to Burnt Hill Road.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Dave Mattice and Andy Graves

Dave states "Super Highway Department! I don't have to worry about anything, all is calm." Shoulders have been all done on Burnt Hill Road. Gary truck has new tires, shoes and brakes. Maintenance is being performed on the Western Star. County has brought tons of dirt for us from the North Road jobsite. CHIPS meetings with Highway Superintendents are on Tuesday to go over the new changes. We are due to receive a CHIPS check in December.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Deborah Thurber

Report has been submitted

BUILDING INSPECTOR-CODE OFFICER REPORT: Brian Caron

No report

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Joseph Durma

No report

JUDGE REPORT: Ralph Arrandale

New guidelines may be an additional cost to the town.

BLTCRC REPORT: Gail Shaffer

Needs to get a meeting together

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Speed monitoring sign paperwork is being completed.

Waiting on well company to look/repair well for the Hitchcock Building.

There is a personnel issue for hiring enough County EMT's.

Gilboa School 4th quarter honor roll has several children from Blenheim on their list. Councilwoman Renee Grabowski read list from newspaper and congratulated students.

CORRESPONDENCE

SCCA Newsletter

The Gathering Place

Motion made by Council Member Chester Keyser; 2nd by Council Member Carolee Russell; so moved to pay the bills General; \$7258.71 Highway. \$9801.84

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Ericson, Town Clerk