

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Councilman Becker: Present

Councilman Winnie: Present

Supervisor Howard: Present

Councilman Bartholomew: Present

Councilman Smith: Present

Also in attendance were Kathy Henry , Richard DiDomizio, and Paul Brink.

Pledge of Allegiance

Richard DiDomizio asked if anyone was running for office in this election. He was told that Councilman Bartholomew, Councilman Smith, Supervisor Howard, Highway Superintendant Paul Brink, and Clerk Toni Johnson were all running unopposed. He also asked about the Propositions to be voted on and if there was any luck finding a 5th member for the Board of Review. He was told of the 4 Propositions on the ballot, and that there is no candidate for the BAR at this time.

Councilman Becker made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Clerk Report:

In September the Town took in \$30; \$20 in Transfer Station Permits and \$10 in Building Permits. It was all given to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong reported performing 10 inspections and several meetings on pending permits.

Dog Control:

No Activity

The Supervisor, Bookkeeper, and Assessor's reports were submitted

Highway, Building, and Grounds:

Paul Brink reported that the building got pressure washed and the new drop-box has been installed. He also reported that we have received one bid for a new 550 Ford truck of \$68,450 from Brown's Ford. We need two more bids before deciding to purchase the truck.

The new lights in the Highway Garage have been installed. It should lower the electric bill.

Old Business:

The cemetery fence project will be put on hold until Spring, hopefully prices will go down by then.

RESOLUTION #38-21
Reappoint Theresa Zinkhan to the Board of Assessment Review

Councilman Smith offered the following Resolution and asked for its' approval;

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby appoint Theresa Zinkhan to a 5 year term on the Board of Assessment Review.

It was seconded by Councilman Becker and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Winnie: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

RESOLUTION #39-21
Initiate Process for Overriding the Local Tax Cap

Councilman Winnie offered the following Resolution and asked for its' approval:

Whereas the Tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022 will go above the established Tax Cap limit issued by the State of New York, the Bleecker Town Board does hereby

Resolve; to initiate the Local Law process to override the Tax Cap in the event that the budget cannot be brought down into compliance.

It was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Winnie: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Supervisor Howard asked everyone to meet on Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 for a budget workshop meeting.

The Board will schedule a Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget to take place on November 3 at 7:00, with a Public Hearing on the Tax Cap Override to begin directly following the Budget Hearing.

RESOLUTION #40-21
Authorization to Pay General and Highway Fund Bills

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following Resolution and asked for its' approval:

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board has hereby audited and approved for payment General Fund bills #V-96 through #V-109 for a total of \$42,932.02 and Highway Fund bills #V-86 through #V-92 for a total of \$79,503.39.

It was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Winnie: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Councilman Winnie made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk