

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Councilman Becker: Present

Councilman Bartholomew: Present

Supervisor Howard: Present

Councilman Smith: Present

Also in attendance were Shawn Croucher and Paul Brink

Pledge of Allegiance

**RESOLUTION #47-22
Appoint Shawn Croucher to the Town Board**

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby appoint Shawn Croucher to fill a vacancy on the Town Board until the next General Election.

It was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew and approved; In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

**RESOLUTION #48-22
Reappoint John Dackow to the Board of Assessment Review**

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby reappoint John Dackow to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of 5 years.

It was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew and approved; In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew 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 the month of September the Town took in \$235.88; \$50 in Transfer Station Permits, \$145.88 in Building Permits, and \$40 in Marriage Licenses. It was disbursed; \$22.50 to the NYS Dept of Health and \$ 213.38 to the Supervisor

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong performed 21 inspections and issued 3 new permits.

Dog Control:

Pat Ashbey answered one call.

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

Highway, Building, and Grounds:

Paul Brink reported that the paving on Persch Road is done, and the CHIPS check is going out tomorrow. He said that it has to be submitted by November 22 in order for us to be reimbursed by the end of the year. He also told the Board that, according to our fuel supplier, there is a kerosene shortage. We have gotten a recent delivery, but don't know when we will be able to get another one. Since our tank for the furnace is outside, we use kerosene for heating the garage. The Board then discussed looking into additives that can go in diesel fuel or heating oil that would let us order them to fuel the furnace. Paul said that we have a skid tank that could be set up inside to hold heating oil, too.

The sander for the small truck should be ready next week , at a cost of about \$9,000.

RESOLUTION #49-22
Accept Meco Fire Department Contract

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby accept a contract for fire coverage with the Meco Volunteer Fire Department, including the years 2023 through 2027.

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

It was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew and approved; In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

The tentative budget for 2023 was given to the Board. There will be a budget workshop on October 25, and a Public Hearing on the Budget scheduled for November 9, along with a Public Hearing on a Tax Cap Override to follow directly after.

RESOLUTION #50-22
Initiate Process for Overriding the Local Tax Cap

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

Whereas the Tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023 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 Smith and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0
Councilman Becker: Yes
Councilman Croucher: Yes
Supervisor Howard: Yes
Councilman Bartholomew: Yes
Councilman Smith: Yes

RESOLUTION #51-22
Authorization to Pay General and Highway Fund Bills

Councilman Smith 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-11 through #V-122 for a total of \$4,488.84 and Highway Fund bills #V-70 through #V-75 for a total of \$188,327.60

It was seconded by Councilman Becker and approved; In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0
Councilman Becker: Yes
Councilman Croucher: Yes
Supervisor Howard: Yes
Councilman Bartholomew: Yes
Councilman Smith: Yes

Paul Brink asked the clerk to run an advertisement for a highway department employee.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45
Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk