

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Councilman Becker: Present

Councilman Croucher: Absent

Supervisor Howard: Present

Councilman Bartholomew: Present

Councilman Smith: Present

Also in attendance were Paul Brink and Kathy Henry.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Becker made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved; In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0

Clerk Report:

In January the Town took in \$1800.80: \$ 20 in Dog Licenses, \$590 in Transfer Station Permits, \$900.80 in Building Permits, \$25 for Games of Chance, \$25 for DEC Licenses, \$40 for Marriage Licenses, and \$200 for Certified Copies. It was disbursed; \$22.50 to the Health Dept., \$23.62 to DEC, and \$1754.68 to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong performed 2 inspections and issued one new permit for a single family home.

Dog Control:

Pat Ashbey reported no activity. The Ag and Markets inspection report was submitted.

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

David Galarneau asked the Board to consider updating the Senior Exemption on Town property taxes.

**RESOLUTION # 20-23
Update Senior Exemption Limits**

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

**Whereas; recent increases in Social Security have made some seniors ineligible for property tax exemptions, the Town of Bleecker hereby
RESOLVES; to adjust the income limits for the Senior Tax Exemption to reflect higher costs of living for low income seniors.**

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>% EXEMPTION</u>
0	35,000	50%

35,000.01	36,000	45%
36,000.01	37,000	40%
37,000.01	38,000	35%
38,000.01	38,900	30%
38,900.01	39,800	25%
39,800.01	40,700	20%
40,700.01	41,600	15%
41,600.01	42,500	10%
42,500.01	43,400	5%

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

Councilman Becker: yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Councilman Becker asked about the status of short term rentals. Supervisor Howard said that he would like to wait to address them until the Peck Lake lawsuit has been settled.

RESOLUTION #21-23

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-14 through #V-23 for a total of \$4871.51 and Highway Fund bills #V-11 through #V-17 for a total of \$5623.87, and Fire Fund bills #V-1 through #V-2 for a total of \$98642.00.

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

Councilman Becker: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Paul Brink announced that he is not going to run for re-election for Highway Superintendant this year, he is ready to retire. The Board told him that he will be sorely missed, but thanked him very much for his service.

Councilman Becker made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved; In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Recorded and Submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk