

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 26,2025**

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 present were Karen Jones, Chris and Deborah Ortleib, Brenda Craig, Brian Rowback, John Dackow, Richard Carlson, Stella and Alex Miller, and Jeff Brooks.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

There was an expression of concern by some residents of the Town concerning the re-appointment of David Galarneau as Assessor. His term expires in September, and the Public commenters asked the Board to seriously consider not appointing him, citing a lack of transparency in assessing their properties and a general lack of respect for them personally. The Board will take their concerns seriously when discussing how to proceed, but since one Board member was not present, the decision will not be addressed at this meeting.

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

Clerk Report:

The Town took in \$170 in February, all in Transfer Station Permits. It was given to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong performed 1 inspection, and issued 3 Certificates of Compliance.

Dog Control:

Pat Ashbey reported no activity.

Hwy, Bldg, Grounds:

Jeff Brooks said that he needs to expand the sand pit, entailing clear cutting more usable area. He asked for permission to have the acreage logged, and the proceeds put into the Equipment reserve.

RESOLUTION #21-25
Authorization to Log the Sand Pit

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

Resolved: the Bleecker town Board does hereby authorize Jeff Brooks, Highway Superintendent, to contract for the logging of the Town's sand pit, and the proceeds to be deposited in the Highway Equipment Reserve.

It was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved; In Favor: 4 Oppose: 0

Councilman Becker: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

Jeff Brooks also told the Board that he will be working with the Caroga Lake Highway Department to rebuild a section of the Hohler Rd. They will be replacing culverts and raising the road level by 2 feet to alleviate the flooding problem.

Supervisor Howard presented the new CDPHP Health Insurance plans. He recommended keeping the current plan, citing the fact that, although the premium increases, the network stays the same. The premium will increase by 19% from last year.

RESOLUTION #22-25
Renew CDPHP Health Insurance Plan

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board does hereby approve the renewal of the current CDPHP Health Insurance Plan from June of 2025 to June 2026.

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

Councilman Becker: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

RESOLUTION #23-25
Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution

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

Resolved; that the Town of Bleecker, 30934, hereby established the following standard work days for these titles, and will report the officials' to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

David Howard, Town Supervisor, 6 days

Jeff Brooks, Highway Superintendent, 8 days

David Galarneau, Assessor, 8 days

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

Councilman Becker: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

RESOLUTION #24-25
Authorization to Pay General, T&A, 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-30 through #V-36 for a total of \$2191.17, Highway Fund bills #20 through #V-28 for a total of \$4673.21, and T&A bills #V-4 through #V-6 for a total of \$118,967.68.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46

Recorded and Submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk