

**TOWN OF BLEECKER
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 28, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Councilman Becker: Present

Councilman Croucher: Present

Supervisor Howard: Present

Councilman Bartholomew: Present

Councilman Smith: Present

Also in attendance were Alex and Stella Miller, Kathy Henry, Cinda Spraker, Molly Eveland, Robert Wilcox, Joanne Anderson, Richard Carlson, Brenda Craig, Cindy Reuben, LuAnne Santos, Mel Charles, Jeff Brooks

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

Alex Miller said that he had looked into getting "Autistic Child" signs for 655 Co Hwy 112. DOT told him that he needs to start with changing the speed limit on the road in front of the house.

Cinda Spraker, from the Board of Elections, told the Board that there will be no Republican Primary Elections in Bleecker this year, as everyone is running unopposed.

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 April the Town took in \$332; \$15 in dog licenses, \$170 in transfer station permits, \$52 in building permits, and \$95 in sporting licenses. It was disbursed; \$89.75 to DEC and \$242.25 to the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement:

John Furlong performed 9 inspections and issued 2 new permits.

Dog Control:

Pat Ashbey and Supervisor Howard will meet with someone from Ag and Markets to discuss how to comply with new regulations. They want an area to keep stray dogs that is climate controlled and secured.

RESOLUTION #28-25
Audit of Justice Court Records

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

Resolved; the Bleecker Town Board has hereby audited and approved the financial records for the Bleecker Town Justice Court, finding said records to be accurate and complete.

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

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

RESOLUTION #29-25
Agreement to Expend Highway Funds

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

Resolved; Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that monies levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$163,079.62 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 1.3 miles of Town highways, including sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than five feet, and boardwalks or renewals thereof.
2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways
 - (a) On the road commencing at Lily Lake and Wagner Rd and leading to Goat Farm, a distance of 1 mile,
Type: Base Binder
Width of Traveled Surface: 18 Ft.
Thickness: 3 ½ in.
 - (b) On the road commencing at Woodworth Lake Rd and North Shore Mountain Lake Rd and leading to #241 Woodworth Lake Rd,
Type: Base Binder
Width of Traveled Surface: 18 ft.
Thickness: 3 ½ in

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

Supervisor Howard went over the Dumpster Days report, it seems that we had an excessive amount of tires this year. Do we need to raise the budgeted amount for tire disposal, or do we charge for bringing tires?

Councilman Bartholomew brought in a study he did on equalization rates and assessments in our area. He felt that the current push to keep 100% equalization is inherently unfair because the surrounding Towns do not comply. He would like to do away with keeping our equalization at 100%

Councilman Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. It was seconded by Councilman Becker, and the Board went into Executive Session at 8:20.

Councilman Smith made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The Board came back in session at 8:54.

RESOLUTION #30-25 **Appointment of Assessor**

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

Whereas; the current Assessor's term is expiring in September of 2025, and the Board has heard the issues presented by the Public regarding re-appointment of the current Assessor, it is **Resolved;** that the Bleecker Town Board agrees to a process to list the opening and interview candidates with the intent to replace the current Assessor as soon as practicable.

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 #31-25 **Authorization to Pay General, Highway, and Trust&Agency Bills**

Councilman Becker 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-52 through #V-66 for a total of \$10,128, Highway Fund bills #V-37 through #V-47 for a total of \$9,217.54, and Trust & Agency bills #V-7 and #V-8 for a total of \$12,895.78.

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

Councilman Becker: Yes

Councilman Croucher: Yes

Supervisor Howard: Yes

Councilman Bartholomew: Yes

Councilman Smith: Yes

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Recorded and submitted by Toni Johnson, Town Clerk