

TOWN OF BLACK BROOK BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 12th, 2025

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 6:00 PM by Supervisor Jon Douglass.

<u>MEMBERS:</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Jon Douglass, Supervisor	X	
Ronald Wilkins, Councilman	X	
James Seguin, Councilman	X	
William Rhino, Jr., Councilman	X	
Stephen Bombard, Councilman	X	
Dennis Bushey, Town Clerk	X	
Michael Plumadore, Highway Superintendent	X	
Craig Walton, Water Superintendent	X	
Derrick Martineau, Code Officer	X	

Visitors in Attendance: Brittaney Plumadore, Bo Plumadore, Marty Connell, Garrett Richards, Jesse Giovacco, Chase Ganter & Cassidy Richards

Visitors Via Zoom: Leon Brousseau, George Weber & Jen Ketchall

Please note that the Audio portion was not working correctly and we could not hear people attending zoom. They were told if they had any comments to call the supervisors cell phone and we would place them on speaker.

Visitor Comments: Marty Connell was reporting on the condition of Fern Lake Road shoulders after the timber cutting that just happened there. He asked for the supervisor to draft a letter to Lyme Timber Co. and ask for it to be cleaned up, as it was a huge mess and the logger had left no “buffer zone” between the road and the cuttings. Supervisor Douglass told the board and visitors that there will be a meeting with the regional forester who is responsible for the cutting of the timber. When that meeting is scheduled, Mr. Connell and all the board members will be informed of the meeting so that they can attend.

Zoom Attendee Comments: None

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino to accept the minutes from April 14th, 2025, meeting and Seconded by Supervisor Douglass. All in Favor.

There is no report for paid and unpaid bills this month, they will be included in next month’s report.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and seconded by Supervisor Douglass to accept the quarterly Utility Statement. All in Favor.

Committee Reports- None

Supervisor Douglass introduced a request from Leon Brousseau to be reappointed to Assessor for the period starting October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2031.

TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
RESOLUTION - 2025-55
Reappointment of Leon Brousseau as Assessor for the Town

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town Of Black Brook, a Municipality with offices at 18 North Main Street, AuSable Forks, NY 12912, duly called (a quorum being present) and held at the Town Hall, located in the Town Of Black Brook County of Clinton, State of New York, on May 12th, 2025 the following resolution was duly adopted and is now in full force and effect:

A motion was made by Supervisor Douglass and Seconded by Councilman Wilkins to reappoint Leon Brousseau as assessor for the town effective October 1st, 2025, through September 30, 2031.

Roll call Vote as Follows:

Councilman William Rhino – Yes

Supervisor Jon Douglass- Yes

Councilman Ronald Wilkins –Yes

Councilman James Sequin – Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes

Resolution was adopted

RESOLUTION 2025-56

Acceptance of Wyatt Peck's Resignation from Highway Dept.

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town Of Black Brook, a Municipality with offices at 18 North Main Street, AuSable Forks, NY 12912, duly called (a quorum being present) and held at the Town Hall, located in the Town Of Black Brook County of Clinton, State of New York, on May 12th, 2025 the following resolution was duly adopted and is now in full force and effect:

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and Seconded by Supervisor Douglass authorizing the acceptance of Wyatt Peck's Resignation letter.

Roll call Vote as Follows:

Councilman William Rhino – Yes Supervisor Jon Douglass- Yes

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes Councilman James Sequin - Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes

Resolution was adopted

RESOLUTION 2025-57

Hiring of Frederick Drake, Jr for Water/Wastewater/Laborer Position

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town Of Black Brook, a Municipality with offices at 18 North Main Street, AuSable Forks, NY 12912, duly called (a quorum being present) and held at the Town Hall, located in the Town Of Black Brook County of Clinton, State of New York, on May 12th, 2025 the following resolution was duly adopted and is now in full force and effect:

*A motion was made by Supervisor Douglass and Seconded by William Rhino for a resolution to hire Frederick Drake, Jr. for the posted **Water/Wastewater/Laborer Position.***

Roll call Vote as Follows:

Councilman William Rhino – Yes

Supervisor Jon Douglass- Yes

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – No

Councilman James Sequin – Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – No

Resolution was adopted

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Douglass stated that the town has received the 2025 payment from Clinton County Highway Dept. for Snow and Ice Agreement 2024-2025

Supervisor Douglass stated that a check in the amount of \$1,708.22 was received from Clinton County Treasurers office for 480A stumpage.

A motion was made to allow Nichole Winchell to use the river park for a graduation party on August 8th, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Motion made by Supervisor Douglass, Second by Councilman Rhino and All in Favor.

A motion was made by Supervisor Douglass to accept the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2024 for Water District #1. Second by Councilman Wilkins and All in Favor.

A motion was made by Supervisor Douglass to accept the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2024 for Water District #2. Second by Councilman Rhino and All in Favor.

A discussion was held concerning the hiring of Town Highway Department Employees. There was some confusion as to whether there should be 1 person hired or 2 people hired for the highway department. It was decided that one would be hired to fill the vacant position of Howard Drake retiring and the discussion of another employee will be investigated. Clinton County will be given copies of all applications after posting. Highway Superintendent Plumadore can begin interviews of applicants on file but will not hire until after the posting period is complete.

OLD BUSINESS

Water - The new well is still in the process and the site has been prepped. We are waiting for The Department of Health so that we can complete the project.

FEMA – Both projects are out for bid and FEMA reviews. Possible start date of the beginning of July.

Sewer Project - This project is in progress. We have been approved for a hardship loan for the financing with short term 0% financing and a low rate after the short term.

Fern Lake – Nothing New

Handicap Ramp – Councilman Rhino and Supervisor Douglass will follow up on grant availability from CDBG.

Sidewalks - A map of all of Town of Black Brooks sidewalks was submitted by Councilman Bombard. This is the first step in setting up a special reserve fund for sidewalk maintenance.

The next meeting will be on 6/9/2025, to be held at the town hall at 18 N Main Street, Au Sable Forks NY 12912, at 6:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn by Councilman Rhino at 7:02 PM, Second by Supervisor Douglass. All in Favor.

Dennis Bushey, Town Clerk