

TOWN OF BLACK BROOK BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 14th, 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	
Fred Drake Jr., Water Superintendent/Maintenance	X	
Jessie Douglass	X	

Visitors in Attendance: Brittaney Plumadore, Jen Ketchall, Terry Berry and Melissa Walton

Visitors Via Zoom: Carolyn and Buddy Weber, Leon Brousseau and Mike Takasha

Visitor Comments: Jen Ketchall addressed concerns to the board about invasive species in Fern Lake. The Fern Lake Association has tested and there were no invasive species present at the time of testing. The association has investigated having a washing station for boaters at Fern Lake for future prevention and the possible involvement of the Town of Black Brook. There was some discussion and Supervisor Douglass mentioned that there may be grants available for this from the State of New York.

Zoom Attendee Comments: Mike Takach addressed the board with concerns about receiving a building permit. He stated that they have been trying to get the code enforcement officer to answer questions and issue the permit for a property on Daisy Lane since May of this year and that it had still not been issued. A discussion ensued and Councilman Rhino stated that he would contact the Code Enforcement Officer and see what was going on and report back to Mr. Takach.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino to accept the minutes of the June 9th and June 24th, 2025, town board meetings, Seconded by Councilman Seguin and All in Favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilkins to approve the Monthly Reports and paid and unpaid bills as presented. Seconded by Councilman Rhino and all in favor.

RESOLUTION 2025-72
Acceptance of Supervisors Audit

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 July 14th, 2025 the following resolution was duly adopted and is now in full force and effect:

A motion was made by Councilman Wilkins and Seconded by Councilman Rhino for a resolution to accept the 2024 Supervisors Audit with a change of wording of who approves the payment of bills as it should say the Town Board approves and not The Supervisor.

Roll call Vote as Follows:

Councilman William Rhino – Second

Supervisor Jon Douglass- Yes

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Motion

Councilman James Sequin – Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes

Resolution was adopted

RESOLUTION 2025-73
Acceptance of Joint Water Agreement with The Town of Jay

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 July 14th, 2025 the following resolution was duly adopted and is now in full force and effect:

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and Seconded Councilman Sequin for a resolution to accept the joint water agreement with the Town of Jay as presented.

Roll call Vote as Follows:

Councilman William Rhino – Motion

Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes

Councilman James Sequin – Second

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes

Resolution was adopted

RESOLUTION 2025-744

Approval of the third quarter water and sewer billing

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 July 14th, 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 for a resolution to accept the 3rd Quarter water and sewer billing as presented.

Roll call Vote as Follows:

Councilman William Rhino – Motion

Supervisor Jon Douglass- Second

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes

Councilman James Sequin – Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes

Resolution was adopted

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion concerning moving the gate at the end of French Village Road as there has been some unauthorized dumping in that area. All agreed that the gate should be moved.

The emergency disaster plans were discussed by the board.

Supervisor Douglass stated that a public hearing should be held to discuss amendments to water and sewer billing. Supervisor Douglass made a motion that the public hearing would be held on August 11th, 2025, at the Town of Black Brook Town Hall at 5:30 pm. Councilman Rhino seconded the motion and all were in favor.

There was a discussion held about placing security cameras on all of Town of Black Brook Properties.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports- None

Well Drilling- The well drilling has begun for the new well on French Village Rd. The Town of Black Brook Water District #1 is now receiving water from the town of Jay. This should only last about 2 weeks.

FEMA- Still in Progress

Reserve account establishment is still going forward but it will take a while longer.

Handicap Ramp-Nothing new. Grants are needed and Supervisor Douglass stated that if anyone wanted to apply for the grant, that they were more than welcome to do that. No volunteers from the board.

Supervisor Douglass stated that the Health Insurance Company has proposed a 17% increase in premiums for next year.

The playground has been paved, and the new backboard should go up soon.

The next meeting will be on 8/11/2025, there will be a public hearing at 5:30 pm, for Water Billing amendments and the Regular meeting will follow at 6:00 pm, both are to be held at the town hall at 18 N Main Street, Au Sable Forks NY 12912.

A motion to adjourn by Councilman Rhino at 6:45 PM, Second by Councilman Seguin and All in Favor.

Dennis Bushey, Town Clerk