

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 13th, 2025**

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 6:03 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: Terry Berry and Melissa Walton

Visitors Via Zoom: Leon Brousseau and Jen Ketchall

Visitor Comments: Terry Berry asked if the NYSP could be asked to watch the McCrea St and Palmer St intersection more closely. She says people are always going through the stop signs there. Supervisor Douglass said he will call the NYSP and put in a request.

Zoom Attendee Comments: None

A motion was made by Supervisor Douglass to accept the minutes of the September 8th 2025, town board meeting, Seconded by Councilman Rhino and All in Favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilkins to approve the Monthly Reports and paid and unpaid bills for 9/10/2025 -10/13/2025 as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Douglass and all in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilkins and Seconded by Supervisor Douglass to accept the 4th Quarter Water and Sewer Billing as presented to the board. All in Favor

Committee Reports: Renee Rhino gave a report of JCEO activities for the Preceding Month.

OLD BUSINESS: - The new screen has been placed in Well #2 and this well will be on line soon.

A Big thank you to North Line Utilities and The Fern Lake Association for their generous donations to the Local Food Bank and JCEO Office.

A discussion was held concerning the Snow and Ice Removal Contract with Clinton County for the next year. A proposal was given by Clinton County, and the Supervisors Committee will meet with them again soon. Details to follow.

Councilman Rhino started a discussion of older mobile homes being allowed in the Town of Black Brook. It was decided that the matter needed to be looked in to further and tabled at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

It was announced that AVCS will be holding an informational meeting on 10/15/2025 at 6:00 PM at the high school auditorium. All council members are urged to attend if possible.

The next organizational meeting for the 2026 Preliminary Town Budget will take place on Monday October 20th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM at the Black Brook Town Hall.

RESOLUTION 2025-87

Local Law #1 -2025 To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c for the Fiscal Year 2026

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 October 13th, 2025 the following resolution was duly adopted and is now in full force and effect:

Whereas, proposed Local Law #1-2025 entitled “ A Local Law to override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c for the Fiscal Year 2026 was introduced at a meeting of the Black Brook Town Board on October 13, 2025 at 5:30 PM, and all persons desiring to be heard were heard.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of The Town of Black Brook hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2025 as stated above.

Roll call Vote as Follows:

Councilman William Rhino – Yes

Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes

Councilman James Sequin – Absent

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes

Resolution was adopted

RESOLUTION 2025-88

Interfund Transfer Ambulance Fund

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Black Brook, a Municipality with offices at 18 North Main Street, Au Sable Forks, New York, 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 October 13th, 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 Councilman Bombard authorizing the Town Supervisor, to do an Interfund transfer from 201.22 (NYCLASS) to 200.01 (Community Bank) in the amount of \$64,011.26

Roll call Vote as Follows:

<i>Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes</i>	<i>Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes</i>
<i>Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes</i>	<i>Councilman James Sequin –Absent</i>
<i>Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes</i>	<i>Motion was Carried.</i>

RESOLUTION 2025-89

Short Term Interfund Loan from General Fund to Water District #1

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Black Brook, a Municipality with offices at 18 North Main Street, Au Sable Forks, New York, 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 October 13th, 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 Councilman Bombard authorizing the Town Supervisor, to do a temporary inter fund loan from the General Fund (201.01.000.77) to Water District #1 in an amount not to exceed \$558,972.40, for the purpose of ban payment due 10/31/2025.

Roll call Vote as Follows:

<i>Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes</i>	<i>Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes</i>
<i>Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes</i>	<i>Councilman James Sequin –Absent</i>
<i>Councilman Stephen Bombard - Yes</i>	

Motion was Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-90

Resolution to sign Lien Releases for Linda Supernault and Randy Crowningshield Instruments # 2020-00310163 and 2021-00315236

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Black Brook, a Municipality with offices at 18 North Main Street, Au Sable Forks, New York, 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 October 13th, 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 Councilman Wilkins authorizing the Town Supervisor, to release the liens on Instruments # 2020-00310163 and 2021-00315236 as the liens have been paid off and need recording with the County Clerk.

Roll call Vote as Follows:

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes

Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes

Councilman James Sequin –Absent

Councilman Stephen Bombard - Yes

Motion was Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-91

Clinton County Sales Tax 2026

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Black Brook, a Municipality with offices at 18 North Main Street, Au Sable Forks, New York, 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 October 13th, 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

Whereas, Section 64, (3)of the Town Law of the State of New York empowers the

Town Board of the town of Black Brook , Clinton County NY to manage, maintain and control town property and assets as the purposes of the Town may require; and;

Whereas the Town has been informed by the County of Clinton that the projected sales tax revenue for 2026 will be \$571,853.00.

Whereas the town recognizes that it has the discretion to request certain or all these funds from the County of Clinton and

Whereas the town's intentions are to utilize the additional revenue to establish and maintain adequate fund balance, along with current funds and anticipated capital improvements.

Now therefore it is resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Black Brook requests that \$135,000.00 be provided to the Town to be deposited in the General fund so said monies can be utilized as prescribed above.

Roll call Vote as Follows:

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes

Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes

Councilman James Sequin –Absent

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes

.

The next town board meeting will be on 11/10/2025, at 6:00 pm, 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 6:42 PM, Second by Councilman Wilkins and All in Favor.

Dennis Bushey, Town Clerk