

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 9th, 2026**

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

ROLL CALL TAKEN:

<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	
Renee Rhino JCEO Rep	X	X

Visitors in Attendance: Bo Plumadore, Lee Pray, Michael Francia, Ted Sill, Kristi Hackett, Becky Bassett, Teah Dowling, Aubrey Bressette, Lynn LaDieu, Jeff LaDieu, Bridgett Snow and Nate Rondeau

Visitors Via Zoom: 21

Visitor Comments: The floor was given to Michael Francia for a presentation concerning the fiscal crisis at Au Sable Valley Central School. Questions were received from attendees after the presentation.

Zoom Attendee Comments: None

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino to accept the minutes of the January 13th, 2026, town board meeting, Seconded by Supervisor Douglass and All in Favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and seconded by Councilman Wilkins to accept the paid and unpaid bills from 01/15/2026 to 02/08/2026 as presented. All in Favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino to accept all committee and department head reports received and seconded by Councilman Bombard. All In Favor.

NEW BUSINESS: -

A motion was made by Supervisor Douglass and seconded by Councilman Rhino for the acceptance of Resolution #2026-24 to authorizing the Supervisor to issue a request for professional engineering services for the sewer phase 2 project for The Town of Jay and The Town of Black Brook.

Roll call Vote as Follows:

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes

Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes

Councilman James Sequin –Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes

Motion was Carried.

The resolution is on file in The Town Clerks Office.

Supervisor Douglass stated that it’s time for our insurance renewal. Employees will evaluate and get a list of all equipment to enable the town to get quotes.

No Sidewalk schedule yet. It needs to be created

Audits will need to be done of Justice, Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Codes Enforcement. Audit committee will schedule.

A new floor is needed in the kitchen at the town hall and the carpet needs replacement in the main meeting room.

There will be a meeting with the AFVAS at the end of the month.

Councilman Rhino will notify the AFFD of the changes to the tax warrant due to errors in the original warrant.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was distributed to the board from The Town of Schuyler Falls concerning

their grant request to build a new building in their rec park. They asked for a letter of support from the Town of Black Brook and Supervisor Douglass said that the letter of support had been done.

A motion was made by Supervisor Douglass for the acceptance of resolution #2026-25 as presented, for the purchase of a new Western Star 49X with Tenco plow equipment and seconded by Councilman Rhino.

Roll call Vote as Follows:

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes

Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes

Councilman James Sequin –Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes

Motion was Carried.

The resolution is on file in The Town Clerks Office.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilkins and seconded by Councilman Bombard to accept Resolution #2026-26 as presented allowing the supervisor to purchase highway equipment using unappropriated fund balance and amending the 2026 budget.

Roll call Vote as Follows:

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes

Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes

Councilman James Sequin –Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes

Motion was Carried.

The resolution is on file in The Town Clerks Office.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilkins and seconded by Councilman Sequin to accept Resolution #2026-27 as presented allowing the supervisor to transfer unappropriated fund balance to an interest-bearing account.

Roll Call Vote as Follows

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes

Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes Councilman James Sequin –Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes Motion was Carried.

The resolution is on file in The Town Clerks Office.

A motion was made by Supervisor Douglass and seconded by Councilman Rhino to accept Resolution #2026-28 as presented authorizing the purchase of a used bucket truck.

Roll Call Vote as Follows

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes Councilman James Sequin –Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes Motion was Carried.

The resolution is on file in The Town Clerks Office.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and seconded by Councilman Seguin to accept Resolution #2026-29 as presented authorizing the supervisor to deposit 2026 tax levy moneys into designated interest-bearing accounts for General Fund, Highway Fund and Ambulance District Fund.

Roll Call Vote as Follows

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes Councilman James Sequin –Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes Motion was Carried.

The resolution is on file in The Town Clerks Office.

A motion was made by Supervisor Douglass and seconded by Councilman Rhino and seconded by Councilman Bombard to accept Resolution #2026-30 as presented to allowing the supervisor to a budgetary transfer within the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote as Follows

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes Councilman James Sequin –Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes Motion was Carried.

The resolution is on file in The Town Clerks Office.

The town board entered executive session at 7:21 PM and returned to the meeting at 7:27 PM

A motion was made by Supervisor Douglass and seconded by Councilman Rhino and to accept Resolution #2026-31 as presented authorizing a 5 year contract with Dean Schneller as attorney for the town.

Roll Call Vote as Follows

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes Councilman James Sequin –Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes Motion was Carried.

The resolution is on file in The Town Clerks Office.

The Supervisor presented proposed local law # 2026-1. Motion by Councilman Rhino and seconded by Supervisor Douglass to hold a public hearing concerning the same. All in Favor

Supervisor Douglass informed the board that \$9,880.28 has been received from Clinton County Treasurer for the town's portion of Mortgage Tax Distribution for 4/1/2025 to 9/30/2025.

Supervisor Douglass informed the board that \$53,990.60 has been received from Clinton County Treasurer for 2025 Sales Tax Revenue.

A letter was received from Jessica Douglass concerning the 2026 Labor Day event in the Town of Black Brook. This letter asked if the Town Board would be in support of said event. A roll call was taken and all board members voted to support the 2026 Labor Day Celebration.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and seconded by Councilman Seguin to accept Resolution #2026-32 as presented authorizing the Town of Black Brook to enter into an agreement with TEXTMYGOV for resident communication services.

Roll Call Vote as Follows

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes Councilman James Seguin –Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes Motion was Carried.

The resolution is on file in The Town Clerks Office.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and seconded by Councilman Seguin to accept the 1st quarter Water and Sewer billing report. All in Favor.

Supervisor Douglass stated that the Town of Black Brook Employee Handbook needs review and revision. All board members agreed to schedule a meeting to accomplish that mission.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and seconded by Councilman Wilkins to accept Resolution #2026-33 as presented authorizing transfer and accounting of FEMA disaster recovery funds.

Roll Call Vote as Follows

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Yes Councilman James Seguin –Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes Motion was Carried.

The resolution is on file in The Town Clerks Office.

OLD BUSINESS

The dangerous dog/municipal shelter inspection has been done, and the town had no violations.

There will be a public hearing on Proposed Local Law 2026-1 at 5:30 pm on March 9th followed by the next regular board meeting at 6:00 PM to be held at The Black Brook Town Hall at 18 N Main Street, Au Sable Forks, NY 12912.

Councilman Rhino made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Douglass at 7:48 PM and all in favor.

Dennis Bushey, Town Clerk