

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 11th, 2026**

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 6:00PM 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	
Derrick Martineau	X	

Visitors in Attendance: Jen Ketchall, Brittany Plumadore, Sara Sousie, Brad Deyoe, Sienna Coolidge, Emily Amato, Jude Dulka and Abe Witherwax.

Visitors Via Zoom: Karissa Monette

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino to accept the minutes of the April 13th, 2026, town board meeting and Public Hearing, Seconded by Councilman Wilkins and All in Favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and seconded by Councilman Seguin to accept the paid and unpaid bills from 04/15/2026 to 05/11/2026 as presented. All in Favor.

Visitor Comments:

Jen Ketchall inquired as to whether the Town Highway was finished with the roads at Fern Lake or if there was more work to be done. Highway Superintendent Plumadore stated that all was done except for hydro seeding the shoulders. She also inquired about the monument being broken at the Sign Board and Superintendent Plumadore said that he knew nothing about it.

Monthly Reports

Renee Rhino gave a monthly report on JCEO activity and stated that all is going well, and that the fresh food boxes are averaging 46 families per week.

Supervisor Douglass stated that he had met with AF Ambulance concerning monies received by the town and is in the process of setting up an audit of the monies received for calls in our district.

NEW BUSINESS: -

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino for resolution #2026-48 to accept the final draft of The Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan and to present it to the public for comment and review at a public hearing. Said public hearing will be held on June 8th, 2026, at 5:30 PM at the Black Brook Town Hall. This motion was seconded by Supervisor Douglass.

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 Wilkins to accept resolution #2026-49 as presented approving the purchase of Highway Truck and Plow Equipment from Charlebois, Inc. for \$352,346.00. Payment for said purchase will be made from funds appropriated in the 2027 Town Highway 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 Rhino and seconded by Councilman Wilkins to accept Resolution #2026-50 authorizing the transfer of unappropriated fund balance to the ambulance equipment reserve fund in the amount of \$187,571.91.

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 discussion was held concerning the Town drafting a local law which would give eligible volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel up to a 10% reduction in Town taxes for their primary residence. All board members agreed to do this, and a local law will be drafted soon.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and Seconded by Councilman Sequin to have The Towns grant writing planners pursue grants for a CDBG building assessment report and a Zoning Code Update. All In Favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and seconded by Councilman Wilkins to accept Resolution #2026-51 as presented authorizing a budget amendment for sewer district septic tank pumping. This would authorize Supervisor Douglass to increase appropriation Account No. 8120.4.07.000.34 in the amount of \$25,000.00 and that this amount would come from the sewer fund balance.

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.

It was noted that a check had been received from Clinton County Treasurers Office in the amount of \$3,579.28 for forester's stumpage.

OLD BUSINESS

FEMA projects- Copies of permits for the Fern Lake and Buck Hill Project have been received.

It was noted that the Town Board still needs to meet and review the employee handbook. A meeting was scheduled for Friday May 22, 2026, at 1 PM.

Supervisor Douglass called The Town Board to executive session at 6:42 PM and they returned from said at 6:52 PM. A decision to follow the current policy of having retired employees pay 10% of their health insurance premiums.

There will be a public hearing for public review and discussion of The Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan on June 8th, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall at 18 North Main Street in Au Sable Forks, NY 12912.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 8th 2026 at 6:00 PM at The Town Hall at 18 North Main Street in Au Sable Forks, NY 12912.

Councilman Rhino made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 PM , seconded by Supervisor Douglass with all in favor.

Dennis Bushey, Town Clerk