

**TOWN OF BLACK BROOK
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 13th, 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	
Derrick Martineau, Code Enforcement	X	
Renee Rhino, JCEO		X
<u>Visitors in Attendance:</u> Ron Depo, Ralph Schissler, Mike Cross, Karen Cross, Mike Belicka, Alysa Connely, Kya Satine, Peter Allen & Jen Ketchall		

Visitors Via Zoom: Krystal Monette

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino to accept the minutes of the September 14th, 2026, town board meeting, and the special board meeting on September 22nd, 2026, Seconded by Supervisor Douglass and All in Favor. The supervisors Financial Report for Period Ending 08/31/2026 was presented to The Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Douglass to accept all the monthly reports and was seconded by Councilman Wilkins. All in Favor

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and Seconded by Supervisor Douglass to accept the audited claims 9/17/26-10/13/26. All in Favor.

Visitor Comments: - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Rhino stated that there were 2 new dog complaints and that he would be dealing with them tomorrow.

Sidewalk committee stated that the sidewalk project on Palmer St. had begun. Highway committee stated they are looking into new furnaces for the highway garage.

Youth commission stated that Soccer is over and Basketball will be starting soon.

NEW BUSINESS: -

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and seconded by Supervisor Douglass to accept Resolution #2026-78 as presented Authorizing Local Law #2 of 2026 to override the real property tax levy limit for the 2027 fiscal year.

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 Councilman Rhino to accept Resolution 2026-79 as presented and seconded by Councilman Wilkins amending the March 9, 2026 resolution establishing an administrative mailing fee for delinquent property tax notices.

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 Supervisor Douglass to accept resolution #2026-80 as presented for Clinton County sales tax revenue allocation for the 2027 fiscal year.

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 Seguin to accept Resolution #2026-81 authorizing the town supervisor to execute an agreement with the Adirondack park local government review board.

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 letter of interest from Spencer Reynolds was presented to the board along with a resolution which would have appointed him to the vacant judge position in the Town of Black Brook. The board decided to interview Mr. Reynolds before appointing him. The issue was tabled until the next regular meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino to accept the utility billing report for fourth quarter and seconded by Councilman Seguin. All In Favor.

POI- A check for \$4,200.00 was received from Clinton County for 2025 Youth Bureau.

A motion was made by Supervisor Douglass and seconded by Councilman Wilkins to accept Resolution #2026-82 allowing financial support and use of town property for the 2026 Christmas in the Forks Event.

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.

POI – There will be a preliminary workshop for the 2027 budget on October 20th, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Black Brook Town Hall. This workshop will be open to the public.

A motion was made by Councilman Rhino and seconded by Councilman Sequin to accept Resolution #2026-83 scheduling a public hearing on the proposed 2027 town budget on November 9, 2026, at 5:30 PM at the Black Brook Town Hall.

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 Supervisor Douglass to accept Resolution #2026-84 authorizing the 2027 community outreach services agreement with Join Council for Economic Opportunity.

Roll Call Vote as Follows

Councilman Ronald Wilkins – Yes Supervisor Jon Douglass-Yes

Councilman William Rhino Jr- Abstain Councilman James Sequin –Yes

Councilman Stephen Bombard – Yes Motion was Carried.

The resolution is on file in The Town Clerks Office.

Questions were asked from the audience about cell phone coverage, school closing information and whether the Fern Lake Dam had been inspected lately. All questions were addressed by the board.

OLD BUSINESS

Fern Lake Lot 17 – Nothing New

Water Meters – Nothing New

Water Well #3 – Testing has been completed and we are waiting for DEC approval to put the well online.

There will be a public hearing held on Monday November 9th, 2026 at the town hall at 18 N Main St in Au Sable Forks at 5:30 PM for Adoption of the 2027 budget.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday November 9th, 2026 at 6:00 PM at The Town Hall at 18 North Main Street in Au Sable Forks, NY 12912.

Supervisor Douglass made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM , seconded by Councilman Seguin with all in favor.

Dennis Bushey, Town Clerk