

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen, County of Lewis and the State of New York was held at the Town Municipal Office Building, 8420 State Rte. 812, New Bremen, New York on the 13th day of April 2015.

Town Officer's Present: Susan J. Sauer, Deputy Supervisor
Joseph E. Aueter, Councilman
Steven Brooks, Councilman
Aimee L. Murphy, Deputy Town Clerk
Errol A. Aueter, Town Justice

Absent - Peter J. Keys, Supervisor
David L. Becker, Councilman
Elizabeth B. Jones, Town Clerk
Jonathan M. Bush, Highway Superintendent

Attended by: Approximately 1 person

Deputy Supervisor Sauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF 2015
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Aueter, seconded by Councilman Brooks, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aueter, Brooks, Sauer Nays 0

RESOLVED, the minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting be approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Aueter reported that he had spoken with some of the residents of the Mattis Road regarding the possibility of oil coming up off the road onto their vehicles. He tested the road and found that at 26 degrees temperature, he could wipe up oil with his fingers. He spoke with Highway Superintendent Bush regarding his findings. Quality Control people from the Asphalt Company inspected the road again and met with Councilman Aueter and Highway Superintendent Bush. The representatives told them that they had never seen this happen before, but would be taking the issue back to the company and come up with a proposed resolution.

Councilman Aueter also reported that the Assessment Information Night went well, with approximately 11 people in attendance. He suggested considering repeating it again next year. Deputy Supervisor Sauer would like to see better advertisement if it is repeated.

Councilman Aueter also stated that he has spoken with Lewis County Sheriff Carpinelli, regarding inmates cleaning up the fit trail. The Sheriff said that he needs an official request from the Town Supervisor before he can set up the inmate workers.

Councilman Brooks reported that he has looked into grants for upkeep of the Patty Street Cemetery. He stated that until the Town decides what its intentions are for the future of the cemetery, he can not proceed. He also stated that the American Legion would be willing to assist with the initial clean-up of the cemetery.

Councilman Brooks also reported that he had attended the Tug Hill Local Government Conference at JCC. He was pleased to report that during the Comptroller's workshop, the Town of New Bremen was 1 of only 3 towns that had an official fund balance policy in place.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2015
TOWN CLERK MONTHLY REPORT**

On a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilman Brooks, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Brooks, Sauer Nays 0

RESOLVED, the Town Clerk monthly report is approved as submitted.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Bush prepared a written report for Deputy Clerk Murphy to read to the Board. In his report, he stated that the new tandem has been built and is in transit to Viking Cives for installation of a dump box and snowplow equipment. The 1980 Ford L8000 and 2007 F150 pickup have been parked by the road and advertised for bid with an ad running in the Lowville Journal this week. The highway department has begun sweeping the winter sand from the roadside, and has started "summer hours", Monday thru Thursday 6:00am to 4:30pm.

**RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2015
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

On a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilman Brooks, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Brooks, Sauer Nays 0

RESOLVED, the Highway Superintendent's report is approved as submitted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2015
JUSTICES MONTHLY REPORTS**

On a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilman Brooks, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Brooks, Sauer Nays 0

RESOLVED, the Justices monthly reports are approved as submitted.

DOG CONTROL

Councilman Aucter is concerned about the powers of the Dog Control Officer to issue appearance tickets and if he is considered a "Peace Officer" or not. Deputy Supervisor Sauer will look into this further and report back to the Board. Councilman Brooks expressed concern about the necessity of delivering delinquent notices in person instead of mailing them. He asked if the delinquent dog owners were coming in as a result of being issued these notices. Deputy Clerk Murphy stated that people had been coming in to bring delinquent licenses up to date. Councilman Brooks suggested that the Board continue to monitor the effectiveness of this practice.

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Deputy Supervisor Sauer reported receiving a letter from the Village of Croghan, thanking the Board for their "donation" of \$2000.00 to fund the Youth Recreation Program.

Deputy Supervisor Sauer received a letter from Iroquois Gas Company regarding a photo contest for their 2016 calendar. Any photo that is submitted and chosen to be on the calendar will receive a \$250 donation for their community recreation program.

Supervisor Keys received a letter from Penny L. Demo, Director of the Lewis County Youth Bureau. Ms. Demo stated that as of March 24, 2015, the Youth Board approved of allocating up to \$5,000 in 2015 Summer Recreation funding. If the Town chooses to apply for summer recreation funds, it may apply for up to \$5,000 by April 30th, however there is no longer a guarantee that they will be granted. Deputy Supervisor Sauer will contact Ms. Demo for further information and an application.

**RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2015
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilman Brooks, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Brooks, Sauer Nays 0

RESOLVED, that Deputy Supervisor Sauer is authorized and directed to pay the following amounts on Abstract #3 and #4 of 2014 in the following amounts.

General	Voucher #43 thru #57	\$2,588.67
Highway T-Wide	Voucher #36 thru #47	\$6,419.19
Highway T-Outside	Voucher #4 thru #4	\$1072.50

The next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on May 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

With no further business, on a motion of Deputy Supervisor Sauer, seconded by Councilman Aucter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Aimee L. Murphy
Deputy Town Clerk