

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2020

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The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen, County of Lewis and the State of New York was held via Zoom due to COVID-19 pandemic, New Bremen, New York on the 13th day of April 2020.

Town Officer's participating: Peter J. Keys, Supervisor
Joseph E. Aucler, Councilman
David L. Becker, Councilman
Casandra M. Buell, Councilwoman
Alexis L. Lyndaker, Councilwoman
Douglas E. Herzig II, Hwy. Superintendent
Elizabeth B. Jones, Clerk

Also participating in the Zoom call – John Young - Deputy DCO and Ian Gilbert - Legislator

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a moment of silence for health and betterment for all due to COVID-19 pandemic.

**RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF 2020
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Councilman Aucler, seconded by Councilwoman Lyndaker, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, Aucler, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, the minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting are approved.

COUNCIL

Councilman Aucler would like to get an update from Robin Houppert on the NBCIA soon if possible.

**RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2020
TOWN CLERK MONTHLY REPORT**

On a motion of Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilman Aucler, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, Aucler, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2020
TAX COLLECTOR MONTHLY REPORT**

On a motion of Councilman Aucler, seconded by Councilman Becker, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, Aucler, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, the Tax Collector's monthly report is approved as submitted.

TAX COLLECTOR

Collector Jones briefed the Board on continuing issues with the TCS system.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Herzig reported on the following and sent full report via email:

1. Dually pickup will be arriving at Nortz & Virkler this week.
2. Filled full time MEO position - Shane DeRycke effective 4/6/2020.
3. Hoping to return to work by May 1st to at least start sweeping roads – Board agreed it is Mr. Herzig’s decision. Will use social distancing recommendations and was told we can get masks from the county.
4. CHIPS money looks good so far – waiting on final email notification.
5. Summer Youth Program is currently on hold.
6. Asked the Board to consider allowing Shane DeRycke part-time employment to go towards his six (6) month probationary period. The Board feels we should stick with the Towns Employment & Liability Guidelines policy which states the probationary period starts upon original appointment.

Mr. Herzig will keep the Board updated on things.

JUSTICE

No monthly reports – court is not in session.

**RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2020
DCO MONTHLY REPORT**

On a motion of Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, Aucler, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, the DCO monthly report is approved as submitted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 41 OF 2020
DOG LICENSING - LATE FEE**

On a motion of Councilman Aucler, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, Aucler, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, that the \$5 late fee for overdue dog licenses is hereby temporarily suspended for two (2) months until the conclusion of the state of emergency is lifted by the Governor.

COUNTY

Ian Gilbert, Legislator for District No. 4 briefed on happenings at the County:

1. LCGH has 10 Ventilator’s and have a good supply of PPE. Governor changed his order for ventilator’s – is now hospital to hospital depending on needs.
2. Discussed Article 23 concerning wind/solar projects.

SUPERVISOR

1. Supervisor Keys stated that the previous Highway Superintendent’s cell phone issue is resolved.
2. O’Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc. inspected & will be collecting samples from the old landfill on Artz Road per NYSDEC request and investigation.
3. Been participating in County conference calls for updates on COVID-19.

SOLAR PROJECT - DISCUSSION

1. Engineering and legal representatives for the Town – will make a decision at the May meeting.
2. Article 10 or 23 process - Supervisor Keys will contact Brett Hastings of Geronimo Energy to confirm which one they are doing.
3. PILOT – need to discuss with Geronimo Energy.
4. Local Law Update – Councilwoman Buell is working on a “draft” solar law for the Board’s review.

**RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2020
SUPERVISOR’S FINANCIAL REPORT**

On a motion of Councilwoman Buell, seconded by Councilman Aucter, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, Aucter, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, the Supervisor’s monthly financial report is approved as submitted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2020
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilman Becker, seconded by Councilwoman Lyndaker, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, Aucter, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Keys is authorized and directed to pay the following amounts on Abstract #3 & #4 of 2020 and also approved the report of prior to audit payments for insurance, utilities and comptroller fees for justice court

General	Voucher #35 thru #44	\$3,925.94
Highway T-Wide	Voucher #45 thru #55	\$10,781.90
Highway T-Outside	Voucher #4 thru #6	\$207.28
H. Insurance - \$9,038.05		
Utilities - \$2,632.33		

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Buell would like to put the remainder of the mulch for the playground down. Highway Superintendent Herzig will check to see what is left.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on May 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Becker, seconded by Councilman Bush, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC