

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2022

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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 at the Town Municipal Office Building, 8420 State Rte. 812, New Bremen, New York on the 11th day of April 2022.

Town Officer's Present: Peter J. Keys, Supervisor
Joseph E. Aucter, Councilman
Casandra M. Buell, Councilwoman
Alexis L. Lyndaker, Councilwoman
Douglas E. Herzig II, Hwy. Superintendent
Elizabeth B. Jones, Clerk
Thomas J. Schantz, Councilman – Absent

Also present: Alexia Lamb – Joule Community Power, Ian Gilbert - Legislator

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

**RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2022
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, the minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting are approved.

FLOOR

Alexia Lamb of Joule Community Power gave a presentation on the company's clean energy program called CCA Community Choice Aggregation and the benefits of renewable energy to communities, such as 10% discount on delivery charges on one's electric bill. The program is a policy enabling municipalities to determine default energy offerings, including renewable electricity and community solar, on behalf of residents and small businesses. Each resident would have the "option" to "opt" out of the program if they wish. To move forward, the Town Board would need to adopt a local law which allows the company to look further at a program that would benefit the town and its residents. Discussion followed with the Board having mixed feelings about the program. Councilman Aucter doesn't feel it is their position to make household choices for our residents. Needs further review, no action at this time. Ms. Lamb thanked the board and left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Buell reported on the following:

1. Pratt Northam Grant – received grant funds and gave to Supervisor for deposit. Placed the order for the equipment and should receive sometime in June.
2. Real Property Tax Law 575-B – State adopted the law which specifies how solar and wind projects are to be valued in the future. Attorney Burrows sent a letter concerning the new law and how it may affect future solar projects within the town. The state is looking at revisiting the law.

Councilwoman Lyndaker reported on the following:

1. Drafted the letter of support to Trout Unlimited for submission with the full application, due by April 18th, for the culvert replacement on Brewery Road.

**RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2022
TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORTS**

On a motion of Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilman Aucter, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's monthly reports are approved as submitted.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Herzig reported on the following, with resolution to follow:

1. New Pickup - arrived at Nortz & Virkler's. Will go inspect it before taking delivery. Discussed advertising the 2019 pickup for bid for sale.
2. Fuel Shed – AV Builders, Paul Campeau is not interested in building the fuel shed, therefore we have no contractor and need to figure out what the next step is. If we file for an extension, it must be done by June 1st. Discussed going with double wall fuel tanks, as it's not required to have a roof over them - 1000 gal. for diesel and 500 gal. for gas. Mr. Herzig is to check on state contracts and/or obtain quotes for new tanks.
3. Gradeall – is having issue and needs work. Dave Redman is coming to determine what is wrong with it and go from there.
4. Started Sweeping.
5. Culverts – replaced two (2) that were undermined on Artz and Steiner Roads.
6. Tractor – should be delivered to Cazenovia Equipment by June, but will not have tires as they are having issues getting them.

**RESOLUTION NO. 41 OF 2022
PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BID FOR SALE**

On a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilwoman Lyndaker, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to advertise for bid for sale, 1 - 2019 Ford F350 Pickup, with no minimum bid set. Bids to be opened at the May 9, 2022 meeting with the Board reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

**RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2022
JUSTICES MONTHLY REPORTS**

On a motion of Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, the Justices monthly reports are approved as submitted.

COURT CLERK

Received notification from Office of Court Administration requiring the Court advertise the Court Clerk position for two (2) weeks. No letters of interest or resumes received yet. Judge Murphy notified OCA of the posting of the position along with proof of posting. They are requiring the court resubmit their request for Erin Murphy to serve as their court clerk. Awaiting to hear their response before Ms. Murphy can be appointed by the court as Court Clerk.

**RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2022
DCO MONTHLY REPORT**

On a motion of Councilwoman Buell, seconded by Councilman Aucter, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, the DCO monthly report is approved as submitted.

ARPA FUNDING

Discussed the letter of interest from Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association for ARPA funding and Beaver Falls Water District. Waiting to receive bid information from the water district as to what their project will cost. The Board would like more information from the AMHA after they hold their festival this summer. Specifically, what the association made in revenue from the festival. Councilwoman Lyndaker will notify them of the board's request.

COUNTY

Ian Gilbert, Legislator for District No. 4 briefed on happenings at the County and their building projects.



**RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 2022
SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

On a motion of Councilwoman Buell, seconded by Councilwoman Lyndaker, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2022
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Keys is authorized and directed to pay the following amounts on Abstract #3 & #4 of 2022 and also approved the report of prior to audit payments for insurance, utilities and comptroller fees for justice court.

General	Voucher #44 thru #58	\$2,207.84
Highway T-Wide	Voucher #30 thru #42	\$11,369.89
Highway T-Outside	Voucher #5 thru #8	\$2,459.68
H. Insurance - \$10,347.36		
Utilities - \$2,751.29		
Comptroller - \$1,499.00		

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed CPR training and defibrillator purchase. Councilwoman Buell will fill out an application through the Larry Virkler Memorial Fund for a defibrillator for the Town.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on May 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC