

REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2023

**DRAFT**

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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

Also present: Joanne Dicob

Deputy Supervisor Aucter called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

### **MINUTES**

Tabled until next month per suggestion of Councilwoman Buell.

### **BRAC**

Bill Muller contacted Deputy Supervisor Aucter, he is interested in serving on the Beaver River Advisory Council (BRAC) board representing the Town and is asking for the board's support. Tabled until more information is received.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilwoman Buell reported on the following:

1. NBCIA – still awaiting a response from the district attorney's office of their findings.
2. RPTL 575-b – NYS is looking to adopt the real property tax law for renewable energy pilots. Scott Doyle, Denmark Supervisor wants to know where the Town stands on the issue. Discussion followed pertaining to the methodology to be used and the affect it will have on existing PILOT agreements for solar projects. She suggested doing a moratorium within the town, which is good for six (6) months, so timing would need to be precise. More discussion needed with no action at this time.
3. Solar Projects – have not received any updates from the IDA pertaining to the PILOT agreements for the Zehr and Farney solar projects located on Brewery road. Deputy Aucter will send a letter requesting an update.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF 2023**

#### **TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORTS**

On a motion of Councilwoman Buell, seconded by Councilman Schantz, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Buell, Schantz Nays 0

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

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

Clerk Jones stated she applied for a \$200 scholarship through the Lewis County Town Clerk Tax Collector's Association (LCTCTCA) for attendance at the NYSTCA clerk's conference in Syracuse April 23-26, and was granted the scholarship which will help offset the cost for attending the conference. A check will be sent to the town after proof of attendance is received.

Motion made by Councilwoman Buell, seconded by Councilman Schantz, hereby accepting the \$200 scholarship from the LCTCTCA. Congratulations Clerk Jones.

### **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Herzig reported on the following:

1. Green Waste – Al Shaw, Croghan Highway Superintendent stopped by to inform Mr. Herzig that Wilbur Stanford

of Stanford Green Waste, LLC will be grinding the green waste at their facility. The towns have a intermunicipal agreement to split the cost, which was adopted in September of 2018 by the town boards. It was last ground in 2018 and cost us \$2375. According to Mr. Shaw it will cost \$5500 a day including fuel for the use of their excavator due to the piles being froze and will take several days to grind. Mr. Herzig feels it should have been discussed ahead of time, including obtaining quotes as per our procurement policy. Deputy Supervisor Aucter contacted the Croghan Supervisor, with both agreeing that each town do \$5,000 this year and relooking at the green waste agreement between the towns. After discussion, the board agreed to cover \$5000 for grinding fees this year.

- 2. Fuel Tanks – installation is complete and awaiting an official certificate from the NYS DEC. Will send the check to Docteur now that installation is complete.
- 3. Building Upgrades – Jantzi Construction started work on the building upgrades. Councilwoman Buell brought up the prevailing wage requirement. Will discuss with Supervisor Keys when he returns.
- 4. Truck #40 – working on sandblasting and painting.
- 5. Summer Hours – starting April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 6. Sweeping – started at school, working out a few bugs with the new tractor and broom.
- 7. NBCIA – Town Board instructed Highway Superintendent Herzig not to turn on the water to the concession stand until Robin Houppert, President of NBCIA meets with the town board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 32 OF 2023  
JUSTICES MONTHLY REPORTS**

On a motion of Councilwoman Buell, seconded by Councilman Schantz, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Buell, Schantz Nays 0

RESOLVED, the Justices monthly reports are approved as submitted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 33 OF 2023  
DCO MONTHLY REPORT**

On a motion of Councilwoman Buell, seconded by Councilman Schantz, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Buell, Schantz Nays 0

RESOLVED, the DCO monthly report is approved as submitted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 34 OF 2023  
SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

On a motion of Councilwoman Buell, seconded by Councilman Schantz, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Buell, Schantz Nays 0

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 35 OF 2023  
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilwoman Buell, seconded by Councilman Schantz, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Buell, Schantz Nays 0

RESOLVED, that Deputy Supervisor Aucter is authorized and directed to pay the following amounts on Abstract #4 of 2023 and also approved the report of prior to audit payments for insurance, utilities and comptroller fees for justice court.

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| General                                | Voucher #51 thru #58   | \$1,711.67             |
| Highway T-Wide                         | Voucher #38 thru #52   | \$18,660.58            |
| Highway T-Outside                      | Voucher #6             | \$2,558.67             |
| H. Insurance - \$10,269.77             | Utilities - \$3,441.18 | Comptroller - \$785.00 |
| Lifetime Benefits Solutions - \$275.00 |                        |                        |

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Buell briefed the board on grants that County Planning has been working on to aid towns who are interested in digital coding and cyber security. They will be sending out information to municipalities soon.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on May 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Schantz, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. Carried unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted  
Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC