

REGULAR MEETING

August 11, 2014

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014.

Town Officer's Present: Peter J. Keys, Supervisor  
David L. Becker, Councilman  
Susan J. Sauer, Councilwoman  
Joseph E. Aucter, Councilman  
Donald W. Getman, Councilman  
Jonathan M. Bush, Highway Superintendent  
Elizabeth B. Jones, Clerk  
Robert B. Ball, Assessor  
Errol A. Aucter, Justice

Attended by: Approximately 2 people

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

**RESOLUTION NO. 91 OF 2014  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED, the minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting are approved.

**ASSESSOR**

Assessor Ball stated he received notice from the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance that the Towns equalization rate is at 100%.

Mr. Ball informed the Board that the Town of Wilna is willing to share the tablet they purchased, with other towns that wish to purchase the SDG Outpost data collection program. The only expense to the Town will be an estimated annual fee of \$800 for the program. He is checking with other Towns hoping to get others to sign on also. After discussion the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 92 OF 2014  
SDG OUTPOST DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM**

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

RESOLVED, that Assessor Ball is authorized to purchase the SDG Outpost data collection program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said purchase will not take place before January 2015.

Assessor Ball left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 93 OF 2014  
TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT**

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

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

**STANDARD WORK DAY**

The NYS Retirement System sent a notice that they received Councilman Aucter's record of activities (ROA) and that the Board is required to adopt a resolution and post for a minimum of 30 days and submit it to the Retirement System. After discussion the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 94 OF 2014  
STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS, the Town of New Bremen hereby establishes the following as standard work days for the title and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on time keeping system records or their record of activities maintained and submitted by this official to the clerk of this body and that said resolution be posted on the Town's Official Website for at least 30 days according to state requirements.

Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Record of Activities Result
<b>Elected Officials</b>					
Councilman	Joseph E. Aucter Reg #41238247	6	01/01/14-12/31/17	N	.85

**TRANSFER**

Supervisor Keys asked the Board to transfer funds from a highway account to cover paving bills that will be reimbursed by CHIPS funding in September. After discussion the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 95 OF 2014  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Keys is authorized to transfer \$3,541.81 from DA5142.4 – Snow Removal to DB5112.2 – CHIPS.

## **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Bush reported the 2013 938K CAT Wheel Loader sold at auction for \$139,000.00. Which is \$4,000.00 over the guaranteed auction sale price. After commission the town will receive a total of \$137,000.00 from Roy Teitsworth, Inc., Professional Auctioneers. The County Highway Dept. transported the loader to the auction in Seneca Falls with the Town paying \$24.15 in tolls. Also, the new loader should be arriving at the end of the month. Mr. Bush will meet with the CHIPS representative on the 12<sup>th</sup> to file the CHIPS paperwork.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 96 OF 2014 JUSTICES MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

RESOLVED, the Justices monthly reports are approved as submitted.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 97 OF 2014 DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S QUARTERLY REPORT**

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

RESOLVED, the DCO's quarterly report is approved as submitted.

## **E911 ADDRESSING**

The Lewis Co. Real Property Tax Department sent notice that their office will be taking over the E911 addressing which is currently overseen by the Sheriff Dispatch Office. Their new procedures will involve Towns/Villages for approval of subdivision plans, etc.

Supervisor Keys received a letter from the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization asking for the Town Boards support for the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division and Fort Drum. The Army is looking at cutting 16,000 jobs from Fort Drum (soldiers and civilian). This would be devastating to our local communities. After discussion the following resolution was presented.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 98 OF 2014 IN SUPPORT OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MOUNTAIN DIVISION AND FORT DRUM**

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

WHEREAS, the Army released a Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA) for Army 2020 Force Structure Realignment in June 2014 to evaluate force reductions and realignments, and

WHEREAS, this proposed action will reduce and realign active component Soldiers and Army civilian employees to help the Army meet current and future national security and defense requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Army's proposal is to reduce end-strength to as low as 420,000, double the reduction proposed in 2013, and

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WHEREAS, the Army's SPEA is looking to cut 16,000 jobs from Fort Drum; 15,417 Soldiers and 583 Army civilians which includes the loss of the 3<sup>rd</sup> BCT from the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division which was announced last year, and

WHEREAS, this SPEA looks at the socio-economic impact of this action and it predicts a loss of \$877,512,000 in area income, a lost of 19,102 jobs, and a decrease in population of 40,288, and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum and the surrounding communities have developed a unique relationship in regard to providing housing, education, health care, and infrastructure to support the installation, and

WHEREAS, this proposed force reduction under review by the Army would have a devastating impact on jobs, education, health care, quality of life and the ability of local governments to provide essential services for its resident, and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Bremen has welcomed Soldiers and their families as residents and have benefitted from sales tax income and other revenue associated with them being residents in our community, and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Town of New Bremen recognizes the Army needs to review force reductions and realignments as part of a long-term solution to the current fiscal crisis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of New Bremen believes that the proposed cut of 16,000 at Fort Drum currently under review by the Army will have devastating and long lasting impacts on the local economy as forecast in the Army's own SPEA, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of New Bremen asks that the Army, as part of their decision making process, consider our community's ability to continue to support Fort Drum and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division and to provide those essential services needed by our citizens, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of New Bremen asks that, due to these socio-economic impacts no further reductions in personnel occur at Fort Drum or to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division beyond those that were identified in the 2013 PEA.

## **ZONING**

Supervisor Keys received an email from Attorney Farley stating what the Board's next step would be on the clean up of the Cady property located at 8476 State Rte. 812, Tax Map #163.00-02-36.000, Town of New Bremen. A letter should be sent to Eugene Cady & Enid Cady informing them that the Town is going to move forward with removal of the building and this action is based upon the previous hearing and that the Town will assess the charges for the clean up against the property. Then the Board decides whether to have the Highway Department remove and dispose of the building materials or hire a private contractor. After discussion the Board ordered Supervisor Keys to send a letter to the Cady's stating that the Town will commence with clean up of the property if no response is received by the next regular Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Keys received a phone call along with a letter from Annette Halko and Paul Brown, pertaining to the extension of time granted to complete the moving process and removal of the "old" trailer off their property located at 8826 Van Amber Road, Town of New Bremen, Tax Map #127.00-03-04.120. The extension of time ends September 1, 2014. Ms. Halko and Mr. Brown have been unable to find time to finish the moving process and ask the Board for another extension. After discussion the Board ordered Supervisor Keys to send a letter along with a copy of the Law stating the fines that could be accrued if clean-up does not commence soon and asks for their cooperation.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 99 OF 2014  
SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

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

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

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

Councilwoman Sauer questioned Judge Steven's voucher for mileage reimbursement, which included mileage from his home to Community Bank on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>. She feels he should not be charging mileage from his home to the bank. It should be from the Town Office Building to the Bank. The Board adopted a mileage policy on July 14, 2014 stating such. Councilman Aucter pointed out that those two (2) deposits were made prior to the adoption of the mileage policy. After discussion the following motion was made.

**RESOLUTION NO. 100 OF 2014  
VOUCHER ADJUSTMENT**

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Keys is authorized to adjust voucher #117, submitted by Charles Stevens for reimbursement for mileage, from \$55.77 (as submitted) to \$36.96, to reflect the correct mileage from the Town Municipal Office Building to Community Bank – 13.2 miles round trip.

**RESOLUTION NO. 101 OF 2014  
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Keys is authorized and directed to pay the following amounts on Abstract #6 & #8 of 2014 in the following amounts.

General	Voucher #117 thru #124	\$881.81
Highway T-Wide	Voucher #89 thru #93	\$2,203.56
Highway T-Outside	Voucher #13 thru #21	\$154,370.81

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on September 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Becker, seconded by Councilwoman Sauer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Carried unanimously.

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Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector