

The Special 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 28th day of September 2020.

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

Attended by: Nicholas Astafan – DCO, Aimee Murphy – Justice, Errol Aueter – Justice, Bob Ball – Assessor, Zach Virkler

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag. This meeting was called to review the Tentative Budget for the 2021 year and any other business that comes forward.

**RESOLUTION NO. 105 OF 2020
ADOPTION OF LEWIS CO. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

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

WHEREAS, Town of New Bremen, with the assistance from Tetra Tech Inc., has gathered information and prepared the 2019 Lewis County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP); and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Lewis County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Town of New Bremen is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Town of New Bremen Board has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Bremen Town Board hereby adopts the 2019 Lewis County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ZONING

Ward Dailey, Zoning Officer sent an email stating that the Town Board needs to set a date, time and place for a hearing before the Town Board pertaining to the unsafe building located at 8352 State Rte. 812 Town of New Bremen owned by Stanley and Alice Mathys. At that time the Board will state that the removal of such building shall commence within 30 days of the service of the notice of the hearing and shall be completed within 60 days thereafter. This is per local law. After review, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 106 OF 2020
HEARING DATE SET**

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

RESOLVED, the New Bremen Town Board hereby sets a hearing date for October 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building pertaining to the unsafe building located at 8352 State Rte. 812 Town of New Bremen owned by Stanley and Alice Mathys, and be it further

RESOLVED, that service of notice of said hearing date, time and place, as directed in Section 7. Service of Notice of the Towns Unsafe Buildings & Collapsed Structures local law, by Zoning Officer, Ward Dailey.

REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Reviewed the current real property tax exemptions and whether they should remain the same for 2021. Assessor Ball recommended increasing the Aged Exemption from current income level of 15,000ss to 20,500ss; maximum income level is \$29,000. Mr. Ball stated approximately 37 seniors over the age of 65 receive the current aged exemption and if the income level is increased to 20,500ss, approximately 10 more individuals would be eligible to receive the exemption and would be less than a \$1 increase per parcel. Overall it would be a low impact to the tax payer, but would help those with low incomes. All other exemptions - business, vets and solar/wind will remain the same for 2021. After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 107 OF 2020
AGED EXEMPTION FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX**

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

RESOLVED; that the income limit for the Aged Exemption for real property tax be set at \$20,500ss, authorized by Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other exemptions remain the same for 2021.

Review and discussion of the 2021 Tentative Budget followed.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Becker, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector