

REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2023

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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 13th day of February 2023.

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

Absent: Peter J. Keys, Supervisor

Attended by: Judge Aucter, Joanne Dicob, Jacqueline Mahoney – County Recreation Forestry & Parks Director

Deputy Supervisor Aucter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2023
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting are approved.

FLOOR

Jackie Mahoney, Director of Recreation Forestry and Parks came to speak on the county's event law - Local Law No 3-2022 which requires a large event to obtain a permit (fee is \$20), issued through her office if they will be using county roads or trails for said event. The permit makes them aware of what's happening and allows them to address any safety concerns. The town, emergency management, Sheriff's Dept., and DOT will be notified of an event and will have input on whether or not a permit should be issued. If the town opts-in to the county's local law, the IMA (inter-municipal agreement) lumps in with the permit and addresses any issues that may occur with parking, emergency services etc. There are approximately 6 towns/villages that opted in thus far.

Councilwoman Lyndaker spoke with other highway superintendent's and they were confused as to why a town would not want to opt-in as it costs nothing to the town. Why aren't we being proactive? What's the harm of opting-in?

Deputy Supervisor Aucter asked for Highway Superintendent Herzig opinion. Mr. Herzig stated it was discussed at their highway superintendent meeting. It was very vague and seemed to stem directly from the snirt run. We have not seen any damage in the town, not even from sled crossings. Mrs. Mahoney stated she has no problem paying for sled crossings, but probably not the same spot three (3) years in a row.

Further discussion followed as there are mixed feelings amongst the board members towards opting-in.

Deputy Supervisor Aucter would like it on record that our highway superintendent doesn't see where this is a viable option for us. Councilwoman Buell agreed and wanted on record also. Highway Superintendent Herzig stated he has not seen damage, but has no vote in the matter. After discussion, the following motion was presented.

On a Motion made by Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, that the Town of New Bremen hereby opts-in to the County's Local Law No. 3-2022.

Ayes 2 Lyndaker, Buell
Nays 2 Aucter, Schantz

Tied vote Motion not carried. The Board thanked Mrs. Mahoney for her time. She left the meeting at 6:47 p.m.



BEAVER FALLS WATER DISTRICT

Reviewed the 2023 Agreement for Water Service between the Village of Croghan and the Beaver Falls Water District. After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2023
WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT**

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

RESOLVED, that Deputy Supervisor Aucter is authorized to sign the 2023 Agreement for Water Service between the Village of Croghan and the Beaver Falls Water District; and that a copy of said contract be on file in the Clerk's office.

NYCLASS

Deputy Supervisor Aucter reported that the Town is all set up with money transferred into the NYCLASS program and should start seeing interest accruing.

COUNTY

Received a check for \$41,813.45 for the county snow and ice control agreement.

PARK SIGNAGE

Discussed posting signs at the park stating the park being closed at a specific time to deter inappropriate use of the grounds as there has been a couple issues in the past. Possibly use some of the grant money from AES for a security system also. Deputy Supervisor Aucter will discuss the Boards concerns with the Lewis County Sheriff's department and get their input.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20 OF 2023
SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2023
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

RESOLVED, that Deputy Supervisor Aucter is authorized and directed to pay the following amounts on Abstract #2 of 2023 and also approved the report of prior to audit payments for health insurance, utilities and comptroller.

General	Voucher #22 thru #35	\$3,733.51
Highway T-Wide	Voucher #9 thru #2	\$35,631.44
Highway T-Outside	Voucher #3 thru #4	\$974.51
H. Insurance - \$10,269.77	Utilities - \$3,027.93	Comptroller - \$1,746.00

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on March 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilwoman Buell, seconded by Councilwoman Lyndaker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector