

REGULAR MEETING
June 14, 2021

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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 14th day of June 2021.

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

Also present: Ian Gilbert – Legislator, Jordan Brandt – Red Barn Meats

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag led by Councilman Becker.

RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2021
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, the minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting are approved.

FLOOR - SITE PLAN REVIEW APP

Jordan Brandt, 9095 Briot Rd., Croghan, New York, submitted Site Plan Review and Zoning Permit Application No. 2-2021 for the proposed expansion of Red Barn Meats and construction of an approximately 32,000 sq. ft. building on property located at 9095 and 9097 Briot Rd., Town of New Bremen, NY, Tax Map No. 147.00-01-18.100 (current owner Matthew Briot) and 147.00-01-18.210, (owner Jordan Brandt). Mr. Brandt is in the process of purchasing the property owned by Mr. Briot and constructing a 32,000 sq. ft. building adding store front, freezer storage, USDA smoke house, processing area, holding pens, employee and customer parking area. He is working with Lewis County IDA for grant assistance for the proposed project. Mr. Brandt reviewed said application with the Board and answered any questions they had. After review and discussion, the following resolution was presented. SEQR parts 2 and 3 to be completed by the Board at the July 12th meeting to give more time for further review of the plans for said project.

RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF 2021
ACCEPTANCE/REFERRAL OF SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION NO. 2-2021

On a motion of Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilman Aucter, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Becker, Aucter, Lyndaker, Keys Recusal 1 Buell Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen reviewed Site Plan Review and Zoning Permit Application No. 2-2021, submitted by Jordan Brandt, for the proposed expansion of Red Barn Meats and construction of an approximately 32,000 sq. ft. building on property located at 9095 and 9097 Briot Rd., Town of New Bremen, NY, Tax Map No. 147.00-01-18.100 (current owner Matthew Briot) and 147.00-01-18.210, (owner Jordan Brandt), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town of New Bremen accepts said application and designation as Lead Agency for said project and hereby refers SPRZPA No. 2-2021 with all documentation to the Lewis County Planning Board for their review and recommendations, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will hold a public hearing on July 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building to hear all interested parties for or against said application.

Mr. Brandt left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

COUNTY

Ian Gilbert, Legislator for District No. 4 gave a brief report on happenings at the County level.

1. ARPA Funding – Generating ideas for allocation of those funds to assist the community.
2. AES Solar Project update

Legislator Gilbert left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Buell

1. Old Cheese Plant – ARPA funding usage to create a boat launch or trail head? Possible the county is interested in such a project also. It's unknown where the EPA stands with the clean-up of the site, trying to locate who is in charge.
2. Iroquois Grant – received notification the Town was denied.
3. AES (solar company) – are willing to invest in sustainable energies/efficiencies for the Town building such as insulating etc.

Councilwoman Lyndaker

1. NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities (CEC) grant – finishing up benchmarking with one (1) additional item required for its completion.

**RESOLUTION NO. 54 OF 2021
TOWN CLERK MONTHLY REPORT**

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 55 OF 2021
TAX COLLECTOR MONTHLY REPORT**

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

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Herzig reported on the following:

1. Water Line – hooked up and running. Still waiting on Jeff Shwan to install the water filtration system.
2. New Pickup – sent Resolution No. 46 of 2021 approving purchase of the F-250 crew cab pickup to Nick Nortz. Updated price is \$36,659.56 – removed a couple options that were unnecessary.
3. Soft Maple Rd. – Paved 1 mile in May.
4. MEO – hired Jeff Simpson as fulltime MEO – started June 1, 2021.
5. Briot Rd. – replacing 9 plus culverts, ditching, cutting shoulders and digging parts of the road up and looking to pave in late July early August.
6. CHIPS – funding update - Total of \$351,373.24 for all 3 programs - CHIPS, Pave NY and Winter Recovery.
7. Artz Rd. – planning to finish paving.

**RESOLUTION NO. 56 OF 2021
JUSTICES MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

RESOLVED, the Justices monthly reports are approved as submitted.

DCO

Supervisor Keys received inspection notice of DCO and equipment etc. by Ag & Markets. All looked good.



**RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2021
DCO'S MONTHLY REPORT**

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

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

YOUTH REC CONTRACTS

Discussed youth recreation contracts for 2021. Both Village of Croghan and Beaver River Rec plan to open for the summer. The Board has some concerns with the NBCIA and would like Robin Houppert, President of the association to attend the July meeting to answer their questions and concerns. After discussion, the following motion was made.

On a Motion made by Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, to send contracts to the Village of Croghan and the Beaver River Recreation Association for their approval; and a letter to NBCIA President requesting her appearance at the July 12, 2021 meeting.

Ayes 5 Becker, Aucter, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

BAR

Board of Assessment Review – a couple members have stated their intent of resigning at the end of their terms. Need to find replacements.

CANNABIS

Attorney Farley – the Board needs to decide if it is going to opt out of both cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption before he can draft the opt out local law. The opt out local law needs to be adopted by December 31, 2021 and is subject to a permissive referendum (or referendum on petition) following the procedure outlined in Municipal Home Rule Law § 24. Meaning if the Town adopts said local law opting out, and there is a petition with a sufficient number of qualifying signatures, then the Town would have to put the local law to a vote. Discussion followed with mixed feelings amongst the Board. After discussion, the following motion was made.

On a Motion made by Supervisor Keys, seconded by Councilman Aucter, to move forward with the drafting of a proposed local law to opt out of both cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption within the Town's jurisdiction (Cannabis Law §131).

Ayes 5 Becker, Aucter, Buell, Lyndaker, Keys Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF 2021
SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 59 OF 2021
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Keys is authorized and directed to pay the following amounts on Abstract #4 & #6 of 2021 and also approved the report of prior to audit payments for insurance, utilities, comptroller fees for justice court and water bill #3 Water District

General	Voucher #62 thru #74	\$4,778.32
Highway T-Wide	Voucher #56 thru #63	\$2,111.24
Highway T-Outside	Voucher #9 thru #13	\$55,696.90

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H. Insurance - \$9,493.10 Utilities - \$2,057.84 Comptroller - \$2,322.00
Village of Lowville - \$1,441.41

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on July 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

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

Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector