

REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2021

**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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

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

Attended by: Ian Gilbert – Co. Legislator

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 28 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 February 8, 2021 meeting are approved.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilwoman Buell

1. Federal stimulus funding for municipalities – bill in the house may be passed this week.
2. Ag District #6 – County held its annual request for inclusion of agriculturally viable land into the ag districts, two (2) New Bremen parcels were included.
3. Joint ZBA board – hoping to have positive feedback from the Town of Croghan and Diana on their position.
4. Iroquois' Community Grant Program – would like permission to apply for grant funds for improvements for the Ralph Hall Memorial Park. Working on the application and obtained quotes for picnic tables, trash receptacles, small swing, toddler play center and would like to also add clean wood chips. After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2021**  
**APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR IROQUOIS' COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM**

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

RESOLVED, the New Bremen Town Board approves of Councilwoman Buell filing an application for funds through the Iroquois Community Grant Program for improvements to the Ralph Hall Memorial Park.

Councilwoman Lyndaker

1. NYSEERDA Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program – Participating in the program could bring energy savings and economic opportunities to the community. Is a first come first serve basis and only 40 total grants will be awarded in the north country. With the Town already converting to LED streetlights, we have 700 points and one action giving us a jump start with the program. Energy benchmarking and energy use reporting would be a good next step as these actions are free. Will obtain the required information on the streetlight conversion project that was completed and start the application process and work on next actions to complete.

(Regular Meeting of March 8, 2021 cont'd.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2021**  
**TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

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

**GRAVEL BIDS**

Received one (1) sealed bid for bank run gravel. After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF 2021**  
**BANK RUN GRAVEL BID**

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

RESOLVED, that the Clerk presented Proof of Advertising to bid for bank run gravel in the Journal & Republican. The following bid was received:

Matthew E. Bush - \$1.40 per yard

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bid for bank run gravel submitted by Matthew E. Bush for \$1.40 per yard is hereby accepted.

**WATER TREATMENT**

Reviewed quote from Martin Water Conditioning for a water treatment system for the well water supplied to the highway department and municipal office building. Water used for washing equipment will not be treated. Quote Total - \$4,120.00.

Reviewed quote from North Country Contractors, LLC for labor, equipment and material to install a 2" sleeve under the Town driveway via directional drill (boring) for the new water line from existing well. Discussion followed. Per our procurement policy the Board would like Highway Superintendent Herzig to obtain one (1) additional quote for a water treatment system, to be reviewed at the next regular meeting. After further discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 32 OF 2021**  
**APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR BORING**

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

RESOLVED, to accept the quote from North Country Contractors, LLC to furnish labor, equipment and material to install a 2" sleeve under the towns driveway via directional drilling (boring) for installation of a new water line to the municipal and highway garage building.

**HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Herzig reported on the following:

1. Quotes for new pickup – Contacted Nick Nortz of Nortz & Virkler – should have quotes for April meeting for review.
2. Bridge NY Program – working on the application. Have three (3) bridges we are looking to replace – one on Lomber Rd. and twin bridges on Erie Canal Rd. Towns share is yet to be determined; possibly 100% to 90% covered by the program.
3. Summer Youth Program – looking for a worker with a driver's license, possibly two.
4. CHIPS – funding is looking good for this year.



**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Buell is researching ways to utilize the “old” dump for possible development. Possible solar project on the site? Will continue to research further.

The next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on April 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 Buell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Carried unanimously.

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Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector