REGULAR MEETING MARCH 8, 2021



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 8th 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. NYSERDA 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.

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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.

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- 5. Renovation of lunchroom is nearly complete. Waiting on the new countertop.
- 6. Garbage Costs approximately \$20 a week to take garbage to the recycling center. Would a dumpster be cheaper? Discussed Highway Superintendent Herzig will get pricing for a dumpster for comparison and discuss further at the next regular meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 33 OF 2021 JUSTICES MONTHLY REPORTS

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, that Judge Murphy's monthly report for January and both Justices monthly reports for February are approved as submitted.

COUNTY

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

- 1. Received notification of a bill in the house for federal stimulus funding for Lewis County municipalities. Original number was over \$489,000.00 for New Bremen which has already dropped dramatically to approximately \$290,000.00. More information to come.
- 2. Covid vaccinations are going well and the number of cases is down significantly.
- 3. New Bremen Solar project has opted into the new 94c process.
- 4. Continued struggles for our local schools in returning to a full five (5) days a week due to Covid restrictions.

RESOLUTION NO. 34 OF 2021 DCO MONTHLY REPORT

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

RESOLVED, the DCO monthly report is approved as submitted.

LONG RANGE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN

Supervisor Keys created a new long range equipment replacement plan for the Boards review. Discussion and review of the plan followed. No action taken.

RESOLUTION NO. 35 OF 2021 SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL 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 Supervisor's monthly financial report for January and February is approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION NO. 36 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 #3 of 2021 and also approved the report of prior to audit payments for health insurance, utilities and comptroller fees for justice court.

 General
 Voucher #28 thru #41
 \$4,836.29

 Highway T-Wide
 Voucher #16 thru #28
 \$54,008.26

H. Insurance - \$10,122.40 Utilities - \$2,268.77 Comptroller - \$1,400.00

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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.

Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC Town Clerk/Tax Collector