

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 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 March 2023.

Town Officer's Present: Joseph E. Aucter, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman
Alexis L. Lyndaker, Councilwoman
Thomas J. Schantz, Councilman
Douglas E. Herzig, Highway Superintendent
Elizabeth B. Jones, Clerk
Absent - Peter J. Keys, Supervisor, Casandra M. Buell, Councilwoman

Also Present: Nick Astafan – DCO, Joanne Dicob

Deputy Supervisor Aucter called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

RESOLUTION NO. 22 OF 2023
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilman Schantz, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Lyndaker, Schantz Nays 0

RESOLVED, the minutes of the February 13, 2023 meeting are approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2023
DCO MONTHLY REPORT

On a motion of Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilman Schantz, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Lyndaker, Schantz Nays 0

RESOLVED, the DCO monthly report is approved as submitted.

DCO

DCO Astafan asked for permission to attend a free dog control seminar on April 14th in Herkimer County. Would only need to reimburse him for his mileage, which will be shared with Town of Lowville. Deputy Young may be attending also. The Board approved their attendance.

MILEAGE

The federal mileage reimbursement rate increased from 62.5 cents per mile to 65.5 on December 29, 2022, after the board set the rate for 2023. After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2023
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

On a motion of Councilman Schantz, seconded by Councilwoman Lyndaker, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Lyndaker, Schantz Nays 0

RESOLVED, to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to the federal rate of 65.5 cents per mile and to pro rate all existing mileage from January 1, 2023.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Lyndaker reported on the following:

1. Trout Unlimited was awarded funding for culvert replacement projects through the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP), which includes the proposed culvert replacement on Brewery Road. Nothing changes with the project and the Town will continue with in-kind services as previously agreed upon.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 OF 2023
TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORTS

On a motion of Councilman Schantz, seconded by Councilwoman Lyndaker, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Lyndaker, Schantz Nays 0

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

TRAINING

Clerk Jones asked the Board for permission to attend the 2023 NYSTCA Clerk's Conference in Syracuse April 23-26th. After discussion, the following motion was presented.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilman Schantz, that Clerk Jones has permission to attend the conference. Ayes 3 Aucter, Lyndaker, Schantz Nays 0

GRAVEL BIDS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2023
BANK RUN GRAVEL BID

On a motion of Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilman Schantz, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Lyndaker, Schantz Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Clerk presented Proof of Advertising to bid for bank run gravel in the Journal & Republican with the following sealed bid being received: Matthew E. Bush - \$1.75 per yard

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid for bank run gravel submitted by Matthew E. Bush for \$1.75 per yard is hereby accepted as per recommendation of Highway Superintendent Herzig.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Herzig reported on the following:

1. New Tandem – arrived at Viking and should be ready by late summer.
2. MEO – hired Stephen Jones as the new MEO. Start date was March 3rd.
3. Gradeall – Town of Watson has 1 gradeall (working), 1 gradeall (not working) and miscellaneous parts for sale. \$7500 for all if the Town is interested. Discussion - unsure whether we want to spend the money at this time. Superintendent Herzig would like to look at the parts for our gradeall. Board agreed.
4. Building Upgrade Project – Stanley Jantzi is looking to start work the end of April.
5. CHIPS – Advocacy day went well, but unsure of funding for this year.

COURT

Discussed researching the procedure to eliminate one (1) elected justice position and how it will affect the remaining judge and court operations.

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2023
JUSTICES MONTHLY REPORTS

On a motion of Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilman Schantz, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Lyndaker, Schantz Nays 0

RESOLVED, the Justices monthly reports are approved as submitted.

HUMANE SOCIETY

Cheryl Steiner, Board President of the Lewis County Humane Society sent a letter requesting the Boards support in applying for a grant from the Companion Animal Capital Projects Fund to make critically needed capital improvements to their shelter. Deadline is March 17th. After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2023
LEWIS COUNTY HUMAN SOCIETY LETTER OF SUPPORT

On a motion of Councilman Schantz, seconded by Councilwoman Lyndaker, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Lyndaker, Schantz Nays 0

RESOLVED, that Deputy Supervisor Aucter is hereby authorized to send a letter of support to the Lewis County Humane Society in support of their application for a grant from the Companion Animal Capital Projects Fund.

NYCLASS

Deputy Supervisor Aucter reported the program is going well and reports from the accountants are forthcoming.

RPTL 575-b

Scott Doyle, Town of Denmark Supervisor sent a letter urging towns to join a suit with Schoharie County in challenging the implementation of RPTL 575-b and ultimately the constitutionality of the law. Board reviewed and discussed, but is unsure of the full intentions of said law and needs more information to make a decision on whether to support their suit. Councilman Aucter will contact Mr. Doyle for more information.

TOWN POLICIES

Town Board reviewed all town policies. No changes at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2023
SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion of Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilman Schantz, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Lyndaker, Schantz Nays 0

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

RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2023
AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On a motion of Councilman Schantz, seconded by Councilwoman Lyndaker, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 3 Aucter, Lyndaker, Schantz Nays 0

RESOLVED, that Deputy Supervisor Aucter is authorized and directed to pay the following amounts on Abstract #3 of 2023 and also approved the report of prior to audit payments for health insurance, utilities and comptroller fees for justice court.

General	Voucher #36 thru #50	\$22,411.04
Highway T-Wide	Voucher #23 thru #37	\$43,107.63
Highway T-Outside	Voucher #5 thru #5	\$298.00
H. Insurance - \$10,269.77	Utilities - \$2,362.17	Comptroller - \$2,698.00

The next regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on April 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilwoman Lyndaker, seconded by Councilman Schantz, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Carried unanimously.

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