

REGULAR MEETING

November 11, 2013

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 11th day of November 2013.

Town Officer's Present: Peter J. Keys, Supervisor
David L. Becker, Councilman
Matthew E. Bush, Councilman
Ralph L. Bush, Councilman
Susan J. Sauer, Councilwoman
Elizabeth B. Jones, Clerk
Errol A. Aucter, Justice

Attended by: Approximately 12 people

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag lead by Veterans David Becker, John Boyd, Ralph Bush and Errol Aucter. A moment of silence was observed for all those Veterans who have served, are serving and that have passed on.

RESOLUTION NO. 135 OF 2013 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman D. Becker, seconded by Councilman M. Bush, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, M. Bush, R. Bush, Sauer, Keys Nays 0

Resolved the minutes of the October 14 & 21, 2013 meetings are approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman R. Bush spoke with Bill Schaab, North Country Estates. He will be attending the December 9th meeting to submit and review his quote for insurance for liability/vehicle etc. with the Board.

Councilman M. Bush spoke with a representative of Buckingham Hardware regarding their charging policy. Currently they allow anyone who requests to charge to the Town's account to do so. The Town can provide a list of people authorized to charge for the town and they would adhere to it. Discussion followed regarding the creation of a policy for charging purchases to town accounts. No action taken.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Public Hearings for proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2013 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c and for the Preliminary Budget for 2014 were declared open at 6:13 p.m. with Proof of Publication in the Journal & Republican being acknowledged.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

Supervisor Keys opened the floor to the public for comments. Several residents brought up concerns regarding several line items in the preliminary budget.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

All comments and/or questions by the public pertaining to proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2013 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c and the 2014 Preliminary Budget were addressed. Therefore, the public hearings were hereby closed at 7:18 p.m. by Supervisor Keys.

**RESOLUTION NO. 136 OF 2013
ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2013
TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C**

On a motion of Councilman M. Bush, seconded by Councilman R. Bush, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, M. Bush, R. Bush, Sauer, Keys Nays 0

Whereas the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen has worked diligently to prepare the Town Budget for 2014; and

Whereas said budget will necessitate an increase in the 2014 Town of New Bremen tax rate to be greater than the two percent (2%) allowed under the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Board of the Town of New Bremen hereby does adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2013: A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c.

BUDGET CHANGES

The Board discussed reducing the machinery equipment fund. After discussion a Motion was made by Councilman R. Bush, seconded by Councilman D. Becker changing DA5130.2 – Machinery Equipment from \$60,000 to \$40,000.

Ayes 5 Becker, M. Bush, R. Bush, Sauer, Keys Nays 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 137 OF 2013
ADOPTION OF THE 2014 BUDGET**

On a motion by Councilman Becker, seconded by Councilman R. Bush, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, M. Bush, R. Bush, Sauer, Keys Nays 0

Whereas the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen did meet at the time and place as advertised in the Journal & Republican, now therefore

Be It Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen does hereby adopt such Preliminary Budget of the Town of New Bremen for fiscal year 2014 and said budget will be attached to the proceedings of this meeting, and be it

Further Resolved that the Town Clerk shall prepare and certify a copy of the annual budget as adopted by the Town Board pursuant to Town Law and within 5 days thereof deliver 2 copies to the Supervisor for submission to the Board of Legislators.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 138 OF 2013
NEW BREMEN FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT**

On a motion of Councilman Becker, seconded by Councilman M. Bush, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, M. Bush, R. Bush, Sauer, Keys Nays 0

Resolved that a public hearing will be held on December 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building for the purpose of renewing a contract with the Croghan Fire Department for fire protection under the New Bremen Fire Protection District with compensation to be set at \$16,275.00. Notice of the Public Hearing is to be published for 1 week in the Journal & Republican.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Frank Pace, Senior Planner for the Lewis County Department of Economic Development sent a letter stating the referral application for Site Plan Review Zoning Permit #Z-191-2013, for Vinny Purpura's proposed metal recycling facility is incomplete and requires further information. It is his opinion and recommendation that a comprehensive review be completed and resubmitted. Clerk Jones forwarded a copy of said letter to Attorney Farley. He responded with a letter to the Board with his recommendations. After discussion the Board tabled the issue. Supervisor Keys will contact Vinny Purpura and Attorney Farley to discuss further.

**RESOLUTION NO. 139 OF 2013
TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT**

On a motion of Councilman M. Bush, seconded by Councilman R. Bush, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, M. Bush, R. Bush, Sauer, Keys Nays 0

Resolved the Town Clerk's monthly report is approved as submitted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 140 OF 2013
ADVERTISE FOR FUEL BIDS**

On a motion of Councilman M. Bush, seconded by Councilman Becker, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, M. Bush, R. Bush, Sauer, Keys Nays 0

Resolved that unleaded gas and diesel fuel for the 2014 year be advertised for bid for 1 week in the Journal & Republican. Bids will be opened on December 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Hall submitted a memo to the Board requesting a transfer of funds to the DB5112.4 – General Repairs to finish paying the bills for summer work. He suggested changes to the Employee & Liability Guidelines regarding wages for newly hired highway employees and compensation for employees who do not participate in the health insurance program. Also, he informed the Board that he hired Chris Adams, in place of Earl Boliver, as a full time MEO w/CDL beginning November 12, 2013.

Supervisor Keys suggested that the Board should review the Employee & Liability Guideline policy and get input from the Highway Employees and newly elected Highway Superintendent and address it in January.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 141 OF 2013
JUSTICES MONTHLY REPORTS**

On a motion of Councilman M. Bush, seconded by Councilman R. Bush, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, M. Bush, R. Bush, Sauer, Keys Nays 0

Resolved the Justices monthly reports are approved as submitted.

DCO

Dog Control Officer, Lindsay Burriss will be receiving the rabies vaccine from Lewis County Public Health at a cost of \$696 for the series of three (3) shots. The fee will be split between the Towns of New Bremen and Croghan.

COUNTY UPDATE

Legislator Boyd stated the Board of Legislator's budget hearing will be held on November 19, 2013 at 7 p.m.

BCBS

Supervisor Keys met with Ron Griffin of BCBS to review the health insurance policy and premiums for 2014 which are decreasing from 2013.

**RESOLUTION NO. 142 OF 2013
SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

On a motion of Councilman M. Bush, seconded by Councilman Becker, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, M. Bush, R. Bush, Sauer, Keys Nays 0

Resolved the Supervisor's monthly report is approved as submitted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 143 OF 2013
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilman M. Bush, seconded by Councilwoman Sauer, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, M. Bush, R. Bush, Sauer, Keys Nays 0

Resolved that Supervisor Keys is authorized and directed to pay the following amounts on Abstract #8 & #11 of 2013 in the following amounts.

General	Voucher #129 thru #138	\$2,003.73
Highway T-Wide	Voucher #140 thru #147	\$4,008.21
Highway T-Outside	Voucher #29 thru #30	\$19,589.31

RETIREMENT

Joanne Dicob asked the Board if they considered having an open house or retirement party for Highway Superintendent Ralph (Bub) Hall to celebrate his retirement. The Board thought it was a good idea and asked Mrs. Dicob to head the project.

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The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on December 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Becker, seconded by Councilman M. Bush, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector