

REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 2016

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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 10th day of October 2016.

Town Officer's Present: Peter J. Keys, Supervisor
David L. Becker, Councilman
Joseph E. Aucler, Councilman
Steven Brooks, Councilman
Marcus Bush, Councilman
Jonathan M. Bush, Hwy. Superintendent
Elizabeth B. Jones, Clerk
Errol A. Aucler, Justice

Attended by: Approximately 16 people

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

**RESOLUTION NO. 102 OF 2016
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Councilman Becker, seconded by Councilman Brooks, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 5 Becker, Aucler, Brooks, Bush, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting are approved.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

Supervisor Keys opened the floor to Pat Adams, Director of Board for the Lewis County Humane Society and Councilman Brooks, LCHS Board Member. They are looking for financial assistance (a one time donation) to make upgrades to the Pine Grove Animal Shelter (LCHS) and replace kennels that are 30 years old and are unsafe for the animals they shelter when picked up by local dog control officers. They are a non-profit organization and receive no financial support from the state or federal governments and survive solely on donations and volunteer assistance from surrounding local communities. They are also approaching the other Towns in the county for assistance. The Board thanked Mrs. Adams for coming and will consider their request.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing to consider the Ambulance Service Contract with Lewis County Search and Rescue Inc. was declared open at 6:05 p.m. by Supervisor Keys with proof of Publication in the Journal & Republican being acknowledged.

Discussion and review of the contract and services to be provided followed.

CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All questions, comments and concerns by the public were heard. Therefore, the public hearing was hereby closed at 6:33 p.m. After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 103 OF 2016
SEARCH AND RESCUE AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town of New Bremen does hereby enter in to an agreement with the Lewis County Search and Rescue, Inc., to provide ambulance services to the Town of New Bremen and its residents for 2017 for a fee of \$5,835.00.

*Copy of said contract is incorporated at the end of these minutes.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Aucter reported that the adopted changes to the Employment & Liability Guidelines are nearly finalized. Clerk Jones issue copies to the employees and board along with a signature sheet stating they received said updated guidelines.

**RESOLUTION NO. 104 OF 2016
TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT**

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

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

HIGHWAY

Supervisor Keys stated he received the CHIPS and Pave NY reimbursements from the state for paving.

Highway Superintendent Bush asked the Board to consider adopting a resolution pertaining to the New York State DOT Statewide GIS Public Roads Project. The state is questioning the length of roads and whether or not they exist, and are utilizing Google earth to measure roads but is not always accurate due to heavy trees etc. in our area and have reduced the Towns road mileage. Superintendent Bush measured all roads in the Town with the Lewis County GIS mapping program and the use of a RAC GEO2 distance meter and has determined discrepancies in the states mileage. After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 105 OF 2016
TO SATISFY NEW YORK STATE DOT STATEWIDE GIS PUBLIC ROADS PROJECT**

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation initiated the Statewide GIS Public Roads Project to ensure that all local highway inventory records have accurate lengths that match measurements from aerial photography and GIS mapping, and

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Bush determined the length of said town roads by using the Lewis County GIS mapping program and use of a RAC GEO2 distance meter, and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen hereby authorizes Highway Superintendent Bush to keep and accept the following Town roads as named and measured for the Local Highway Inventory.

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Begin Description</u>	<u>End Description</u>	<u>Total miles</u>
Auctor Rd Spur	Adams Hill Rd	Auctor Rd	0.10
Baker Rd	Beech Hill Rd	Pavement change	0.29
Baker Rd	Pavement change	Dead End	0.08
Basslin Rd	Artz Rd	Dead End	0.20
Ebersol Circle	State Rte 126	Dead End	0.26
Hopps Rd	State Rte 812	Dead End	0.45
Lehman Rd	CR 24	Dead End	0.49
Martin St	CR 9	Dead End	0.08
Pine Tree Lane	Pavement change	Dead End	0.24
Tower Rd	Dicob Rd	CR 26	.75
William St	Croghan V/L	Dead End	.30
Yousey Rd	Erie Canal Rd	Dead End	.86

**RESOLUTION NO. 106 OF 2016
JUSTICES MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

RESOLVED, the Justices monthly reports are approved as submitted.

BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Supervisor Keys reminded the Board of the Budget Workshop Meeting is to be held on October 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. and the October 17th one is cancelled.

ZONING

Ward Dailey, Zoning Officer, has a couple recommended changes to the Towns Mobile Home Law – Local Law #1 of 1996, to bring it up to date with the states regulations. Supervisor Keys reviewed those changes and stated the Board would need to hold a public hearing to amend the local law. After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 107 OF 2016
SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2016
TO AMEND LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 1996 - MOBILE HOME LAW**

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

RESOLVED, to hold a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2016 – Amend Mobile Home Law No. 1 of 1996, on November 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

ZONING

Supervisor Keys reminded the Board of the October 31st deadline for cleanup of the Eugene Cady property located at 8476 State Rte. 812, New Bremen, which was destroyed by fire in 2013. It has not yet been cleaned up and asked the Board if they wish to proceed with the cleanup. He has received one quote thus far.

Peter McLane, Cut Off Road, mentioned a property on the Van Amber Road that he believes is in violation of the junkyard law and needs cleaning up. Supervisor Keys explained that a complaint must be filed with the County junkyard department before action can be taken on a property.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Ed Barone from Brown and Brown met with Supervisor Keys and several Town employees to review new health insurance plans to replace the current one that will be obsolete after December 31st. Will be reviewing further.

Also, received a refund from Excellus BCBS for the Medicare insurance holders.

CEMETERY

Supervisor Keys discussed a proposed law by Governor Cuomo to allow pet burials in not for profit cemeteries. This would allow cremated remains of one's pet to be buried with their human owners if so desired. If the law passes the Board will need to revisit the rules of the New Bremen Rural Cemetery.

**RESOLUTION NO. 108 OF 2016
SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 109 OF 2016
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Keys is authorized and directed to pay the following amounts on Abstract #8 & #10 of 2016 in the following amounts.

General	Voucher #127 thru #140	\$4,384.67
Highway T-Wide	Voucher #135 thru #141	\$12,888.25
Highway T-Outside	Voucher #31 thru #32	\$2,056.95

Supervisor Keys noted that Cintas laundry service will be discontinued effective January 30, 2017 with the "new" clothing allowance going in to effect January 1, 2017.

**RESOLUTION NO. 110 OF 2016
LEWIS COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves a onetime donation of \$1000.00 to be made to the Lewis County Humane Society in support of their improvements to be made to the Pine Grove Animal Shelter.

BEAVER FALLS AMBULANCE

Peter McLane of the Beaver Falls Ambulance gave an update on their department. They are currently working on obtaining their narcotics license which is being required by the state to remain an ALS agency.

Councilman Aucter wanted it noted in the minutes that Rick Hunkins of the Beaver Falls Ambulance stated at a meeting of their department that it costs a little over \$100 per ambulance run.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on November 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Becker, seconded by Councilman Aucter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector