

REGULAR MEETING

September 10, 2012

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 September 2012.

Town Officer's Present: Peter J. Keys, Supervisor
David L. Becker, Councilman
Matthew E. Bush, Councilman
Ralph L. Bush, Councilman
Susan J. Sauer, Councilwoman
Ralph H. Hall, Highway Superintendent
Elizabeth B. Jones, Clerk
Erin C. Gratch, Assessor
Errol A. Aueter, Town Justice

Attended by: Approximately 6 people

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

RESOLUTION NO. 111 OF 2012 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 the minutes of the August 13, 2012 meeting are approved with the following amendment per Councilwoman Sauer's request: that the fourth quarter IRS issue has been resolved to the satisfaction of Councilman M. Bush.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilwoman Sauer discussed the proposed fit station program proposals that were tabled during the last meeting. Highway Superintendent Hall discussed the proposals with Councilwoman Sauer, and has changed his mind with regard to assisting with the installation of the Fit Stations & suggested that she submit the proposals.

Supervisor Keys has since received a response to the request for monies from Pratt Northram in the amount of \$1,000 for the Fit Stations and will hold the money until March of 2013 pending receipt of full funding of the project.

Councilwoman Sauer reported that she has been in contact with Buckingham Hardware in Croghan and they have offered the use of a cement mixer at no cost to the Town. She is also awaiting for approval from other grant requests.

RESOLUTION NO. 112 OF 2012 TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

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

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Hall gave a brief report of work completed and on upcoming projects.

RESOLUTION NO. 113 OF 2012 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.

COUNTY UPDATE

Legislator Boyd gave an update of happenings at the County level. He also stated there will be a meeting on the replacement of the bridge located on the Van Amber Road to be held September 19, 2012 at the Castorland Fire Hall.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Keys stated that budget requests have been submitted to department heads. Also mentioned there will be a webinar on the "budget process" on October 11, 2012 from 2 to 4 pm along with a Budget Training session by the Comptroller's Office on September 18, 2012 from 7 – 9 pm at the Lewis Co. Cooperative Extension.

ASSESSOR

Assessor Gratch received a letter from Attorney Farley pertaining to the Village of Lowville water treatment facility and its assessment. Ms. Gratch informed the Board in July that the County made unauthorized changes to the Town's final roll. She signed the final roll stipulating unauthorized changes to the Village of Lowville parcels made by the County. Ms. Gratch suggested that letters be sent to the Lewis Co. Real Property Tax Office and County Attorney Graham stating that the County does not have the authority to change the Towns tax roll or assessments; and to discuss with Attorney Farley due to possible future litigation. After discussion the following resolution was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 114 OF 2012 VILLAGE OF LOWVILLE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

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 Supervisor Keys is authorized to write a letter to the Lewis Co. Real Property Tax Office and to Lewis County Attorney Richard Graham stating that all assessments and exemption administrations will be done by the Assessor of the Town as per Real Property Tax Law. Furthermore, that all future correspondence should be directed to the Town Supervisor not the Town Attorney.

TRANSFER

Supervisor Keys asked for approval to transfer funds to cover the cost of the pay loader. After discussion the following resolution was presented.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 115 OF 2012
TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

Resolved the Supervisor is authorized to transfer \$65,000.00 from EQ Reserve to DA5130.2 and \$50,000.00 from Sale of Equipment to DA5130.2 Machinery – Capital Outlay, to finance pay loader purchase.

AIS

Supervisor Keys received a letter from Lisa Pajak, Business Consultant, requesting a letter of support necessary to help the Adirondack International Speedway move forward with its re-opening of the track and agree to work with the County and State in having the necessary work performed in order to establish a fair and reasonable assessment and tax base for AIS. Supervisor Keys read a letter of support he drafted prior to the meeting. After discussion the Board approved the letter of support by signing it.

**RESOLUTION NO. 116 OF 2012
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. 117 OF 2012
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilman R. 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 #7 & #9 of 2012 in the following amounts.

General	Voucher #117 thru #120	\$772.39
Highway T-Wide	Voucher #116 thru #127	\$4,467.36
Highway T-Outside	Voucher #18 thru #21	\$34,184.33

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on October 8, 2012 at 5:15 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 6:22 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector