

SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2012

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen, County of Lewis and the State of New York was held at the New Bremen Fire Dept. Meeting Room, 8154 State Rte. 812, New Bremen, New York on the 26th day of March 2012.

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

Attended by: Approximately 50 people

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag. This meeting was called to discuss issues concerning the Adirondack International Speedway (AIS).

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Keys reading his horoscope. He also read a letter he sent inviting County Representatives, Board Members and Assessor Gratch to this meeting to state their position in this matter.

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The Board members explained they would like to see this resolved. Councilwoman Sauer was disappointed that Assessor Gratch didn't attend and feels a lot of questions belong to her. Councilman Becker explained that the Board met with our Attorney and our hands are tied. Councilman M. Bush wants it to be fair to the people of the Town and fair to Paul Lyndaker.

Legislator's Boyd and Tabolt feel their presence shows their interest but their hands are tied due to the lawsuit.

Supervisor Keys feels there should be some way to sort this out. It's in the legal process and wishes there was an easy fix and is doing what he can to resolve this issue.

Paul Lyndaker explained he is not against paying taxes; however he disputes the assessed value of the property. When asked what he thought a fair assessment would be for the track he would not give a number but explained the value of the track to the community.

Many attendees were upset that Assessor Gratch did not attend the meeting and feel the Board has the right to request she be present.

Mark Lehman, Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review, explained there are different ways that assessors come up with the value of a property. Cost of construction, sales, profit and loss. Mr. Lehman suggested that Supervisor Keys contact the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services for more information.

Supervisor Keys asked for a show of hands if anyone learned anything tonight. He also assigned homework to the public, himself and Mr. Lyndaker asking him to have his attorney contact the Towns attorney and get the information they need. Supervisor Keys will contact the NYS ORPS as suggested.

The next meeting on the AIS will be discussed at our next regular board meeting. Supervisor Keys thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector