

REGULAR MEETING
August 12, 2019

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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 12th day of August 2019.

Town Officer's Present: Peter J. Keys, Supervisor
Joseph E. Aucter, Councilman
Marcus Bush, Councilman
Casandra M. Buell, Councilwoman
Jonathan M. Bush, Hwy. Superintendent
Elizabeth B. Jones, Clerk
Nicholas Astafan, DCO

David L. Becker, Councilman - Absent

Attended by: Approximately 4 people

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

**RESOLUTION NO. 76 OF 2019
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Bush, Buell, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, the minutes of the July 8, 2019 meeting are approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Aucter went over the revisions made to the Employment & Liability Guidelines he made and submitted to the Board. Discussion and review followed with a couple suggested changes. Mr. Aucter will make changes and forward to the Board for final adoption at the September 9th meeting.

Councilwoman Buell stated that the installation of the playground is finished. There is approximately \$700 left in the playground fund and would like to get a sign made. She is working with Ink Well Graphics to create it. DCO Astafan suggested having "no dogs allowed" on the sign. The Board liked the idea. Once the sign is finished she plans to have a grand opening.

**RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 2019
TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT**

On a motion of Councilman Bush, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Bush, Buell, Keys Nays 0

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

COUNTY TAX INSTALLMENT

Clerk Jones reported on the meeting which involved a demonstration of the tax collection software program by Systems East, which is the required program if the Town wishes to opt in to the county tax installment payment option for the collection of Town-County taxes. It is not a very user friendly program as compared to our current iTax program used. The Board raised several questions, but ultimately aren't any answers for at this time until you actually use the system for a few years for comparison. A decision needs to be made by October 1, 2019 whether to opt in or opt out of the installment payment option.

**RESOLUTION NO. 79 OF 2019
NOT TO PURCHASE 2019 1 TON DUMP TRUCK**

On a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilman Bush, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Bush, Buell, Keys Nays 0

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances the Town Board will not be purchasing the 2019 1 Ton Dump Truck, Super Duty Body and Plow Mount Kit, which was approved by Town Board Resolution No. 120 of 2018 on October 8, 2018, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town of New Bremen will not expend \$44,936.04 out of the Equipment Reserve Fund for the above stated purchase.

**RESOLUTION NO. 80 OF 2019
JUSTICES MONTHLY REPORTS**

On a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Bush, Buell, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, the Justices monthly reports are approved as submitted.

DCO

Nicholas Astafan submitted and reviewed his monthly report to the Board. He stated he picked up a dog over the weekend on Tillman Road full of porcupine quills with no ID tags. The dog was treated by CVC and the owner was located and will be responsible for the bill. Discussion followed suggesting possible changes to the Towns dog control law. No action taken on the dog control law. After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 81 OF 2019
DCO MONTHLY REPORT**

On a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilman Bush, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Bush, Buell, Keys Nays 0

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

VILLAGE OF LOWVILLE

The Village of Lowville Board is acting on behalf of the Village of Lowville Groundwater Project and has accepted Part 1 of a long form Environmental Assessment for the project and desires to act as lead agency for coordinated review and is asking for our Boards consent to act as lead agency for completing the environmental review on the project. After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 82 OF 2019
CONSENT FOR VILLAGE OF LOWVILLE BOARD TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY
FOR THE VILLAGE OF LOWVILLE GROUNDWATER PROJECT**

On a motion of Councilman Aucter, seconded by Councilman Bush, the following resolution was
ADOPTED Ayes 4 Aucter, Bush, Buell, Keys Nays 0

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen hereby gives consent to the Village of Lowville Board to act as Lead Agency for the Village of Lowville Groundwater Project.

