

REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 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 10th day of June 2019.

Town Officer's Present: Peter J. Keys, Supervisor
David L. Becker, Councilman
Joseph E. Aueter, Councilman
Marcus Bush, Councilman
Casandra M. Buell, Councilwoman
Jonathan M. Bush, Hwy. Superintendent
Elizabeth B. Jones, Clerk

Attended by: Approximately 5 people

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

**RESOLUTION NO. 59 OF 2019
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED, the minutes of the May 13th and 31st, 2019 meetings are approved.

FLOOR

Supervisor Keys opened the floor for comments. Ian Gilbert, candidate for Legislator in District #4, introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his background as an attorney and his goals if elected.

Brett Hastings and Eric Will, Senior Developers for Geronimo Energy gave a handout and overview on their proposed solar project development along with background of the company and its owner/founder. They have spoken with several land owners interested in leasing their land for the solar project; and have started the NYSERDA Renewable Energy Standard RFP Solicitation process. It will be a 100+ MW solar farm, parcel size – approximately 800-1000 acres with a targeted construction date of 2023. Due to the size of the project it falls under Article 10 per state law which can be a lengthy process. One of the benefits they offer is a “host community fund” which they will donate up to \$20,000 a year for 20 years, depending on final system size, and will provide direct benefit and value to the community by providing additional funding for any number of local projects, grants or other community focused endeavors. There will be a PILOT agreement (payment in lieu of taxes) for approximately \$200,000 for county, town and school, for 15-25 years. It will take approximately 1 year to build and will employ around 100 workers and possibly 2 workers for maintenance after completion of the project. Mr. Hastings and Mr. Will thanked the Board for their time and will keep them informed on the project as it moves forward. They left the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Aueter reported that he and Councilman Bush met with the highway employees today pertaining to the Employment and Liabilities Guideline policy and will bring updates to the Board at the July meeting.



**RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2019
DCO'S MONTHLY REPORT**

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

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

ASSESSOR

Assessor Ball asked the Board to decide whether to do a town-wide revaluation this year. The county does cover the postage, but the town is required to supply the envelopes. Mr. Ball estimated cost of supplies he will need for the project to be approximately \$500. After discussion, the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2019
AUTHORIZATION OF TOWN-WIDE REVALUATION**

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen is responsible for giving instruction to its Assessor with respect to the revaluation of properties of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen has determined to do a town-wide revaluation to be effective for the 2020 tax roll, and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has asked for a formal resolution of the Town Board authorizing him to undertake such revaluation, now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen does hereby authorize and direct its sole appointed Assessor, Robert Ball, to commence a revaluation of all properties in the Town of New Bremen to be effective for the 2020 tax roll.

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN

Councilwoman Buell asked about revisiting the equipment replacement plan or whether we are waiting for further information on the duly pickup. Supervisor Keys would like to wait to see what the 1 ton dump truck outcome will be and see what money is available before moving forward with the equipment replacement plan. Councilman Bush would like Highway Superintendent Bush to obtain updated quotes for a new loader, the Board agreed. No action.

PLAYGROUND

Councilwoman Buell asked that upon receipt of the final grant funds from Pratt Northam for the playground equipment that Supervisor Keys send payment to Superior Recreational Products. After discussion, the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2019
AUTHORIZED PAYMENT OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

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

RESOLVED, that upon receipt of final grant funds for the playground equipment from Pratt Northam, Supervisor Keys is directed to send payment to Superior International Industries, Inc. for the playground equipment in the amount of \$20,478.06, as per updated invoice.

**RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2019
SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2019
AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Keys is authorized and directed to pay the following amounts on Abstract #5 & #6 of 2019 in the following amounts.

General	Voucher #69 thru #81	\$4,277.15
Highway T-Wide	Voucher #62 thru #71	\$2,174.36
Highway T-Outside	Voucher #10 thru #11	\$3,461.51

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on July 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Becker, seconded by Councilwoman Buell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector