

REGULAR MEETING
November 11, 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 11th day of November 2019.

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

Attended by: Nicholas Astafan, DCO and 5 other individuals

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag led by Councilman Becker in remembrance of all Veterans on this Veterans Day.

**RESOLUTION NO. 112 OF 2019
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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 minutes of the October 14, 2019 meeting are approved.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #1 of 2019 entitled "A Local Law Amending the Current Dog Law of the Town of New Bremen Adding a Late Charge for Dog Licensing" was declared open at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor Keys, with proof of publication in the Journal & Republican. The purpose of the law is to add a \$5 late fee to any owner who licenses a dog after the expiration of the dog's then current license.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

There were no questions or comments by the public; therefore, the public hearing was hereby closed at 6:08 p.m. by Supervisor Keys. After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 113 OF 2019
ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2019
AMENDING CURRENT DOG LAW ADDING A LATE CHARGE**

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, that the New Bremen Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2019 – Amending the Current Dog Law of the Town of New Bremen Adding a Late Charge for Dog Licensing.

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

DCO

The Board reviewed the DCO monthly report. Supervisor Keys spoke with Countryside Vet Clinic – they are happy with the verbal agreement with the Town for emergency vet care for injured dogs picked up by the DCO. No further action required.



**RESOLUTION NO. 119 OF 2019
JUSTICES MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

RESOLVED, the Justices monthly reports are approved as submitted.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Keys reported on the following:

1. Enbridge Gas will now be known as Liberty Utilities.
2. Village of Lowville Water Report is filed with the Town Clerk or available on their website.
3. Zoning Officer Ward Dailey served a “notice of violation order to remedy” on Dale E. Lehman property located at 8153 State Rte. 812, Town of New Bremen and has 10 days from the service of said notice to remedy the violations.
4. Carthage Paper Maker final license application notice submitted.
5. The HRA Deductible paid by the Town on employee’s medical plan - SimplyBlue Plus Silver 2 through Excellus BCBS will be increasing to \$2250 Single and \$4500 Family for 2020. Need approval by the Board.

After discussion, the following resolution was presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 120 OF 2019
APPROVAL OF HRA DEDUCTIBLE INCREASE**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen hereby approves increasing the HRA Deductible paid by the Town on employee’s medical plan for 2020 - SimplyBlue Plus Silver 2 through Excellus BCBS to \$2250 Single and \$4500 Family.

**RESOLUTION NO. 121 OF 2019
NEW BREMEN FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT**

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

RESOLVED, that a public hearing will be held on December 9, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Town Municipal Office Building for the purpose of renewing a contract with the Croghan Fire Department for fire protection under the New Bremen Fire Protection District with compensation to be set at \$16,275.00 per year. Notice of the Public Hearing is to be published for 1 week in the Journal & Republican and posted on linkinglewiscounty.com.

**RESOLUTION NO. 122 OF 2019
SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

On a motion of Councilwoman Buell, seconded by Councilman Becker, 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. 23 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 #10 & #11 of 2019 and also approved the report of prior to audit payments for insurance, utilities and comptroller for justice court submitted by Supervisor Keys.

General	Voucher #123 thru #130	\$1,791.29	Insurance - \$8,799.58
Highway T-Wide	Voucher #107 thru #118	\$5,243.55	Utilities - \$1,560.41
Highway T-Outside	Voucher #33 thru #39	\$18,129.88	Comptroller - \$1,267.00

Discussed Countryside Vet Clinics voucher #130 for \$100 for emergency vet care for dog picked up by DCO on 8/12/19. Original bill was \$429.46. Dr. Pauly of CVC arranged an agreement with the owner of the dog, Tyler Lyndaker, that he was to be responsible for all but \$100 of the original bill and the Town would pick up the \$100. Supervisor Keys will be contacting CVC to discuss said arrangement before mailing the check for payment.

The next meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Bremen will be held on December 9, 2019 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 7:42 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Elizabeth B. Jones, RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector