

State of New York
Village of Croghan
Village Board Meeting SPECIAL

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH TOWN OF NEW BREMEN

August 4, 2025

**Location: Town of New Bremen Municipal Building
8420 State Route 812 New Bremen, NY**

Attendees:

Keith Bush, Mayor	Peter Keys, Supervisor
Dawn Ashline, Trustee	Alexis Lyndaker, Councilwoman
Linda Nortz, Trustee	Joseph Aucter, Councilman
Lloyd Richardson, Trustee	Thomas Schantz, Councilman
April Hayes, Trustee	Marcus Bush, Councilman
Betsy Boliver, Village Clerk	Elizabeth Jones, Town Clerk
Ian Gilbert, Village Attorney	Timothy Farley, Town Attorney

Also in attendance: Joanne Dicob, Mike Tabolt, Legislator Barry Lyndaker, Tracy Sitko-Farney, Terry Farney, Bruce Smith, Nancy Smith, Michele Brown, Steve Brown, Tom Buckingham, Shirley Aucter, Eugene Aucter, John Kloster, Tracy Pominville, Brett McVoy, and Anthony Young.

Supervisor Keys called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm with the pledge of allegiance. This meeting was called to discuss formation of water district and establish non-user fee.

Floor/Discussion:

Mayor Bush addressed the need for hydrant replacement, looping streets, and replacing 100-year-old transmission lines. The Village was awarded a \$5 million grant and 0% interest loan was approved on \$4.5 million.

Brett McVoy and Anthony Young of Barton & Loguidice engineering firm distributed a memo outlining the project components and project scope development. Memo also includes funding available through New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC). This memo is included at the end of these minutes proceedings.

Property owners expressed their concerns about forming a water district that they are not interested in joining. It was discussed that there are no cost effects on any parcels outside of water district. Water district lines are mapped out and anyone requesting to join water district in the future would require an amendment to the district. Discussion was had on the benefits of being within the water district to include water supply even during power outages, increase in property value, fire hydrant placement in front of house, and possible insurance savings because of said fire hydrant placement.

Currently the village installs and maintains water line from water main to the curb stop, homeowner is responsible for installation and maintenance from curb stop to house. Village provides water meter, and a monthly meter fee is billed along with a water charge per thousand gallons used. Village board will look into setting uniform rate for water users inside and outside the village.

Negotiations were led by Attorney Farley with the Town Board and the Village of Croghan in order to come to an agreement on terms for an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) for the new water district. New Bremen Board and Village Board agreed to implement a \$5 non-user fee that will be locked in for 30 years for the duration of the loan. Rates can only change with agreement between town and village and will be reviewed yearly. Any non-user requesting to be hooked up to water main must provide the Village DPW at least 48 hour notice and will assume costs from curb stop to house. Every parcel within water district will have a curb stop. The village treasurer will bill the non-user fee. A complete IMA covering all terms and conditions will be drafted by Attorney Farley and Village Attorney Gilbert for the board's review and final approval after the water district is finalized.

Motion by Councilwoman Lyndaker with a second by Councilman Bush to form new water district. All in favor.

Resolution adopting new water district will also be included at the end of these minute proceedings.

Motion by Councilwoman Lyndaker with a second by Councilman Nortz to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Boliver