

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Berne was held on the above date with the following officers present: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey. Also present were Town Clerk Clayton, Attorney Conboy, and several interested citizens. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Lyons who then called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The minutes of 12/12/18 were presented and on motion of Supervisor Lyons and seconded by Councilmember Palow, the minutes were accepted with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Lyons; Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey.

Helderberg Ambulance Report – Alan Zuk, Helderberg Ambulance President, presented a detailed report on the Helderberg Ambulance. Many members were present at the meeting and there are 27 members in all. Mr. Zuk gave some detailed history along with training requirements and certification requirements; numbers of calls from 2013-2018 and the future for the Helderberg Ambulance. Volunteers are always needed! The members were applauded and thanked for their commitment and service to the residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Concerned citizens spoke regarding matters in the Town.

DEPARTMENT/LIAISON REPORTS

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger reported that the garbage truck broke down but was repaired in house for \$600; would like to put the Senior Shuttle Bus up on auction; requested decisions on new trucks as they will be down 3 trucks in the future.

PLANNING & ZONING – Councilmember Jordan reported the Planning Board will hold a process review workshop on 1/17/19; inquired about updated town maps showing all the roads; small sized tax maps for each member; requested use of laptop at meetings and EIS mapper.

SENIORS – Councilmember Jordan stated the next meeting is 1/12/19.

YOUTH COUNCIL – Councilmember Palow reported that the Youth Council is working on the calendar for 2019; the draft of the new handbook will go to the members; an alternate event will take the place of the tubing trip; summer recreation program will run for 2 weeks – July 15/19 through 7/19/19 and 7/22/19 through 7/26/19. More volunteers are needed!

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SWITZKILL FARM – Councilmember Schimmer reported that the next meeting will be on 1/8/18 and a monthly calendar is now available; hikes are being held almost every week; request for dumpster to keep cleaning out the yard; Nelson Kent is doing a terrific job; 2 new board members are needed; Switzkill Valley Volunteers has filed 501C with DOH.

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM - Councilmember Schimmer stated that 45 people attended the Christmas party; asked about bus replacement.

CONSERVATION BOARD – Mr. Schwendeman, along with Jill Falchi from CDRPC gave a power point presentation on the savings of purchasing the street lights; this would be the 4th benchmark needed to be eligible for grant money; the deadline for purchasing is June, 2019.

TRANSFER STATION – Councilmember Willsey reported on the increase in tipping fees; the issue of electronics, tires, the furniture dumpster and some form of fire prevention.

LIBRARY – Kathy Stempel presented a list of events for the Library through February.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Albany County Sheriff’s office will hold a NARCAN training session with kits available at the Maple on the Lake 1/28/19 from 6:00PM-8:00PM

NEW BUSINESS

**INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2019
“TOWN OF BERNE INDUSTRIAL SCALE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM
MORATORIUM LAW”**

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons introduced Local Law #1 of 2019 **“Town of Berne Industrial Scale Solar Energy System Moratorium Law”** and moved to set a public hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2019 for February 13, 2019 at 6:45 PM and directing the Town Clerk to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided in Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and Councilmember Palow seconded the introduction of the proposed local law and the motion. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow and Willsey.

**INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2019
“TOWN OF BERNE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING AND/OR HYDROFRACKING
LAW”**

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons introduced Local Law #2 of 2019 **“Town of Berne Hydraulic Fracturing and/or Hydrofracking Law”** and moved to set a public hearing on proposed Local Law #2 of 2019 for February 13, 2019 at 6:45 PM and directing the Town Clerk to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided in Section 20 of the Municipal

Home Rule Law, and Councilmember Palow seconded the introduction of the proposed local law and the motion. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow and Willsey.

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR SWITZKILL FARM BOARD MEMBERS AND SET INTERVIEWS

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for two Switzkill Farm Board Members and to schedule interviews on 2/9/19 every 15 minutes beginning at 9 AM. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow and Willsey.

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

After discussion, Councilmember Palow made a motion seconded by Supervisor Lyons that the following fund transfers be authorized in the amounts and manners as set forth:

General Fund.

From:	To:	Amount:
A1990e 44999 \$ 2553.00	A1620e 11165	\$ 843.00
A1620e 22750 \$ 26.00	A1620e 17230	\$ 1,736.00
A1620e 44071 \$ 52.00	A1620e 44101	\$ 52.00
A1450e 44047 \$ 2311.00	A3620e 11150	\$ 2311.00
A5132e 44999 \$ 6.00	A5132e 44036	\$ 6.00
A7110e 22700 \$2421.00	A7110e 11178	\$ 1607.00
	A7111e 44100	\$ 722.00
	A7111e 44101	\$ 92.00
A7320e 44999 \$ 323.00	A7320e 11205	\$ 323.00
A7989e 44036 \$ 170.00	A7989e 11215	\$ 170.00
A8160e 17360 \$ 1999.00	A8160e 17350	\$ 1999.00
A8160e 44020 \$ 111.00	A8160e 44020	\$ 111.00
A9060e 44976 \$3000.00	A9060e 89030	\$ 3000.00

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Highway fund

From:	To:	Amount:
Da 89050	Da 89030	\$ 1,166.00

Sewer fund:

From:	To:	Amount:
SS8110e 44037 \$ 105.00	SS8110e 17340	\$ 286.00
SS8110e 44106 \$ 454.00	SS8110e 44101	\$ 477.00
SS8110e 44100 \$ 96.00		
SS8110e 89030 \$ 67.00		
SS8110e 44999 \$ 38.00		
SS8110e 44020 \$ 3.00		

MONTHLY REPORTS AND BILLS

Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Willsey to accept the Supervisor's, Town Clerk's and Building & Zoning Administrator's monthly reports as received and to approve payment of the following bills:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND & SEWER 2019.....	\$43,386.33
ABSTRACT# 010519.....	..\$ 723.30
ABSTRACT# 010919.....	..\$42,663.03

Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 9:05PM

Councilmember Schimmer made the motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment history. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Councilmember Palow made a motion seconded by Supervisor Lyons to invite employee into Executive Session to defend himself. The following vote was taken – Supervisor Lyons, Councilmember Palow – aye; Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan & Willsey – nay. Motion did not carry.

10:30PM

Supervisor Lyons reconvened the meeting and reported that one action had taken place.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, Supervisor Lyons made the motion seconded by Councilmember Palow to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey. Meeting adjourned at 10:31PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk