

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY**

APRIL 12, 2017

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 Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke. Also present was Town Clerk Clayton, Attorney Conboy, and several interested citizens. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Knox Town Supervisor Vas Lefkaditis. Supervisor Crosier called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and stated the meetings were now being audio and video recorded, and on motion of Councilmember Jordan and seconded by Councilmember Schimmer, the minutes of 3/8/17 were approved as presented with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

Supervisor Crosier opened the meeting to guests:

Rick Otto – discussed the use of seat belts in the Senior Shuttle. The board authorized the Town Clerk to check the use policy and add a seat belt clause if not already in policy. (Upon review of the policy a seat belt clause is in effect.)

Mike Vincent – stated he was glad to see the large turn out and the Senior Luncheons; the Planning Board has comments and concerns before the Town Board and would like to keep things moving along; in favor of the Comprehensive Plan being passed and the unsafe building at 1425 Helderberg Trail being addressed.

Joe Vitollo of Coeymans – Ran for congress last fall and wanted to “clear the air” regarding the picture taken at Maple on the Lake with Mr. Bashwinger; stated the picture was taken after a long day of campaigning and after they had dinner.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Willard Osterhout thanking the Board for donation to the Hilltown website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger gave the Town Clerk a check from Ben Weitsman for \$1,340.47 for scrap metal; responded to FEMA email and put in for \$19,456.55 resulting from the snowstorm Stella; will be attending conference at Cornell in June; discussed the 2007 International roll-off frame which is rusting out, discussed Gradall shared services from County.

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SENIORS – Councilmember Jordan reported the Seniors appreciated the donation of the filing cabinet; have many trips planned for May, June & July, with the Tulip Festival in May (date to be determined); will have a float in the Memorial Day Parade and a booth at the Altamont Fair; June anniversary dinner at Briar Creek Golf Course; 8/12/17 Knox Youth Council will serve lunch at the Knox Reformed Church.

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM –Phyllis Johnson reported that 211 meals were served in March; they've had nutrition presentations; had an Easter Party on 4/3 and a workshop on 3/21 making Easter egg wreaths; will have upcoming fire safety program; session on emergency preparedness and vase and flower crafts.

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilmember Schimmer reported they are working on a bio blitz to be held at Switzkill Farm on 6/10/17 from 9-4pm and will have a BBQ for volunteers.

PLANNING & ZONING – Councilmember Cooke filled in for Councilmember Jordan and reported he was very impressed by the Planning Board process and their professionalism and requested the purchase of a lap top for the meetings.

SEWER DISTRICT - Supervisor Crosier reported that the flow was between 12,000 & 15,000 gal. due to the snow melt and heavy rains and was an indication that sump pumps were hooked into the sewer system, which is not allowed.

YOUTH COUNCIL – Councilmember Jordan reported that summer activities are being planned for the music festival at Switzkill Farm on 7/22/17; Summer Recreation Program will be July 17-21. Next meeting will be 5/8/17 at 6PM.

SWITZKILL FARM – Councilmember Schimmer reported there will be a music festival on July 22, 2017 from 3pm to dusk with bands, a children's tent and activities, BBQ and fireworks; the Switzkill Farm is now a member of Audubon International; bio blitz will be held on 6/10/17.

OLD BUSINESS

ADOPTING TOWN OF BERNE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Motion was made by Councilmember Cooke and seconded by Councilmember Schimmer to adopt the Comprehensive Plan with the following discussion, Councilmember Schimmer objected to the removal of Action 5, Establishing Rural Citing Guidelines For Residences, Objective B-1, Community Character, as guidelines they did no harm; Councilmember Golden had reservations about viewscape wording and stated the Comprehensive Plan is only a recommendation/guideline and the Planning Board and ZBA can use their discretion in making a determination. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

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AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER FOR TABLES & CHAIRS FOR SWITZKILL FARM

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke, authorizing the change order for tables & chairs for Switzkill Farm from WB Mason to Eventstable for \$1,064.99. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

UNSAFE BUILDING – 1425 HELDERBERG TRAIL

Supervisor Crosier read conclusions and recommendations from an engineering report submitted by Richard Green, P.E. regarding the demolition of the hotel at 1425 Helderberg Trail stating it was a threat to public safety and in imminent danger of collapsing. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Evangel Church requesting demolition to start within ten (10) days.

NEW BUSINESS

AWARDING OF BIDS

WASHED CRUSHED STONE, SANDING MATERIALS, ASPHALT CONCRETE

The Town Board reviewed the bids received on 4/10/17 from the following:

For washed crushed stone from:

Cobleskill Stone Product, Inc., Callanan Industries, Inc., Carver Sand & Gravel, Inc.

For sanding materials from:

Cobleskill Stone Product, Inc., Callanan Industries, Inc., Carver Sand & Gravel, Inc.

For asphalt concrete and winter mix from:

Cobleskill Stone Product, Inc., Callanan Industries, Inc., Dolomite Products Company, Inc.

The Board noted that in awarding the aforesaid bids, the location of the work which the Town is undertaking along with the products and the proximity of the plants to said work location and the costs of the Town transporting the necessary product to the work location were considered.

After reviewing the above said bids, Councilmember Jordan made a motion which was seconded by Councilmember Golden to award the following for the year 2017 as follows:

To: **Carver Sand & Gravel**

Delivered:

Stone - # 1A; #1ST; #1A/1ST 50/50 Blend ; Crusher Run; ITEM 4;

5 Railroad Ballast, Stone Fill Light; Stone Fill Medium; Gabion Stone; Stone Blend Sanding Material.

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To: **Cobleskill Stone Product**

Delivered:

Stone #1, #2; #3; Stone Fill Heavy; Fibre Winter Mix

To: **Dolomite Products Co. (Altamont)**

Picked up:

Asphalt Concrete Base Course 1; Binder Course 3; Top Course 6; Top Course Marshall 6F; Top Course 7; Top Course Marshall 7F

Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING ROAD CLOSURE FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke authorizing the closure of Route 443 from Turner Road to Canaday Hill Road from 9:45AM to 11:45AM on 5/29/17 and authorizing the Town Clerk to publish notice in the Altamont Enterprise and send letter to Sheriff Apple. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

APPOINTING RICK RAPP AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden appointing Rick Rapp as Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Board. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING STUDY FOR CONSOLIDATION OF COUNTY & TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS

WHEREUPON, Councilmember Cooke offered and moved the following resolution seconded by Councilmember Golden, **BE IT RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of Berne authorizes and directs Albany County to commence the study for consolidation of County and Town Highway Departments; and that this Resolution take effect immediately. The resolution was declared duly adopted by the following roll call vote: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan and Cooke.....aye

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AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

General Fund

From:	To:	Amount:	
A1990e 44999	A1330e 44038	\$ 400.00	tax collector travel
A1355e 44301	A1355e 44300	\$ 85.00	dues memberships
A5010e 44039	A5010e 44028	\$ 200.00	safety supplies
A1990e 44999 \$ 1700.00	A7111e 44100	\$ 700.00	Switzkill Farm fuel oil
Capital Projects Building \$ 18400.00	A1110e 22080	\$ 11750.00	Town court specialty equip
	A1620e 22300	\$ 3950.000	cameras
	A8160e 22300	\$ 2700.00	cameras

Highway fund:

From		To	Amount	
Da 5130e 44070	\$ 2105.00	Da 513019 44070	\$ 25.00	Truck # 19
		Da 513027 44070	\$ 2080.00	Truck # 27

Sewer fund:

From:		To:	Amount:	
Ss8110e 17340	\$ 1450.00	SS8110e 2230	\$ 1450.00	Equipment

Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke

BILLS AND REPORTS

The Supervisor's, Town Clerk's and Building & Zoning Administrator's monthly reports were received and accepted.

Councilmember Cooke made the motion seconded by Supervisor Crosier to approve payment of the following bills:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND & SEWER 2017.....\$50,840.16
ABSTRACT#041217.....\$50,840.16

Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:25PM

Councilmember Cooke made the motion seconded by Supervisor Crosier to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

9:55 PM

Supervisor Crosier reconvened the meeting and reported that no action had taken place.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, Supervisor Crosier made the motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk