

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY**

May 10, 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 Supervisor Crosier. Supervisor Crosier called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and on motion of Councilmember Cooke and seconded by Councilmember Schimmer, the minutes of 4/12/17 were approved as presented with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

Supervisor Crosier opened the meeting to guests:

James Ader from the Albany County Veterans Service Bureau spoke regarding the benefits available to veterans and encouraged veterans in the Town to contact him. They are located at 162 Washington Ave., 7th Floor, Albany, NY, 12210; 518-447-7710; veteransbureau@albanycounty.com.

Dawn Gibson and Clair Ansbro-Ingalls from Kenneth's Army were present to discuss the annual fund raiser for Kenneth White which will be held on June 3, 2017 starting a 9am at Thacher Park. For more information you may contact the Berne Town Clerk. There are flyers available at the Town Hall.

Roger Chrysler stated that Switzkill Farm looks the best he has ever seen; the United Blood Trackers training held there was an excellent program; he supports Stewart's.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger stated the salt shed will be repaired in one week; working to repair pot holes; dirt roads in bad shape but are working on repairs; borrowing Town of Wright's Gradall; has \$263,000 in CHIPS to work on Bradt Hollow, Lawton Hollow and Filkin's Hill roads.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Phyllis Johnsons stated there will be a local meeting on May 24, 2017.

SENIORS – Councilmember Jordan reported the Seniors will have a float in the Memorial Day Parade, ladies are dressing up as Rosie the Riveters; Kiwanis are inviting any veteran regardless of residence to march or ride in the parade. Supervisor Crosier reported that the Senior Shuttle for the shopping trips are almost full and would like to have 4 trips a month instead of 2.

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SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM –Phyllis Johnson reported that 200 meals were served in April; had an Easter Party on 4/3 with handmade cards from BKW students; there will be free exercise classes every other Tuesday through 5/30; there will be an emergency preparedness class on 5/15; 5/16 class on painting lady bug rocks; 5/30 class on decorating vases & making flowers. Students from BKW helped with preparing and setting up meals as part of an internship program.

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilmember Schimmer reported they are working on a bio blitz to be held at Switzkill Farm on 6/10/17; performing site reviews.

PLANNING & ZONING –Councilmember Jordan reported there will be a public hearing on 6/1 for the T-Mobile application; working meeting will be on 5/18 to continue work on solar ordinance.

SWITZKILL FARM – Councilmember Schimmer reported members are working with the Conservation Board on the trails; 5/20 from 9:30-1PM will be a work day for the trails, a native trail and bluebird trail; a workday to install the ramp will be announced; a wood chipper was donated; Aaron Carr will be working on a natural wetland protection system.

OLD BUSINESS

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF LAPTOP

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan, authorizing the purchase of a laptop for the Planning Board off of OGS NYS contract in an amount not to exceed \$444.51. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

TOWN PARK PLAYGROUND

Mark Hohengasser gave a presentation on the proposed playground at the Town Park. There will be a public meeting at the Town Park on May 18, at 7PM to discuss the future plans.

UNSAFE BUILDING – 1425 HELDERBERG TRAIL

Supervisor Crosier stated the demolition is out to bid, with bid opening on May 22, 2017. Said demolition will be completed within 30 days from that time.

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NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FROM RECREATION FUND TO CAPITAL PROJECTS BUILDING FUND

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the transfer of \$3,907 from the General Miscellaneous Recreation Fund to the Capital Projects Building Fund. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS BUILDING FUND INTO TOWN PARK RESERVE FUND

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke authorizing the transfer of \$12,862 from the Capital Projects Building Fund into the Town Park Reserve Fund. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

APPROVING EXPENDITURES FOR YOUTH COUNCIL SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer approving expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$2,700 for the Youth Council Summer Recreation Program. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR YOUTH COUNSELORS

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for youth counselors for the Summer Recreation Program at \$9 per hour for 20 hours. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

APPROVING SWITZKILL FARM BROCHURE

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke approving the Switzkill Farm Brochure. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

APPROVING SWITZKILL FARM USE POLICY

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke approving the Switzkill Farm Use Policy. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

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SCHEDULE OF USES AND DEFINITONS

A workshop meeting will be held on May 24, 2017 at 7:30PM to discuss the Schedule of Uses and Definitions.

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PART-TIME MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for a part-time maintenance employee and to schedule interviews on June 3, 2017 beginning at 8AM. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE TELEVISION AND WALL MOUNT

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan, authorizing the purchase of a television and wall mount for the Planning Board in an amount not to exceed \$600. 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 Golden made the motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer to approve payment of the following bills:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND & SEWER 2017.....	\$68,331.19
ABSTRACT#051017.....	\$68,331.19

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, Councilmember Golden made the motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk