

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF ALBANY**

**JUNE 14, 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, Jordan & Cooke. Also present was Town Clerk Clayton, Attorney Conboy, and several interested citizens. Councilmember Schimmer was not in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Crosier who then called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and on motion of Councilmember Cooke and seconded by Councilmember Jordan, the minutes of 5/10/17 were approved as presented with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden, Jordan & Cooke, and on motion of Councilmember Golden and seconded by Councilmember Cooke, the minutes of 5/24/17 were approved as presented with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden, Jordan & Cooke. Supervisor Crosier opened the meeting to guests:

Anne Oldick – wanted to express thanks to the Helderberg Rescue squad for their service and comfort to her and her mother; and to the residents who made her feel like a family member, and encouraged the Board and residents to work together to bring that feeling to everyone.

Todd Schwendeman – asked that the property surrounding the salt shed could be cleaned up and landscaped.

Tim Lippert – spoke regarding the Schedule of Uses and suggested looking at a commercial zone for the town.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from NYSDOT regarding reimbursement of \$94,742.84 covering work performed on the bridge on Rt. 443 and 156 intersections.

Letter from Brian Crawford resigning as Assessor effective June 29, 2017.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**HIGHWAY**- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger handed out paperwork for review regarding CHIPS money in the amount of \$267,222.07; discussed paving for the summer, the issue with Gulf Hill Road; requested renting a Gradall from Vantage Equipment in the amount of \$7,400 per month; stated that signs should be ordered for the furniture dumpster as residents are putting trash in there when transfer station is closed.

**SENIORS** – Councilmember Jordan reported the Seniors had their annual dinner, participated in the Memorial Day Parade, and will have a booth at the Altamont Fair and air conditioners were discussed for the senior center.

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**SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM** –Phyllis Johnson reported the final voucher for Congregate Services Initiative grant was submitted; a publicity table was set up at the Knox Fire House on Memorial Day to increase awareness of the lunch program; 193 meals were served in May; 69 people stayed after lunch to participate in activities; future exercise classes and activities were discussed.

**PLANNING & ZONING** – Councilmember Jordan reported the Planning Board has had a packed schedule and is finishing the draft solar law.

**LIBRARY** - Councilmember Golden reported that Judy Petrosillo is working on a construction grant for the Library.

**YOUTH COUNCIL** – Councilmember Jordan reported the Summer Recreation Program will be July 17-22. The Youth Council is looking for volunteers to serve on the council.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR CROSIER TO SIGN CONTRACTOR’S APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT No. 4 TO SCHOENECKER CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke authorizing Supervisor Crosier to sign Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 4 to Schoenecker Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,500. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Jordan & Cooke.

**AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR CROSIER TO SIGN CONTRACTOR’S APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT No. 2 TO CLEARSPAN FABRIC STRUCTURES**

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Supervisor Crosier authorizing Supervisor Crosier to sign Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 2 to ClearSpan Fabric Structures for the roof on the salt shed in an amount not to exceed \$4,950. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Jordan & Cooke.

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO BEARS PLAYGROUND FOR EQUIPMENT**

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke authorizing the payment to Bears Playground in an amount not to exceed \$16,768.68 for playground equipment at the Town Park. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Jordan & Cooke.

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**DEMOLITION OF WHITE SPRINGS HOTEL**

Supervisor Crosier stated that the building has now been demolished and the air test report was negative for asbestos, the foundation will be backfilled and the entire site raked. The air monitoring report is available at the Town Clerk's office. Supervisor Crosier thanked the engineer, Mr. Cristo, the Town Board, Attorney Conboy and Evangel Church for making this happen.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVING RENTAL OF GRADALL FROM VANTAGE EQUIPMENT**

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan approving the rental from Vantage Equipment for one XL3100 Gradall for one month for the highway department in an amount not to exceed \$7,600. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Jordan & Cooke.

**ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF BRIAN CRAWFORD AS ASSESSOR**

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke accepting the resignation of Brian Crawford as Assessor effective June 29, 2017. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Jordan & Cooke.

**APPROVING PART TIME BUILDING & MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE**

After discussion, Councilmember Cooke made a motion seconded by Supervisor Crosier approving Change Townsend as part-time building and maintenance employee at the rate of \$19 per hour. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Jordan & Cooke.

**APPROVING PAY RATE FOR SUMMER YOUTH COUNCIL EMPLOYEES**

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke approving the increase from \$9 to \$9.70 per hour (minimum wage) for Summer Youth Council employees. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Jordan & Cooke.

**APPROVING CLIMBING WALL FROM CLIMBTIME AT SUMMERFEST**

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Supervisor Crosier approving the rental of a climbing wall from ClimbTime for Summerfest in an amount not to exceed \$645. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Jordan & Cooke.

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**AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR RESURFACING TENNIS COURT AND BASKETBALL COURT**

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for resurfacing one tennis court and the basketball court at the Town Park. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Jordan & Cooke.

**AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR CROSIER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ALBANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER**

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden authorizing Supervisor Crosier to enter into an agreement with Albany County Soil & Water for a Pet Waste Disposal Station at the Town Park. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Jordan & Cooke.

**BERNE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICE CENTER**

Supervisor Crosier stated that County Executive Dan McCoy will be visiting the Berne Community and Senior Service Center on Saturday, 6/24/17 at 10 am.

**SUMMER YOUTH WORK PROGRAM**

Supervisor Crosier stated that there are 5 youths registered for the summer work program, Jeff Alexander will be supervising 3 youths and Chance Townsend will supervisor 2 youths.

**AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS**

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

**General Fund**

| From:        |           | To:          | Amount:    |                            |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|
| A1010e 44020 |           | A1010e 44042 | \$ 200.00  | town board printing        |
| A1110e 10158 |           | A1110e 22080 | \$ 1000.00 | Town court specialty equip |
| A1110e 44047 | \$330.00  | A1110e 44020 | \$ 200.00  | town court office supplies |
|              |           | A1110e 44999 | \$ 130.00  | Town court miscellaneous   |
| A1330e 44039 | \$ 550.00 | A1330e 44038 | \$ 500.00  | tax collector travel       |
|              |           | A1330e 44999 | \$ 50.00   |                            |

|              |             |              |             |                       |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| A1355e 44039 | \$625.00    | A1355e 44020 | \$ 50.00    | office supplies       |
|              |             |              |             | assessors             |
|              |             | A1355e 44042 | \$ 500.00   | printing assessors    |
|              |             | A1355e 44300 | \$ 25.00    | membership's          |
|              |             |              |             | assessors             |
|              |             | A1355e 44999 | \$ 50.00    | assessors             |
|              |             |              |             | miscellaneous         |
| A1990e 44999 | \$ 1950.00  | A1430e 44038 | \$ 500.00   | travel senior account |
|              |             |              |             | clerk                 |
|              |             | A7111e 22700 | \$ 350.00   | Switzkill Farm        |
|              |             |              |             | recreation equipment  |
|              |             | A7111e 44022 | \$ 350.00   | Switzkill Farm        |
|              |             |              |             | maintenance supplies  |
|              |             | A7111e 44100 | \$ 500.00   | Switzkill Farm fuel   |
|              |             |              |             | oil                   |
|              |             | A7111e 44106 | \$ 100.00   | Switzkill Farm sewer  |
|              |             |              |             | charges               |
|              |             | A7111e 44253 | \$ 50.00    | Switzkill Farm food   |
|              |             |              |             | events                |
|              |             | A7111e 44999 | \$ 100.00   | Switzkill Farm        |
|              |             |              |             | miscellaneous         |
| A1620e 22851 | \$ 1200.00  | A1620e 22999 | \$ 1200.00  | buildings             |
|              |             |              |             | misc. equipment       |
| A1620e 44999 | \$ 100.00   | A1620e 44027 | \$ 100.00   | buildings security    |
|              |             |              |             | supplies              |
| A1910e 44999 | \$ 22514.00 | A1910e 44037 | \$ 22514.00 | insurance town        |
| A3620e 44047 | \$ 300.00   | A3620e 44999 | \$ 300.00   | building inspector    |
|              |             |              |             | miscellaneous         |
| A5132e 44101 | \$ 1300.00  | A5132e 44022 | \$ 900.00   | highway buildings     |
|              |             |              |             | maintenance           |
|              |             | A5132e 44999 | \$ 400.00   | highway buildings     |
|              |             |              |             | miscellaneous         |
| A5010e 44039 |             | A5010e 44028 | \$ 200.00   | safety supplies       |
| A7410e 44101 |             | A7410e 44999 | \$ 600.00   | Library miscellaneous |
| A8010e 44047 |             | A8010e 22050 | \$750.00    | zoning and planning   |
|              |             |              |             | equipment             |
| A8020e 44999 |             | A8020e 44039 | \$ 50.00    | planning conferences  |
| A8160e 44050 |             | A8160e 44072 | \$ 100.00   | Transfer station      |
|              |             |              |             | vehicle maintenance   |

Capital Projects Building

|              |            |                              |
|--------------|------------|------------------------------|
| A5132e 22080 | \$ 6700.00 | cameras highway              |
| A7110e 22300 | \$ 2700.00 | cameras Parks                |
| A7111e 22080 | \$ 4425.00 | Switzkill event<br>equipment |

**Highway fund:**

| <b>From</b>    |            | <b>To</b>       | <b>Amount</b> |                      |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Da 1430e 44021 | \$ 150.00  | Da1430e 44999   | \$ 150.00     | computer<br>supplies |
| Da5110e 44077  | \$ 3104.00 | Da5110e 44046   | \$ 750.00     | fees and services    |
|                |            | Da5130e 44070   | \$ 190.00     | Truck # 10           |
|                |            | Da 513022 44070 | \$ 30.00      | Truck # 22           |
|                |            | Da 513027 44070 | \$ 1400.00    | Truck # 27           |
|                |            | Da513029 44070  | \$ 59.00      | Truck # 29           |
|                |            | Da513037 44070  | \$ 675.00     | Truck # 37           |
| Da5130e 44078  | \$ 100.00  | Da5130e 44072   | \$ 100.00     | vehicle maintenance  |
| Da5142e 44077  | \$ 750.00  | Da5142e 44046   | \$ 750.00     | fees for services    |
| Da 89060       | \$ 1620.00 | Da 9060e 44976  | \$ 1620.00    | premium pay transfer |

**Sewer fund:**

| <b>From:</b>  |            | <b>To:</b>    | <b>Amount:</b> |                  |
|---------------|------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| SS9901e 99960 | \$ 3100.00 | SS8110e 44070 | \$1900.00      | Equipment repair |
|               |            | SS8110e 44100 | \$ 1200.00     | Fuel oil/Propane |

**BILLS AND REPORTS**

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

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

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**GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND & SEWER 2017.....\$101,972.31**  
**ABSTRACT#061417.....\$ 72,685.15**  
**ABSTRACT#061517.....\$ 21,844.41**  
**ABSTRACT#61617.....\$ 7,442.75**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:40PM**

Councilmember Jordan made the motion seconded by Councilmember Golden to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

**9:25 PM**

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Councilmember Cooke made the motion seconded by Councilmember Golden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk