

REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Lyons led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM with the following members present: Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey. Town Clerk Clayton and Attorney Afzali were also present. The minutes of 07/22/20 were presented and on motion of Supervisor Lyons and seconded by Councilmember Harris, the minutes were accepted with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Lyons; Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, & Harris. Councilmember Willsey abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from St.Pauly Textile stating the clothes recycling box is closed during COVID-19
- Email from Laurie Searle regarding the Black Lives Matter rally and volunteering to help repair the war memorial.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you to Dennis Ryan and Shawn Duncan for their hard work in repairing the war memorial for the presentation scheduled there.
- From Capt. Neil at Helderberg Rescue Squad

REMO has announced two new EMT certification classes for fall. The evening class will be from 6PM to 10PM Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lectures will be on-line; skill labs will be in-person at REMO's office at 24 Madison Avenue Extension which is actually at the Western end of Washington Avenue Extension West of Crossgates just off of Rt. 155. The day class will be 9AM to 2PM Mondays and Wednesdays. The evening class starts September 1st with the practical skills exam December 19th. The day class starts September 16th with the practical skills exam December 12th. To register call Steve Gomula at (518)464-5097 or email sgomula@remo-ems.com. I recommend email because it provides a record of your registration. Students who have applied to Helderberg Ambulance Squad Inc. are eligible for tuition subsidy and reimbursement. Please let me know when you have registered. If you know a retiree, schoolteacher, medical technician, minister, or student who will be age 17 by December 30th encourage them to sign up.

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REPORTS

LIBRARY – Kathy Stempel reported the Library opened on 6/29/20 with limited times & transactions; the library will monitor what the schools do to reopen and are considering the use of the computers; there is now a library e-newsletter and you may request receiving them by sending an email to Kathy. Councilmember Willsey requested they be sent to the board members. Councilmember Conklin suggested getting the computer ready at the library. JoAnn Brady there was a trustee meeting to pay bills, check on library building and maintenance issues, water, Wi-Fi, fence and new filters for furnace.

PLANNING BOARD – Mike Vincent reported the board has been busy with a meeting held on 8/6. Reviewing Mid-Tel landscaping at the fire department; reviewed subdivisions; Conservation Board doing a good job and Cathy Shultes has been doing an excellent job. Also, a Historic Review was done and permit was moved forward; reviewed Grippy Lane quarry; asked about the batter law; if Lamont’s fees for inspection of quarry will come out of escrow; can planning board do their own zoom meetings; is training since January counted towards credits – the board answered that it was.

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM – Councilmember Harris stated the meal program started the first Tuesday of September with meal boxes being handed out for the first month.

BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM – Councilmember Conklin reported that they have received donations for fall decorations for the Town of Berne signs and a tentative scarecrow contest is tentatively being worked on. A Christmas parade is being discussed.

HIGHWAY REPORT – Highway Superintendent Bashwinger reported the shoulder machine will not work with the new bobcat and could void the warranty. He discussed renting a shoulder machine for at least two weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVING UNION CONTRACT MOA AND AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT

After discussion, Councilmember Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Harris that the Town Board approves the amendments to the union contract as discussed and authorizes the Supervisor to sign contract as presented. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, and Councilmembers Palow & Harris voting aye. Councilmember Conklin voted nay because of §8.1.1, Councilmember Willsey voted nay. Motion passes.

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APPROVING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

After discussion, Councilmember Harris made a motion seconded by Councilmember Palow to sign the Shared Services Agreement. The following roll call vote was made, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey voting nay, Supervisor Lyons voting aye. Motion did not carry.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF EVERETT HALLENBACK

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Harris to accept the resignation of Everett Hallenback. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, and Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey voting aye.

AUTHORIZING HOURS FOR SHAWN DUNCAN AT THE TRANSFER STATION

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Conklin authorizing Shawn Duncan to work 8 hours per week at the Transfer Station. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, and Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey voting aye.

AUTHORIZING HOURS FOR DAVE HARNETT AT THE TRANSFER STATION

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Palow authorizing Dave Harnett to work 8 hours per week at the Transfer Station. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, and Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey voting aye.

APPROVING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

After discussion to suspend discretionary spending and all bills over the following amounts will need prior approval; General Fund - \$500; Sewer Fund - \$1,000; Highway Fund - \$2,500, Councilmember Harris made a motion seconded by Councilmember Conklin to approve emergency procurement procedures for the limits stated that would expire at the end of the year. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, and Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, & Harris voting aye, Councilmember Willsey abstained.

2020 BUDGET REDUCTIONS – no action taken

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APPROVING RELEASE OF APRIL 29, 2020 EXECUTIVE SESSION

After discussion, Councilmember Willsey made a motion seconded by Supervisor Lyons to make the executive session video from a 4/29/20 accessible to the public. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Conklin & Willsey voting aye; Councilmember Palow & Harris voting nay.

APPROVING ALL TOWN BOARD MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & EXECUTIVE SESSIONS BE RECORDED

After discussion, Councilmember Willsey made a motion seconded by Councilmember Conklin that the Town Clerk or her or his designee, record all Town Board meetings, workshops & executive sessions and archive said recordings for ten (10) years. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Conklin, Harris & Willsey voting aye; Councilmember Palow voting nay.

Councilmember Palow signed off from the zoom meeting.

DRAFT BATTERY LAW – will be presented at next board meeting on 9/9/20.

APPROVING RENTAL OF SHOULDER MACHINE

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Harris to approve the rental of shoulder machine from Monroe Tractor for two weeks in an amount not to exceed \$7,000. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Conklin, Harris & Willsey voting aye.

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR AUGUST

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Harris that the budget transfers for August be authorized in the amounts and manners as attached to these minutes. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, and Councilmembers Palow, Conklin & Harris voting aye. Councilmember Willsey abstained.

ACCEPTING MONTHLY REPORTS FOR JULY

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Harris to accept the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Building & Zoning Administrator's July monthly reports. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, and Councilmembers Palow, Conklin & Harris voting aye. Councilmember Willsey abstained,

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APPROVING PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Conklin to approve payment of the following bills:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND, SEWER 2020.....\$82,104.13
ABSTRACT 081220.....\$82,104.13

Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, and Councilmembers Palow, Conklin & Harris voting aye. Councilmember Willsey abstained.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussion, Supervisor Lyons made the motion seconded by Councilmember Willsey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, and Councilmembers Conklin, Harris & Willsey voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk

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General Fund

			To	From
A1330E	44021	COMPUTER SUPPLIES		\$ 60.00
A1330E	44047	CONSULTANT FEES	\$ 60.00	
A1355E	44047	CONSULTANT FEES		\$ 36.00
A1355E	44301	TAXES/ASSESSMENT	\$ 36.00	
A1620E	44035	POSTAGE	\$ 981.00	
A1620E	44041	COMPUTER FEES	\$ 1,516.00	
A1620E	44070	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 334.00	
A1620E	44999	MISC CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES		\$ 2,831.00
A3620E	44036	TELEPHONE	\$ 547.00	
A3620E	44038	TRAVEL MILEAGE FREIGHT		\$ 300.00
A3620E	44039	CONFERENCES TRAINING TUITION		\$ 247.00
A7410E	22999	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT	\$ 480.00	
A7410E	44100	FUEL OIL		\$ 630.00
A7410E	44101	ELECTRIC	\$ 150.00	
A7550E	44020	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 31.00	
A7550E	44999	MISC CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES		\$ 31.00
A8160E	22080	SPECIALTY EQUIPMENT	\$ 12.00	
A8160E	44050	REFUSE CHARGES		\$ 154.00
A8160E	44072	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$ 142.00	
Capital Projects Buildings/Equipment Fund			\$ (41,737.00)	
A7410E	44999	MISC CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,957.00	
A3620E	44999	MISC CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES	\$ 32,780.00	