

6:45 PM Public Hearing Local Law # 6 of 2018

Supervisor Lyons declared the public hearing on Local Law #6 of 2018 known as “**A Local Law modifying the Berne Town Code related to the Town of Berne Youth Council**” open with the following members present; Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey. Supervisor Lyons opened the floor to guests: Ian Guarino read a statement asking why this is being changed now; Councilmembers Schimmer & Jordan spoke regarding the changes; Kathy Stempel requested the Youth Council and Library programs work together. Supervisor Lyons kept the Public Hearing open and comments are welcome and said Local Law #6 will be voted on at the Town Board meeting on October 10, 2018.

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 7:30PM, and on motion of Councilmember Jordan and seconded by Councilmember Schimmer, the minutes of 8/08/18 were accepted with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Lyons; Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Thompson’s Lake Improvement Association regarding trash at the boat launch
Thank you note from Andrea Borst for donations made in memory of Roland Olson

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:30PM

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

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

DEPARTMENT/LIAISON REPORTS

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger reported that paving and chip sealing is done; shoulders will be worked on this week; saved roughly \$20,000 on oil; Truck #37 is on Auctions International for 14 days; employees will be attending safety classes in Guilderland; cutting & mowing is being done around stop signs. Councilmember Willsey submitted documents regarding the maintenance of stop signs in the Town and requested they be entered into the record. These documents are available for review at the Town Clerk’s office.

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PLANNING & ZONING – Councilmember Jordan reported Dollar General is working through their application process; next meeting 10/4/18; ZBA will attend a Town of Bethlehem ZBA meeting on 9/19/18.

YOUTH COUNCIL – Councilmember Palow reported the Youth Council meeting on 9/10 had been cancelled and they will meet on 9/17 at 6:30PM at the Library.

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM - Councilmember Schimmer reported that the new dishes have been unpacked and washed and the Seniors were very thankful; on 10/16/18 Tom Dolan from Cornell Cooperative Extension will be available regarding the HEAP programs; Catholic Charities will be hosting a 9 week program, further information will follow; 2nd Monday of every month an Attorney for Seniors is available, please make appointment with Charlotte Fuss 518-861-8960.

SWITZKILL FARM – Councilmember Schimmer reported that there is a committee to work with Roger Chrysler for the Agricultural Museum for Switzkill Farm; the trails are part of the Greenway System; Spook-tacular Boo Bash will be held on October 20, 2018 from 6-9PM.

CONSERVATION BOARD – Mr. Schwendeman reported on converting the Town of Berne’s streetlights to state of the art LED technology and the savings for the Town. After reviewing the options from National Grid, the Conservation Board has recommended that the Town should go with the NYPA-managed (and NYPA-financed) municipal ownership option in regards to the LED streetlight conversion.

TRANSFER STATION – Councilmember Willsey discussed fire suppression with Solid Waste Coordinator Jeff Alexander.

LIBRARY – Kathy Stempel stated that the Library data base lists local businesses. Supervisor Lyons stated that he is working with Lamont Engineers and BKW School to purchase water for the Library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- “Discover the Hilltowns” Self Guided Driving Tour will be on 9/15 & 9/16.
- Moment of Silence in memory of Mark Huth

OLD BUSINESS

Members of the Dark Sky Initiative spoke regarding International Certification for Switzkill Farm.

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**AWARDING OF BID
2004 GRADALL XL3100 WITH ONE DITCH BUCKET**

The Town Board reviewed the one bid received on 8/14/18 from the Yacono LLC for one used 2004 Gr4adall XL3100 Serial Number: SWN:3120058 with one (1) Ditch Bucket in the amount of Thirty-Nine Thousand One Hundred & Eighteen Dollars (\$39,118.00). After reviewing the above said bid, Supervisor Lyons made a motion which was seconded by Councilmember Willsey to award the bid to Yacona LLC in an amount not to exceed \$39,118. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVING RYAN ALBRIGHT AS PART-TIME TEMPORARY LABORER

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer approving Ryan Albright as part-time temporary laborer with probation for 6 months @ \$16.30 per our not to exceed 16 hours bi-weekly at the Transfer Station and not to exceed 20 hours for alternate mowing tasks, FLSA non-exempt employee, classified civil service exempt. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey.

APPROVING CATHY SHULTES AS PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Palow approving Cathy Shultes as Administrative Assistant I, part-time permanent with a probation for 6 months @ \$17.00 per hour not to exceed 26 hours, FLSA non-exempt employee, classified civil service exempt. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE FROM EMPIRE SHEDS FOR SEWER DEPARTMENT

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the purchase of one 12x17 utility shed for the Sewer Department from Empire Sheds in an amount not to exceed \$2,615.68. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey.

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AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF WATER SYSTEM FROM BLAKE GROUP

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing the purchase of a purification uv system for the Highway Garage from the Blake Group in an amount not to exceed \$1,084. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey.

APPROVING INCREASE FOR CERTIFIED MAILINGS FOR PLANNING BOARD & ZBA

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan approving the increase for certified mailing for the Planning Board and ZBA to \$6.70. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey.

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR SENIOR SHUTTLE BUS DRIVER

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for a Senior Shuttle Bus Driver. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE FROM WEBSTAIRANT FOR TABLES AND CHAIRS

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing the purchase of 12 tables and chairs from Webstairant for the Berne Community & Senior Center in an amount not to exceed \$3,047.51. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey.

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FINAL BUDGET

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the Town Clerk to publish notice for Public Hearing on the Final Budget for 11/7/18 at 6:00PM. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Schimmer, Jordan, Palow & Willsey.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several citizens spoke regarding matters in the Town and before the Board.

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AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer 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:
A1010e 44047	A1010e 44031	\$ 100.00
	A1010e 44999	\$ 100.00
A1110e 44999	A1110e 44040	\$ 100.00
A1620e 22851 \$ 1212.00	A1620e 44020	\$ 150.00
	A1620e 44024	\$ 50.00
	A1620e 44036	\$ 700.00
	A1620e 44100	\$ 312.00
A5132e 44100	A5132e 44022	\$ 200.00
	A5132e 44036	\$ 100.00
A7110e 22080	A7110e 44022	\$ 700.00
	A7110e 44106	\$ 30.00
A7111e 22080	A7111e 44036	\$ 325.00
A7111e 22300	A7111e 44106	\$ 105.00
A7989e 44100	A7989e 11210	\$ 100.00
	A7989e 44079	\$ 100.00
	A7989e 44999	\$ 50.00

Highway fund

From:	To:	Amount:
Da 89055	Da 89040	\$ 485.00
Da5130e 44070	Da513010 44070	\$ 502.00
	Da513024 44070	\$ 394.00
	Da513027 44070	\$1172.00

Sewer fund:

From:	To:	Amount:
SS9901e 99960	SS8110e 44071	\$ 300.00

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

BILLS AND REPORTS

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

Supervisor Lyons made the motion seconded by Councilmember Palow to approve payment of the following bills:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND & SEWER 2018.....	\$168,657.56
ABSTRACT#0912818.....	\$ 35,854.13
ABSTRACT#091318a.....	\$132,803.43

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

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 10:15PM

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk