

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY**

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 who then called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and on motion of Councilmember Cooke and seconded by Councilmember Golden, the minutes of 8/9/17 were approved as presented with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke. Supervisor Crosier opened the meeting to guests:

Todd Schwendeman – Helderberg Trail - spoke in July regarding completion of the salt shed and the regrading and reseeding of the site; presented photographs from July and 9/12/17. He is formally requesting that the property be graded and seeded and possibly some trees planted. Highway Superintendent Bashwinger stated when the paving is done they will address the matter.

Bryan Fesler – Remely Lane, stated how the flail mowing looked good.

Joel Willsey – Stage Road – is requesting that this road no longer be seasonally posted as he feels it is a danger for his elderly father to have closer access to their house restricted and that it be removed from the Seasonal Road List. Highway Superintendent Bashwinger stated he will not do that, but agreed to write a letter requesting speed limit change on Rt. 443 and a hidden intersection sign be posted.

Dennis Palow – Watertrough Road – asked about bow hunting at Switzkill Farm. This matter was discussed and will be addressed again after more information is obtained.

Anne Oldick – Bradt Hollow Road – stated her concern and frustration regarding the highway consolidation issue but was told that this matter would be put to a town vote in 2018; she stated that in the March 2017 snowstorm the safest roads were our town roads.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence at this time.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger stated they will begin grinding and paving Bradt Hollow Road; Filkins Hill and Welch; discussed putting Mobile II, 2006 GMC out for auction and do a mini bid for new truck.

SENIORS - Councilmember Jordan stated they met on 9/9/17 and will next meet on 10/14/17 at 11am.

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM – Councilmember Schimmer reported the meal program is moving along with very dedicated volunteers; the Helderberg Senior Services Chairperson, Linda Hodges, unexpectedly passed away; Karen Stark will be the new Chairperson.

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilmember Schimmer reported that the board will meet on 9/18/17 and will discuss the results from the Bio Blitz that was held in June.

PLANNING & ZONING – Councilmember Jordan reported the board will be finishing up reviewing the solar law and them will be looking at the language in the Zoning Ordinance regarding signs. Next meeting will be 9/21 at 7PM. The Zoning Board will be hearing a variance case on 9/20/17 at 7PM.

SEWER DISTRICT – Supervisor Crosier reported that checks have been mailed for reimbursement for electrical usage for homes that have the grinder pumps.

LIBRARY – Judy Petrosillo stated that Albany Community Action Partnership will be at the Library on 9/18 at 7PM to discuss weatherization for server weather events; HelderCon comic event will take place at the Town Park on 9/23 from 11am-4pm; Lasagna & Cake walk will be held at the Berne Community & Senior Service Center on 11/4/17 at 5:30 pm.

YOUTH COUNCIL – Councilmember Jordan reported that the Youth Council will be partnering with the Library and providing a magician for the HelderCon event at the Town Park; Youth Council meetings are changing to the first Monday of the each month and will be held at the Library at 6pm.

SWITZKILL FARM – Councilmember Schimmer reported that there will be an Octoberfest on 10/7/17 from 11-4pm with musicians, pumpkin decorating; hay rides and many other events; next board meeting is scheduled from 10/3/17 at 7pm.

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OLD BUSINESS

APPROVING CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR THE BERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer approving the construction grant for the Library for roof repairs and LED lights with the Town's share being 25% of the cost of \$40,281 which equals \$10,071. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

NEW BUSINESS

TENTATIVE BUDGET – Supervisor Crosier submitted his tentative budget to the Town Clerk on 9/7/17 which will result in a 3.8% tax cut and the Town and Highway have no debt; budget hearings will be held on 9/27/17 and 9/28/17 at 6pm at the Berne Town Hall.

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR INTERNET SERVICE

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan to authorize payment of \$4,000.00 from the contingency fund to start project for internet hookup (cable stretch) on Remley Lane. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan.

APPROVING INCREASE IN NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR SWITZKILL FARM BOARD

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke approving the increase in the number of board members from 7 to 9 for Switzkill Farm Board. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR SWITZKILL FARM BOARD MEMBERS

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for Switzkill Farm Board members. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE TO ALTAMONT GLASS

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden authorizing the expenditure to Altamont Glass for \$450 to repair broken windows at the Berne Community & Senior Service Center. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

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PLAYGROUND DEDICATION – There will be a dedication for the new playground at the Town Park on October 1 at 4pm. Many thanks to Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara (who will be in attendance) and Mark Hohengasser for the design of the playground.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR YOUTH COUNCIL FOR HELDERCON

After discussion, Supervisor Crosier made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden authorizing Youth Council to spend up to \$300 for participation in the HelderCon event. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

APPROVING SUBSTITUTE SENIOR SHUTTLE BUS DRIVER

After discussion, Supervisor Crosier made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden approving Barbara Martin as a substitute driver for the senior shuttle bus. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

General Fund

From:	To:	Amount:	
A1110E 44021	A1110E 44999	\$ 100.00	town court misc.
A1410e 44038	A1410e 44042	\$ 100.00	printing
A1620e 44020	A1620e 44022	\$ 130.00	maintenance supply
A1620e 44100	A1620e 44036	\$ 400.00	buildings phones
A3620e 44020	A3620e 44035	\$ 15.00	safety inspection
			postage
A7110e 44101	A7110e 44022	\$ 360.00	parks maintenance
			supply
A7110e 44101	A7110e 44106	\$ 360.00	parks sewer charges
A1990e 44999	A7111e 44022	\$ 225.00	parks maintenance
			supply
A1990e 44999	A7111e 44100	\$ 20.00	parks fuel oil
A1990e 44999	A7989e 44999	\$ 425.00	cultural & community
			misc.
A1990e 44999	A8160e 44072	\$ 935.00	transfer station
			vehicle maintenance

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Highway fund:

From		To	Amount	
Da 1990e 44999	\$ 739.00	Da 513022 44070	\$ 712.00	Truck # 22
		Da513037 44070	\$ 27.00	Truck # 37

Sewer fund:

From:		To:	Amount:	
SS8110E 44101		SS8110e 44100	\$ 1000.00	Electric

Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, 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 Schimmer made the motion seconded by Councilmember Golden to approve payment of the following bills:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND & SEWER 2017.....	\$82,427.22
ABSTRACT#091317.....	\$75,994.22
ABSTRACT#091417.....	\$ 6,433.00

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, Councilmember Cooke made the motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan and Cooke. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk