

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY**

NOVEMBER 8, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING – GRIPPIN HARDSHIP WAIVER

Supervisor Crosier opened the public hearing at 6:30PM. There was no public comment. On motion of Councilmember Golden and seconded by Supervisor Crosier the public comment was closed with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke. Councilmember Jordan read the Solar Moratorium §7 – Hardship & Appeal, and stated that Mr. Grippin satisfied all the requirements and submitted proof of hardship. A memo from the Planning Board was read requesting that if The Town Board should grant such waiver that they do so with the caveat that the applicant complies with the requirements of the Draft Solar Law as submitted. It is further requested that the solar permit be filled out, and the applicant present their proposal at The Planning Board’s December 7th meeting. Councilmember Jordan also read from the Draft Solar Law regarding the setback requirements. There being nothing further, Supervisor Crosier made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Schimmer to close the public hearing. The public hearing was closed with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Crosier declared the budget hearing on the 2018 budget open at 7:15 PM with the following officers present: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke. Supervisor Crosier opened the floor for public comment :

Mike Vincent stated that it was a lot of money for EMS Services.

There being nothing further, Councilmember Jordan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Golden to close the public hearing. The public hearing was closed with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

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 Schimmer, the minutes of 10/11/17 were approved as presented with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke. Supervisor Crosier opened the meeting to guests:

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Marc Gronich, Vice Chair of PEG (Public Education Government) Access Oversight Board, presented information regarding the live streaming of Town Board meetings.

Mike Vincent – stated the seniors were having their ham dinner at Knox; discussed the need for senior housing; a historical building for the Town; asked the Board to follow through with reviewing requested from the Planning Board; asked that Debra Bajouwa be Chair of the Planning Board for 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation letter from Charlie Burgess from the Switzkill Farm Board received 11/7/17.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger stated the salt shed and plows are ready for winter; Peter Becker & Jason Geel worked on the trucks; shoulders on Bradt Hollow & Filkins Hill cannot be fixed before winter; Supervisor Crosier suggested “No Shoulder” signs be put up.

SENIORS - Councilmember Jordan stated Knox will have the Thanksgiving Dinner on 11/11/17 at noon at the Reformed Church.

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM – Councilmember Schimmer reported the meal program is doing very well with new volunteers; They have bingo every 3rd Monday and games after each meal.

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilmember Schimmer reported there was no meeting held.

PLANNING & ZONING – Councilmember Jordan reported the board met on 11/2/17 and are looking at information to update sign language in zoning, particularly lighted informational signs. The next meeting is 12/7/17. The ZBA will meet on 11/15/17.

YOUTH COUNCIL – Councilmember Jordan reported that the Youth Council met on 10-14-17 and will host a Christmas Party on Sunday, 12/3/17 at 2pm at the Masonic Lodge with Santa arriving via fire truck at 2:15pm. The next meeting will be 1/8/18 at 6pm at the Library.

SWITZKILL FARM – Councilmember Schimmer reported the Switzkill Farm Board heard a presentation from the Washed Out Radio Control Club, which is a teenage club that would like to have a radio control car park at Switzkill Farm. Mark Hohengasser and Richard Ronconi met with BKW teachers for a possible Educational Outreach program; BKW may have prom at Switzkill Farm; Winterfest will be held with or without snow; Boy Scouts are looking into camping at the Lodge.

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OLD BUSINESS

ACCEPTING OGS MINI BID FOR 2500HD 2018 CHEVROLET CREW CAB 4WD PICK UP TRUCK WITH FISHER XTREME V PLOW AND QUOTE FOR OEM OPTION EQUIPMENT

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer accepting OGS mini bid #17100068 for 2500HD 2018 Chevrolet Crew Cab 4WD pickup truck with Fisher Xtreme v-plow with Joe Basil Chevrolet in an amount not to exceed \$34,104.14, along with OEM optional equipment of trailer brake controller; trailer hitch receiver; trailer tow mirrors for an additional \$567.60 for a total amount not to exceed 34,671.74. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVING HARDSHIP WAIVER FOR RANDALL GRIPPIN

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke approving the hardship waiver for Randall Grippin with the condition that if there are any material changes that Mr. Grippin come back to the board. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

ADOPTING FINAL BUDGET OF 2018

Supervisor Crosier stated that the budget hearing for the 2018 budget had been held on the above date and that the preliminary budget was presented and discussed, showing a 4% property tax reduction for the fifth year in a row. **WHEREUPON**, Councilmember Cooke offered and moved the following resolution seconded by Councilmember Golden: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Berne does hereby accept and adopt the final budget as presented by the Supervisor, and **BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk prepare and certify duplicate copies of such budget and deliver the copies to the Supervisor and to the County Legislature of Albany, all as required by law. Resolution was declared duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor Crosier...Aye	Councilmen Golden... Aye
Councilmember Schimmer.....Aye	Councilmember Jordan...Aye
Councilmember Cooke.....Aye	

A complete copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.

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ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF CHARLIE BURGESS

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden accepting the resignation of Charlie Burgess from the Switzkill Farm Board. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

APPOINTING SWITZKILL FARM BOARD MEMBERS FOR THREE YEAR TERM

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan appointing Terry Schwendeman and Chance Townsend, for a three year term to the Switzkill Farm Board. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO POST SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURE

Highway Superintendent Bashwinger submitted the 2017/2018 Seasonal Road Closure and the board stated they take exception to the closing of Stage Road from 182 to Helderberg Trail as they feel it is not in the best interest or safety of the resident. After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the Town Clerk to post the seasonal road closure with the Altamont Enterprise and on the official board for the Town Hall. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke. Said road closure is attached the these minutes.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE TO BARRON PLUMBING & HEATING

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing the emergency expenditure for a water pump to Barron Plumbing & Heating for \$1575 to be divided into thirds along with the Masonic Lodge and Post Office. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR JUSTICE ZUK & RAYMOND

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing the expenditure of \$714 each for the Justices to attend the NYS Magistrates conference. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

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AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL HOURS TO SANDRA KISSELBACK

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing an additional 3 hours per payroll period to Sandra Kisselback for cleaning at the Community & Senior Service Center. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

APPROVING SWITZKILL FARM RULES & REGULATIONS

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

APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BERNE AND UPSEU

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Supervisor Crosier approving Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Berne and UPSEU. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

General Fund.

From:	To:	Amount:
A9060e 89060	A89060 (health insurance lines trf)	\$ 425.00
\$ 1397.00	A1010e 44042 (town board printing)	\$ 665.00
	A1010e 44047 (town board consulting)	\$ 650.00
	A1010e 44999 (town board misc)	\$ 82.00
A1110e 10158(justices deputy line transfer)	A1110e 22080 (justices bench)	\$ 268.00
A1220e 44999 (supervisor misc)	A1220e 44030 (supervisor dues)	\$ 40.00
A1355e 4499 (assessors misc.)	A1355e 44042 (assessors printing)	\$ 400.00
A1430e 44020	A1430e 44020 (acct clerk personal services)	\$ 300.00

A1620e 17230 (buildings laborer)	A1620e 11165 (buildings custodian)	\$ 500.00
	A1620e 44020 (buildings office supply)	\$ 150.00
	A1620e 44036 (Buildings phones)	\$ 400.00
	A1620e 44070(buildings equip repair)	\$ 700.00
A3510e 44999	A3510e 44038 (Dog control travel)	\$ 100.00
A3620e 44047 (Building Insp Consulting) \$210		
	A3620e 44035 (Buildings Insp postage)	\$ 50.00
	A3620e 44038 (Building Insp travel)	\$ 25.00
	A3620e 44039(Building Insp Conf)	\$ 100.00
	A3620e 44999 (Building Insp Misc)	\$ 35.00
A5132e 44100(highway building	A5132e 44022(buildings maintenance)	\$ 150.00
	A5132e 44100 (buildings phone)	\$ 500.00
	A5132e 44999 (highway bldgs. Misc)	\$ 25.00
A1990e 44999(contingency) \$ 750.00	A7110e 22080 (parks spec equip)	\$ 2600.00
A7110e 22700 (rec equip) \$ 2500.00	A7110e 22300 (parks safety equip)	\$ 650.00
A8020e 44047 (Planning consulting)	A8020e 44039 (Planning Conference)	\$ 100.00
A7111e 11178 (parks personal) \$ 800.00	A7111e 44022 (SF parks maintenance)	\$200.00
	A7111e 44100 (SF parks fuel oil)	\$ 500.00
	A7111e 44999 (SF misc.)	\$ 50.00
A7989e 44100(senior cultural & comm)	A7989e 44999 (senior cultural misc)	\$ 400.00
Highway fund		
From	To	Amount
Da5112r 3501 increase chips revenue	Da5112e 44075 (chips improve)	\$ 54000.00
Increase revenues for the chip winter, and seal coating		
\$54000.00		
DA1990e 44999		
increase fuel for fuel reimb	Da5110e 44102 (fuel)	\$ 2350.00
\$4700.00	DA5142e 44102(fuel)	\$ 2350.00
Da1990e 44999		
(highway contingency) \$ 3400.00	Da513010 44070 (truck 10 repair)	\$ 3400.00

	Da513022 44070 (truck 22 repair)	\$ 1100.00
	Da513037 44070 (truck 37 repair)	\$ 600.00
Da5130e 22999 \$ 9660.00	Da5130e 44070 (repairs to equip/veh)	\$ 9500.00
	Da5130e 44072 (vehicle maint)	\$ 160.00
Da5110e 44077 \$ 18005.00	Da5142e 44077 (road materials winter)	\$18005.00
Sewer fund:		
From:	To:	Amount:
SS8110e 44100 \$ 405.00 (Sewer fuel oil)	SS8110e 44070 (sewer insurance)	\$ 38.00
	SS8110e 44101 (sewer electric)	\$ 367.00
SS8110e 17340 \$ 160.00 (Sewer oper)	SS8110e 17345 (Sewer substitute oper)	\$ 160.00

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 Cooke to approve payment of the following bills:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND & SEWER 2017.....\$281,706.76
ABSTRACT#110817.....\$281,706.76

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 Schimmer made the motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan and Cooke. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk

Seasonal Roads

December 1, 2017 through April 15, 2018

Duck Hill Rd. from 300' east of Gulf Hill to Town of New Scotland line.

Gulf Hill Rd. from one-quarter mile south of NYS Route 443(Helderberg Trail) and NYS Route 85(Delaware Turnpike) to one-half mile north of Duck Hill Rd.

West Woodstock Rd. from County Route 2(Cole Hill Rd.) to one-half mile north of Switzkill Rd.

Beaver Rd. from one-quarter mile north of Bradt Hollow Rd. to County Route 13(Sickle Hill Rd.)

Shultes Rd from Cook Hill Rd. to one-half mile north of Peasley Rd.

Partridge Run Rd. from one quarter mile west of County Route 1 Switzkill Rd.) to County Route 6(Ravine Rd.)

Smokey Hollow Rd. from one-quarter mile west of NYS Route 85

(Delaware Turnpike) to one-half mile east of Joslyn School Road.

Wood Rd. from intersection of Peasley Rd. to the Town of Rensselaerville line.

Dyer Rd.

Cook Hill Rd. from two miles west of Bradt Hollow Rd. to 500' east of County Route 10 (Huntersland Rd.)

Stage Rd. from 182 Stage Rd. west to the intersection of 1490 Helderberg Trail.