

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY**

DECEMBER 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 Schimmer and seconded by Councilmember Cooke, the minutes of 11/08/17 were approved as presented with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke. Supervisor Crosier opened the meeting to guests:

Helen Lounsbury – Thanked Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden & Cooke for their dedication to the Town.

Sean Lyons – Acknowledged Town Clerk Clayton, Councilmembers Golden & Cooke for their service to the Town and stated he looked forward to working with Councilmembers Schimmer & Jordan and Mr. Willsey and Mr. Palow.

Roger Chrysler – Thanked everyone and wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Dennis Palow – inquired again about bow hunting at Switzkill Farm.

Brad Band – 1649 Helderberg Trail – asked if anything could be done about the spill well and waterway that floods his property.

Ian Guerrino – Helderberg Trail – was also asking about the spill well and flooding.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Assemblyman Santabarbara stating that the NYS Volunteer Firefighter Gap Coverage Cancer Disability Benefits Act has been signed into law.

Letter from St. Pauly Textile identifying our shed at the Transfer Station as being particularly well taken care of.

Mike Vincent – stated that a Planning Board member and alternate is needed.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger stated the trucks are up and running and they are ready for winter.

SENIORS - Councilmember Jordan stated the Christmas Dinner was held on 12/9/17 and the next meeting will be 1/13/18 at 11:00 am.

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM – Councilmember Schimmer reported that 20 people attended lunch on Monday and have a very active group of volunteers, but more are needed.

PLANNING & ZONING – Councilmember Jordan reported the board met on 12/7/17 and discussed signage for Helderberg Mountain Brewing Co. which will be operating a tap room out of the old Wright’s Delights on Main Street; thank you to Rick Rapp for his service as a member and chairman and donating his salary back to the Town. Next meeting will be on 1/4/18. The ZBA held a public hearing on 11/15/17 and has no new business; thank you to George Christian who has been a member since 2010 and will not be renewing his term.

SEWER DISTRICT – Supervisor Crosier reported that a wall repair was needed as there was a drop in flow for a couple of days and it was found to have a minor crack in wall #1.

LIBRARY – Judy Petrosillo reported the Library is doing well and every child in high school has been issued a library card; \$4,000 was received from Senator Amadore which was used to purchase iPads, STEM kits for resource sharing; LED lights for the porch. There will be a photography contest, photos due by the end of January; two trustee vacancies to be filled. Ms. Petrosillo stated she will be retiring as of 3/1/18 and submitted her letter of resignation to the Town Clerk. She stated what a pleasure it was to work for the town, how proud she is of the new Library and thanked Supervisor Crosier and Councilmember Golden for support of the Library. She stated that she has raised over \$240,000 in grants and the Friends of the Library have raised over \$80,000.

YOUTH COUNCIL – Councilmember Jordan reported that the annual Christmas Party was held on 12/3/with 18-19 children in attendance; thank you to the Masons for use of the building and the BFD for transporting Santa and Mrs. Claus.

SWITZKILL FARM – Councilmember Schimmer reported they met on 12/5 and appointments have been made increasing the Board from 7 to 9 members.

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OLD BUSINESS

**INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2018
“TOWN OF BERNE SMALL SCALE SOLAR ENERGY LAW”**

After discussion, Supervisor Crosier introduced Local Law #1 of 2018 “**Town of Berne Small Scale Energy Law**” and moved to set a public hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2018 for January 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM and directing the Town Clerk to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided in Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and Councilmember Jordan seconded the introduction of the proposed local law and the motion. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan and Cooke.

Wireless Internet – Supervisor Crosier reported that he spoke with Jason Guzzo and the grant has been awarded to Hudson Valley Wireless and should be launched in late spring.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTING ZONING BOARD MEMBER

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden appointing Donald Bauer to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

**AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PLANNING BOARD
MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO PLANNING BOARD & ZBA**

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

APPOINTING SWITZKILL FARM BOARD MEMBERS

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden appointing Nelson Kent and Craig Angard for two-year terms to the Switzkill Farm Board. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

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AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR TOOL BOX FOR PARK TRUCK

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the expenditure for a tool box for the park truck from Home Depot in an amount not to exceed \$529. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR CURTAINS FOR SWITZKILL FARM

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke authorizing the expenditure for curtains for the Great Room at Switzkill Farm Lodge from Home Depot in an amount not to exceed \$359. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO SEND LETTER TO STATE COMPTROLLER

After discussion, Supervisor Crosier made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing the Town Clerk to send a letter to the State Comptroller requesting a 60 day extension for filing the 2017 AUD. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR AT SEWER PLANT

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke authorizing the expenditure to J-Squared in the amount of \$6,000 for emergency repair at the Sewer Plant. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING CHANGE TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK §703

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke authorizing the change to §703 pertaining to payroll to read “begin on Saturday at 12:00:01am and end fourteen calendar days later on Friday at 11:59:59 pm” to be consistent with Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE TO CARDIAC LIFE FOR AED'S

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the expenditure for batteries and defibrillator pads for AED's in an amount not to exceed \$789.80. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

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SETTING DATE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Cooke setting the date for the Organizational Meeting for 1/1/18 at 1:00 PM. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Schimmer, Jordan & Cooke.

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

General Fund.

From:	To:	Amount:
A9060e 89060	A89060	\$ 500.00
A1010e 44020	A1010e 10020	\$ 304.00
A1220e 44999	A1220e 44030	\$ 40.00
A1355e 44301 \$ 621.00	A1355e 44035	\$ 1.00
	A1355e 44047	\$ 220.00
	A1355e 44999	\$ 400.00
A1450e 44047 \$ 3800.00	A1330e 44046	\$ 1300.00
	A1410e 10110	\$ 2500.00
A1430e 44020 \$ 475.00	A1430e 10016	\$ 400.00
	A1430e 44999	\$ 75.00
A1620e 44999 \$ 2734.00	A1620e 10016	\$ 120.00
	A1620e 22050	\$ 340.00
	A1620e 22300	\$ 774.00
	A1620e 44020	\$ 100.00
	A1620e 44022	\$ 100.00
	A1620e 44024	\$ 100.00
	A1620e 44028	\$ 500.00
	A1620e 44041	\$ 600.00
	A1620e 44065	\$ 100.00
A3620e 44020 \$ 210.00	A3620e 44038	\$ 50.00
	A3620e 44047	\$ 160.00

A5010e 44003 \$ 1400.00	A5010e 44036	\$ 910.00
A5010e 44039 \$ 560.00	A5010e 44047	\$ 1050.00
A8020e 44047	A8020e 44039	\$ 100.00
A7110e 44101	A7110e 44022	\$ 160.00
	A7110e 44106	\$ 130.00
A7111e 11178 \$ 605.00	A7111e 44022	\$ 205.00
	A7111e 44101	\$ 280.00
	A7111e 44999	\$ 120.00
A7320e 44999	A7320e 11205	\$ 700.00
A7410e 44100	A7410e 44101	\$ 300.00
A7989e 44100 \$ 1800.00	A7989e 44036	\$ 100.00
A7989e 11215 \$ 400.00	A7550e 44999	\$ 2100.00
A8020e 44047	A8020e 44300	\$ 222.00
A9060e 44976 \$ 6440.00	A8160e 44036	\$ 40.00
	A8160e 44050	\$ 3000.00
	A8160e 44072	\$ 3400.00

Highway fund

From:	To:	Amount:
Da5110e 19990 \$ 4480.00	Da5110e 17200	\$ 1000.00
	Da5110e 17200	\$ 1300.00
	Da5110e 19200	\$ 2000.00
	Da 5110e 44022	\$ 180.00
Da1990e 44999 \$ 5820.00	Da513010 44070	\$ 240.00
	Da513022 44070	\$ 2600.00
	Da513024 44070	\$ 30.00
	Da513026 44070	\$ 570.00
	Da513030 44070	\$ 930.00
	Da513037 44070	\$ 1450.00
Da5110e 44077 \$ 6700.00	Da5142e 44070	\$ 5000.00
	Da5130e 44102	\$ 1700.00
Da9730e 66000 \$ 7720.00	Da 89060	\$ 570.00
	Da 5142e 89060	\$ 6300.00
	Da9060e 44976	\$ 850.00

Sewer fund:

From:	To:	Amount:
SS9901e 99960 \$ 1618.00	SS8110e 44046	\$ 68.00
	SS8110e 44101	\$ 470.00
	SS8110e 17345	\$ 80.00
	SS8110e 17340	\$1000.00
SS 230	SS 8110e 44070	\$ 6000.00

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

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND & SEWER 2017.....	\$52,931.80
ABSTRACT#121317.....	\$52,931.80

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 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk