

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, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan. Also present were Town Clerk Clayton; Attorney Conboy, and several interested citizens. Supervisor Crosier called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and on motion of Councilmember Jordan and seconded by Councilmember Emory, the minutes of the meeting of 12/9/15 were approved as presented with all members voting aye, Councilmember Schimmer abstained; and on motion of Councilmember Schimmer and seconded by Supervisor Crosier, the minutes of the meeting of 1/1/16 were approved as presented with all members voting aye. Supervisor Crosier then opened the meeting to guests.

Roger Chrysler commented on the great job at the staff house; inquired about more playground equipment and updating the Town Park; also stated the Berne store will be reopening.

Sean Lyons was present and congratulated Councilmembers Schimmer & Jordan.

County Legislators, Chris Smith and Travis Stevens were present.

Correspondence:

Letter from Gerard Chartier resigning from the Planning Board effective 12/31/15.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger stated he is in contact with the School District; Fire Department; Rescue Squad and State DOT regarding Stage Road; submitted three quotes for a Loader; addition on the highway garage (lean- to) will be finished by next week and will have 96 feet of extra storage. Supervisor Crosier thanked the highway personnel for a great job on the pavilion. Supervisor Crosier stated the salt shed grant and SEQR is being prepared.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – did not meet.

SENIORS – Councilmember Jordan reported that a lawyer from Legal Aid will offer free legal services for seniors age 60 or older at the Knox Town Hall the 2nd Wednesday of the month; contact Charlotte Fuss if you know of a senior who needs help with shoveling; the Adult Day Care program will begin on 2/1/16 at the Senior Center.

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilmember Schimmer reported the Board did a site review for a greenhouse near Warner's Lake; discussed the communications tower at the 12/3/15 Planning Board meeting; request advertising for new members on the board. Joanna Nadeau of Audubon International will speak on sustainable communities on 2/8/16 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

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PLANNING & ZONING – Councilmember Emory reported there was a public hearing on 1/7/16 and the Communication’s Officer was in attendance for the tower; a balloon test is scheduled for 1/23/16 from 9am-2pm with a weather date of 1/24/16. Reports will be submitted at the meeting on 2/4. An alternate member is still needed. Request for ethics training was made.

SEWER DISTRICT – Supervisor Crosier reported that readings on the grinder pumps were taken on 12/24; residents will receive a small rebate for power usage.

LIBRARY – no report.

YOUTH COUNCIL – Councilmember Schimmer reported on the meeting of 1/11; Knox will hold the winter festival on 1/30/16 with a weather date of 2/6/16 from 11am-2pm; there will be a tubing trip on 3/5/16; weather date 3/12/16; bus will leave BKW at 9am and return 1pm; there will be a roller skating trip to Rollerama on 4/19/16; bus will leave BKW at 11:30am and leave Rollerama at 3pm. The Knox Youth Coordinator is trying to set a goal to have a kid’s activity each week throughout the summer; they will create an activity binder to track trips, costs, etc.

GAME FARM ROAD – Councilmember Schimmer reported a Winter Festival is being planned for 2/27/16 with snow shoe race; ice skating; snow sculpture; wildlife exhibit; bonfire; toboggan/sledding run; possible food truck and bake sale. The land committee will investigate locations for 5 rustic campsites and 2 glamping cabins. A reception is planned for 4/9/16 from 3-7PM, inviting local businesses, public entities/educational institutes; government officials. A thank you letter has been sent to Mary Bassler for the donation of the Elk head. Mike Vincent donated tools.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVING REPAIRS TO TERRASTAR CYLINDER AND GEAR BOX

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Emory approving repairs by T&T Sales to the 2016 Terrastar stainless steel box which after mounting found the cylinder and gear box to be bad, in an amount not to exceed \$5,164.38. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

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NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF GERARD CHARTIER

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden to accept the resignation of Gerard Chartier from the Planning Board, noting that he was the 2nd longest member with over 30 years of service. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF 1999 MILTON CAT LOADER

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Emory authorizing the purchase of a 1999 Milton Cat Loader; Model 930M, Serial #9HS00390 with a one year warranty for \$119,929 and a Premier 5 year warranted for \$3,529; under State Contract with payment form the Capital Reserve Project Equipment Fund in an amount not to exceed \$123,458. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSERVATION BOARD MEMBERS

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

BUILDING & ZONING

Building & Zoning Department submitted year-end report.

PROCUREMENT POLICY

The procurement policy will be reviewed and updated if needed.

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FEE TO BE WAIVED

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the Building & Zoning Department to waive the application fee and filing fee of \$135 on the lot-line application for Vogel-Nagengast. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

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AUTHORIZING BUS TRIPS FOR YOUTH COUNCIL

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing the Youth Council to use a school bus for a tubing trip to Maple Ski Ridge on 3/12/16 and to Rollerama for roller skating on 3/26/16 in an amount not to exceed \$400 and with reimbursement for \$200 from the Town of Knox Youth Council. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THOMAS CONSTRUCTION FOR REPAIRS TO GAME FARM ROAD TENANT HOUSE

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden authorizing the payment to Thomas Construction in an amount not to exceed \$990 for repairs to the Game Farm Road Tenant House. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO BELLEVUE BUILDERS FOR MATERIALS FOR REPAIRS TO GAME FARM ROAD TENANT HOUSE

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the payment to Bellevue Builders in an amount not to exceed \$545.67 for materials for repairs to the Game Farm Road Tenant House. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR CROSIER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR A \$12,000 GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN AQUATIC SPRAY PARK AT THE TOWN PARK

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing Supervisor Crosier to enter into an agreement with the Department of State for a \$12,000 grant for construction of an aquatic spray part at the Town Park. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC RECYCLING MORATORIUM

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing an electronic recycling moratorium until the issue is resolved to safely recycle electronics. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

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AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR CROSIER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RIGPA FELLOWSHIP FOR STORAGE OF DOCUMENTS AT GAME FARM ROAD PROPERTY

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing Supervisor Crosier to enter into agreement with Rigpa Fellowship for rental space for documents at the Game Farm Road property for \$150 per month. After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing

BILLS AND REPORTS

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

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

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND & SEWER 2015/2016.....	\$133,669.74
ABSTRACT#122815.....	\$ 35,102.06
ABSTRACT#122915.....	\$ 14,640.86
ABSTRACT#011416.....	\$ 82,391.15
ABSTRACT#011416b.....	\$ 1,535.67

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

AUTHORIZING 2015 YEAR END BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

General fund:

From	To:	Amount
A89040	A89030 Social Security	\$ 545.00
A1330e 44046	A1330e 44035 Tax Collector Postage	\$ 7.00
	A1330e 44038 Tax Collector Travel	\$ 150.00
A1355e 44020	A1355e 44035 Assessors Postage	\$ 47.00

A1430e 44020	A1430e 10016 Account Clerk	\$ 72.00
A1620e 11165	A1620e 17230 Buildings laborer	\$ 1000.00
A1620e 22150	A1620e 22999 Town buildings misc equipment	\$ 755.00
A1620e 44020	A1620e 44027 Town buildings spec supplies	\$ 77.00
	A1620e 44036 Town buildings phones	\$207.00
A3120e 44999	A3310e 44999 Traffic Control	\$ 734.00
A3620e 22050	A3620e 11160 Safety inspection clerk	\$ 64.00
A3620e 44020	A3620e 44035 Safety inspection postage	\$ 94.00
A5132e 44028	A5132e 44022 Buildings Highway Garage Maintenance	\$ 545.00
A7110e 11178	A7110e 10016 Town park clerk	\$ 29.00
A7110e 44101	A7110e 44022 Town park maintenance/supplies	\$ 45.00
	A7110e 44275 Town park game farm	\$ 212.00
A7989e 44079	A7989e 44036 Senior Center building phone	\$ 193.00
A8020e 44021	A8020e 44042 Planning Printing	\$10.00
A8090e 17230	A8160e 17350 A8160e 17360 A8160e 17355 Transfer station personal services	\$ 525.00 \$194.00 \$ 979.00

A1910e 44999 \$ 1800.00	A9060e 89060	\$ 5212.00
A1990e 44999 \$ 889.00		Medical Insurance/
A1220r 02770 \$ 2523.00 increase from revenues		

Highway fund:

Da5110e 19990	Da5110e 17220	\$ 2800.00
	Maintenance Roads bldgs. Oper	
Da5110e 19990	Da5110e 17200	\$ 1015.00
	Maintenance Roads Bldgs Foreman	
Da5130e 44078	Da513010	\$ 1791.00
Da5110e 19990	Da513024	\$ 63.00
	Da513029	\$ 4.00
	Da513030	\$ 275.00
	Da513037	\$ 21.00
	Mach. Vehicle Equip Maintenance	
Da5142e 44077	Da5142e 44046	\$ 19.00
	Da5142e 44070	\$ 7000.00
	Snow Removal fees services/ and repairs	

Sewer

SS8110e 17340 \$ 220.00	SS8110e 44101	\$ 445.00
	Sewer Electric	
SS8110e 17345 \$60.00		
S8110e 44070 \$ 165.00		

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, Councilmember Jordan made the motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory & Jordan. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk