

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY**

JULY 13, 2016

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, Also present were Town Clerk Clayton; Attorney Conboy, II and Attorney Conboy, III, and several interested citizens. Councilmember Schimmer and Councilmember Jordan were not in attendance. Supervisor Crosier called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance; and on motion of Councilmember Emory and seconded by Councilmember Golden, the minutes of the meeting of 6/8/16 were approved as presented with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden & Emory, and on motion of Supervisor Crosier and seconded by Councilmember Golden, the minutes of the meeting of 6/22/16 were approved as presented; with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden & Emory. Supervisor Crosier then opened the meeting to guests.

John McGivern gave a presentation regarding his Eagle Scout project at the Berne Senior Center.

George Christian inquired about the Thompson's Lake Boat Launch.

Roger Chrysler spoke in favor of the communications tower; discussed the black top and steps at the Game Farm Road Lodge and stated he did not feel the star gazers should get special privileges to be on the property after dark.

Ron Barnell gave a presentation on the Helderberg Earth & Sky Observatory project.

Correspondence:

Letter from Joel Willsey regarding oil dripping from town mowers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger reported that two O-rings were replaced in the town mower (this year and last year) in response to Mr. Willsey's letter and that most of the spots were from air conditioner leakage. He discussed a public hearing to close one part of Stage Road; taping and painting are done at the pavilion; generator has been installed; a \$1,000 change order was discussed regarding the generator installation; discussed rental of track hoe and road work on Cook Hill; Bradt Hollow has been ditched; boom hose broke on the Badger; presented figures for CHIPS.

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SENIORS – Councilmember Emory state that County Executive Dan McCoy spoke at the Senior Center on 7/9/16 and the picnic was a success.

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM – Phyllis Johnson reported the Hilltown Senior Services received a contract from Albany County for Congregate Services Initiative grant; internet is up and running, thank you to Supervisor Crosier; 7/8 chair yoga classes began and will be held every Friday in July before lunch; 7/12 there will be information about the SNAP program and how to sign up for it.

PLANNING & ZONING – Councilmember Emory reported the Planning Board met on 7/7/16 with a subdivision public hearing; Special Use Permit for the communications tower was approved. Attorney Conboy stated the Albany County Legislature is lead agency for the SEQR review.

SEWER – Supervisor Crosier stated the flow was down 2,000 gal. per day due to water conservation.

LIBRARY - Councilmember Golden reported that the Library has received a grant from Senator Amadore for \$4,500 to cover the cost of a new book return to be built inside to meet code regulations.

YOUTH COUNCIL – The summer recreation program runs 7/18 – 7/22 with 48 children enrolled.

OLD BUSINESS

Solar Panel moratorium- a draft of Local Law #2 known as “Town of Berne Solar Energy System Moratorium Law” was reviewed.

AUTHORIZING NEW INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE FOR 1278 THOMPSON’S LAKE ROAD

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Emory authorizing the removal of existing electrical service from pole and install on corner of house at 1278 Thompson’s lake Road by Gentech Emergency Power in an amount not to exceed \$1,780. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden & Emory.

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ACCEPTING NAME OF SWITZKILL FARM FOR THE GAME FARM ROAD PROPERTY

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Supervisor Crosier accepting the name of Switzkill Farm as the new name of the Game Farm Road Property. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden & Emory.

NEW BUSINESS

AWARDING OF BIDS FOR BEAU-ROC MODEL DCS 10'6" DUMP BODY

The Town Board reviewed the bids received on 7/12/16 from the following:

T&T Body/King, Inc.
Arrowhead Equipment, Inc.

After reviewing the above said bids, Supervisor Crosier made a motion which was seconded by Councilmember Golden to award the bid to T& T Body/King Inc. to install one Beau-Roc Model DCS 10'6" dump body, in an amount not to exceed \$16,180. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden & Emory.

NEW BUSINESS

**INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2016
"TOWN OF BERNE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM MORATORIUM LAW"**

After discussion, Supervisor Crosier introduced Local Law #2 of 2016 "**Town of Berne Solar Energy System Moratorium Law**" and moved to set a public hearing on proposed Local Law #2 of 2016 for August 10, 2016 at 7:15 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 Golden seconded the introduction of the proposed local law and the motion. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden & Emory.

ACCEPTING QUOTE FROM TURNPIKE GLASS TO REPLACE LIBRARY WINDOWS

After discussion, Supervisor Crosier made a motion seconded by Councilmember Emory accepting the quote from Turnpike Glass to replace windows at the Library in an amount not to exceed \$8,200. Supervisor Crosier stated that the Library has received 75% matching funds and 25% donation. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden & Emory.

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AUTHORIZING CLERK TO SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS FOR CUSTODIAL POSITON

The Town Clerk will schedule interviews on August 20, 2016 starting at 9 am for the custodial position.

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$8,600 IN CAPITAL RESERVE FOR SEWER

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Emory authorizing the transfer of \$8,600 in the Capital Reserve Fund for sewer repair. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden & Emory.

AUTHORIZING MATERIALS FROM GAME FARM ROAD PROPERTY BE DECLARED SURPLUS

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Supervisor Crosier authorizing the following materials from the Game Farm Road property be declared surplus: mismatched kitchen utensils; old, dated kitchen appliances; old carpeting; odd furniture items; odd pipes and poles, decorative items, i.e. vases, bowls, etc.; snowmobile frame. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden & Emory.

AUTHORIZING NEW NAME FOR THE SENIOR CENTER

After discussion, Supervisor Crosier made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden authorizing the new name for the Senior Center to be “Town of Berne Community And Senior Services Center”. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden & Emory.

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR CROSIER TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH SANTORE’S WORLD FAMOUS FIREWORKS, LLC.

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden authorizing Supervisor Crosier to sign contract with Santore’s World Famous Fireworks, LLC., in the amount of \$3,000 for fireworks at Summerfest. Supervisor Crosier stated the Sheriff and County Executive will reimburse the Town. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden & Emory.

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APPROVING SCOTT GREEN AS ELIGIBLE FULL TIME EMPLOYEE

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden approving Scott Green as eligible full time employee with benefits at \$19 per hour beginning July 18, 2016. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden & Emory.

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 2016.....	\$76,647.29
ABSTRACT#071316.....	\$46,814.71
ABSTRACT#071416.....	\$ 39.98
ABSTRACT#072016.....	\$29,792.60

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, Councilmember Golden made the motion seconded by Councilmember Emory to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden & Emory. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk