

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 Emory and seconded by Councilmember Golden, the minutes of the meeting of 06/10/15 were approved as presented with all members voting aye; and on motion of Councilmember Jordan and seconded by Councilmember Schimmer, the minutes of the meeting of 06/24/15 were approved as presented with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan. Supervisor Crosier then opened the meeting to guests.

Rev. Robert Hoffman has been in contact with the Albany County District Attorney's office regarding a Community Accountability Board to work with the Justice Court and is asking for support from the Town Board and looking for volunteers. He also announced a community town picnic on 7/17/15 from 11-4PM at the Town Park.

Mike Vincent – requested the Board to move issues through from the Planning Board;

Ted Kunker – Introduced himself as a Game Farm Road Board member;

George Christian – stated the Thompson's Lake Improvement Assoc. is pleased with the new signs and would like to purchase two more to donate to the Town;

Kevin Kemmet – asked about verifying addresses from a letter received in March, 2015.

Correspondence:

Letter from NYSDOT regarding the request for a Children At Play sign. They stated they were not effective and will not install one.

Email from Robert Price regarding the solar array in Knox asking for a letter of interest from the town. The Board agreed not to sign a letter of interest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger stated almost 20 culverts have been replaced. The CHIPS money was reviewed for roads to be paved. Superintendent Bashwinger discussed the quotes for the Terrastar for one plow hookup and installation of existing stainless steel box on frame. Quotes were presented for a bucket truck with certification training for the first year. Speed limit signs on town dirt roads were also discussed.

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SENIORS – Councilmember Schimmer reported that the annual picnic will be held at the Knox Town Park on Saturday, 7/11/15.

CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilmember Schimmer stated the Board met at the Switzkill Nature Area and will work on clearing the trails; the Board walked another section of the pipeline and discussed compensation for disruption.

PLANNING & ZONING – Councilmember Emory stated Albany County made a recommendation to maintain road back to the Parsonage for access. Councilmember Emory will discuss issues brought to the Town Board at the next workshop meeting on 7/22/15.

SEWER DISTRICT – Supervisor Crosier thanked Superintendent Bashwinger for top soil; he stated that Notice of Violations will be sent to residents not tied in.

LIBRARY – Judy Petrosillo reported that Donna Gwin was awarded Volunteer of the Year and Marion Burghart was awarded the 2014 Trustee of the Year Award at the UHL annual dinner; Music in the Park is on Wednesday evenings; story walk has been placed around the tennis court; working on the 2015 construction grant for the parking lot; 2016 grant to replace the large plate glass windows with double pane and fix the brick work; contribution will be made by the Friends of the Library.

YOUTH COUNCIL – Councilmember Jordan reported 32 children were enrolled, so far, in the Summer Recreation Program; still in need of volunteers.

GAME FARM ROAD – Councilmember Schimmer reported that 90 people attended the meet & greet; names are still being considered; next meeting will be on 7/28/15.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVING BERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan approving the Berne Public Library Conflict of Interest Policy. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING ROAD CLOSURE FOR FOX CREEK RACE

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer to authorize the town clerk to send a letter to the Sheriff's Office to close Helderberg Trail (NYS RT.443), from the U.S. Post Office in the Hamlet of Berne, west to the intersection with Switzkill Road (Co. Rt.1); Switzkill Road, from Helderberg Trail south to the intersection with Canaday Hill Road (Co. Rt. 9); and Canaday Hill Road, from Switzkill Road east to the intersection with Helderberg Trail will be closed to traffic from 9AM to 10AM on Saturday,

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August 8, 2015 for the duration of the Fox Creek 5K race and to publish a notice in The Altamont Enterprise. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

Town Park Pavilion - Supervisor Crosier stated the project is in progress.

Sewer District Audit – Supervisor Crosier stated that it was originally thought that a town wide audit needed to be performed, but upon review of documents with Sewer Clerk, Katherine Hill-Brown, Sr. Account Clerk, Andrea Borst, and Town Clerk, Anita Clayton, it was determined that a single sewer district audit was required saving the Town approximately \$3,000.

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO SIGN LISTING FOR PARSONAGE HOUSE

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing Supervisor Crosier to sign the listing for the Parsonage House at \$99,900.00. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

NEW BUSINESS

SHOWING SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan showing support from the Town Board for the Community Accountability Board. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO SCHEDULE MOTO PAVING, CHIP SEAL INCLUDING MOBILIZATION

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing Highway Superintendent Bashwinger to schedule moto paving, chip seal, including mobilization in an amount not to exceed \$228,070 for the following roads: Peasely Road, \$76,650; East Hill Road, \$55,130; Betts Lane, \$35,840; Stage Road, \$34,600; Merridale Lane \$12,600; Lower Gulf Hill Road, \$13,250; and to chip seal, including mobilization in an amount not to exceed \$31,100 for the following roads; Pitcher Lane, \$6,300; Warner Hayden Road, \$3,500; Welch Lane, \$5,800; Overlook Lane, \$3,500; Grippy Lane, \$12,000. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

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AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Emory authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for 1 plow with hookups and installation of existing stainless steel box on the frame. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE ONE 2002 INTERNATIONAL BUCKET TRUCK

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Emory authorizing the Highway Superintendent to purchase one 2002 International 4700 Bucket Truck with certification for the first year in an amount not to exceed \$9,600. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR GAME FARM ROAD BOARD

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden approving Job Description for Task Force Members; Job Description for Board Chair; Job Description for Board Members. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

APPROVING GUIDELINES FOR GAME FARM ROAD BOARD

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden approving Guidelines for Game Farm Road Board. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

APPOINTING VICE-CHAIR FOR GAME FARM ROAD BOARD

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan appointing Ted Kunker as Vice-Chair for the Game Farm Road Board. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

General

From:	To:	Amount:
A1330e 44039	A1330e 44038	\$ 150.00
	Tax Collector Travel	

A1990e 44999	A1620e 17230	\$ 2000.00
	Buildings Laborer	
A1990e 44999	A5132e 22080	\$ 700.00
	Buildings Highway Specialty equip	
A8160e 44050	A8160e 22080	\$ 250.00
	A8160e 22300	\$ 1500.00
	A8160e 44999	\$ 20.00
	Transfer station equipment and misc fees	

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Highway Transfers

From:	To:	Amount:
Da1990e 44999	Da 89040	\$ 2495.00
	Workers compensation	
Da1990e 44999	Da5130e 44070	\$ 650.00
	Repairs 2006 Chevy pickup	
DA 1990e 44999	Da513026 44070	\$ 150.00
	Repairs 1999 International	

Sewer Fund

SS8110e 44035	Ss8110e 44999	\$ 25.00
	Sewer Misc contractual	

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 Emory to approve payment of the following bills:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND & SEWER 2015.....	\$ 31,788.06
ABSTRACT#070215.....	\$ 140.00
ABSTRACT#070915.....	\$ 28,153.07
ABSTRACT#070915b.....	\$ 3,494.99

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:59PM

Councilmember Schimmer made the motion seconded by Councilmember Emory to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and personnel matters.

Motion carried with all members voting aye.

10:22 PM

Supervisor Crosier reconvened the meeting and reported that no action had taken place.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, Councilmember Schimmer made the motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Emory, & Schimmer. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk