

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY**

JUNE 8, 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, & Jordan. Also present were Town Clerk Clayton; Attorney Conboy, III, and several interested citizens. Councilmember Schimmer was 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 Jordan and seconded by Councilmember Emory, the minutes of the meeting of 5/11/16 were approved as presented with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden, Emory and Jordan, and on motion of Councilmember Emory and seconded by Councilmember Golden, the minutes of the meeting of 5/25/16 were approved as presented; with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Golden & Emory. Councilmember Jordan abstained. Supervisor Crosier then opened the meeting to guests.

Mike Vincent – spoke regarding wedding at Game Farm Road; solar energy; senior citizen housing; issue before the Town Board from planning board; change of venue for tower hearing.

Linda Carmen – spoke regarding solar panels in hamlet; senior housing.

Mark Hohengasser – presented a petition of signatures regarding placement of tower.

George Christian – spoke regarding letter for residents of Town for boat launch.

Sheriff Craig Apple and Craig Angard presented “Watch For Me” signs.

Correspondence:

Letter from Kinder Morgan suspending further work on the Tennessee Gas Pipeline.

Letter from Sarah Raymond resigning her position as custodian.

Two letters from Mark Sengenberger regarding the communication tower.

Letter from Mark Hohengasser regarding the communication tower.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger reported they were working on the storm damage on town roads; ordered salt for winter; work on pavilion progressing; discussed truck box bid.

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SENIORS – Councilmember Jordan reported on the Memorial Day Parade, thanked Mike Vincent for driving in antique truck; Anniversary Dinner June 12 at the Tree Farm in Princetown at 3:30 PM; Trip to Mac Hayden Theater June 16; Trip to Connecticut for train and boat ride; Madeline Bradt compiled a list of organization that are collecting furniture and clothing for seniors in need; Lifeline free for Veterans; Westerlo Reformed Sr. Lunch Program is taking the summer off – Berne is serving.

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM – Phyllis Johnson reported hot meals will continue for the summer; June 3 the Albany County Department for Aging will discuss nutrition; 6/14 a representative from Walgreens will discuss changes in Part D Medicare; June 28 there will be a discussion on weatherization; June 21 trip to Vermont for statewide Senior Action Council; there will be chair yoga classes in July; the first Tuesday of each month will be a birthday party; June 27 at 2PM is the next meeting.

PLANNING & ZONING – Councilmember Emory reported the Planning Board met on 6/2/16; Public hearing on the communication tower will be at the Senior Center on 6/16/16 at 7 PM.

LIBRARY - There was flooding in the Library, cleanup was done by Quick Response.

YOUTH COUNCIL – Councilmember Jordan stated they will meet on June 13 at 6PM.

GAME FARM ROAD – Councilmember Jordan reported John Zieske, Berne Cub Scout Master, would like to help out again with age appropriate projects for Cub Scouts (1-5 grade); Would like to have kitchen items declared surplus; wedding went very smoothly; discussed sources of grants; observatory are exploring the possibility of having an observatory on the site; Black Mountain Symphony concert on 6/25/16 at 6:30PM; Junk in the Trunk sale, tentative date of 7/23/16 from 10AM – 1PM.

OLD BUSINESS

RESCINDING MOTION TO PURCHASE OF BEAU-ROC TRUCK BOX

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden to rescind the motion authorizing the purchase of one Beau-Roc 10' DCS 36" sides x 42" Tailgate Hardox 450 with tarp, mounted and painted, in an amount not to exceed \$16,180 made on May 25, 2016. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory & Jordan.

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AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR BEAU-ROC TRUCK BOX

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan directing the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for one Beau-Roc 10'6" DCS 36" sides x 42" tailgate all Hardox 450; half cab shield; air operated tailgate' one coal door centered, one step inside; body prop; CS 90-4-2 DA cylinder; 24 ton mounting kit; stop, turn and tail lights; rear spread apron; stainless steel sander lines; painted and installed; aero aluminum electric tarp system installed with the bids to be received until 10 AM on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at which time said bids will be opened and read at the Berne Town Hall, 1656 Helderberg Trail, Berne, NY. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory & Jordan.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION DECLARING 18 SMOKEY HOLLOW ROAD UNSAFE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE

WHEREUPON, Councilmember Emory offered and moved the following resolution seconded by Councilmember Jordan, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Berne determines that the building/structure at 18 Smokey Hollow Road, East Berne, NY, is unsafe. The resolution was declared duly adopted by the following roll call vote: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory & Jordan.....Aye.

AUTHORIZING EXTENSION ON REMOVAL OF STRUCTURE ON 18 SMOKEY HOLLOW ROAD.

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden authorizing an extension until July 8, 2016 to start removal of structure on 18 Smokey Hollow Road with completion no later than August 7, 2016. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory & Jordan.

APPROVING SUMMER HIRE FOR YOUTH COUNCIL

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Golden approving three (3) students from BKW (with preference to Berne residents) to be hired for the summer program at the rate of \$9 per hour for not more than 20 hours for the week of 7/18-7/22/2016. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Jordan.

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AUTHORIZING REPAIR TO COMPACTOR CHUTE AT TRANSFER STATION

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the repair to the compactor chute at the Transfer Station by James C. Smith for \$325 for materials and \$800 for labor, in an amount not to exceed \$1,125. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Jordan.

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR CUSTODIAL POSITON

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for a custodial position to clean the Town Hall and Library. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Jordan.

AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF KNOX FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Supervisor Crosier authorizing a shared service agreement with the Town of Knox for a Household Hazardous Waste Day to be held in the Town of Knox on 8/20/16. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Jordan.

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO ISSUE A LETTER TO THOMPSON'S LAKE RESIDENTS FOR USE OF THE BOAT LAUNCH

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Supervisor Crosier authorizing the Town Clerk to issue a letter to Thompson's Lake residents for use of the boat launch. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Jordan.

DECLARING PACKER BOX AND OPEN TOP CONTAINER AS SURPLUS

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Emory declaring one 40 yard packer box and one 30 yard open top container as surplus. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Jordan.

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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 Jordan to approve payment of the following bills:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND & SEWER 2016.....	\$26,145.38
ABSTRACT#060816.....	\$21,771.81
ABSTRACT#060816a.....	\$ 4,374.57

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, Councilmember Jordan made the motion seconded by Supervisor Crosier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory & Jordan. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk