

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY**

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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. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gerald O'Malley. Supervisor Crosier called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and on motion of Councilmember Schimmer and seconded by Councilmember Emory, the minutes of the meeting of 4/13/16 were approved as presented with the following members voting aye; Supervisor Crosier; Councilmembers Schimmer and Jordan. Councilmembers Golden and Emory abstained. Supervisor Crosier then opened the meeting to guests.

County Legislator Chris Smith was present.

Correspondence:

Two letters received from Rick Otto pertaining to matters regarding the Highway Department and Town Board.

Letter received from Senator Amedore informing the Town that it will receive \$183,510.93 for CHIPS and an additional \$41,888.20 in funding for PAVE NY.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY- Highway Superintendent Bashwinger reported the garage addition is almost completed; has approximately \$32,000 in rollover CHIPS; requested authorization to spend up to \$250,000 in CHIPS money; will be paving Tabor Road, upper Filkins Hill; Church Road, Turner Road, Ridge Road and Craig Lane. Truck #27, 1999 International has a crack in the frame box. Highway Superintendent Bashwinger will obtain quotes for replacing the frame box.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Phyllis Johnson will be attending the County Emergency Manager's meeting on 5/12/16.

SENIORS – Next meeting scheduled on 5/14/16.

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM – Phyllis Johnson stated two grants have been applied for through Albany County for transportation assistance and classes and activities for seniors; progress is being made on the master plan for the kitchen.

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CONSERVATION BOARD – Councilmember Schimmer reported that the board will give their draft report on the communications tower to the Planning Board; there has been clear cutting on Irish Hill Road without notification from DEC; Jon Kusler will draft a letter requesting notification in the future. Sue Hawkes-Teeter presented quotes for tree and shrub planting on Canaday Hill.

PLANNING & ZONING – Councilmember Emory reported the Planning Board met on 5/5/16 and discussed the communications tower; 3 different locations are being looked at. Next meeting will be on 5/19/16. Bonnie Conklin, a member of the Historical Society would like to be included in any historical planning review.

LIBRARY - Judy Petrosillo stated she is working on the 2016 grant and will be getting quotes for the windows; 75% will be paid by the State and 25% from the Friends of the Library; looking for estimates from a mason to repaint and clean the brick work; new benches have been donated in memory of Mary Ellen Hamilton by the Girl Scouts and there will be a dedication in the near future. The summer reading program is being planned. Music in the Park on Wednesday nights will begin on 7/13 and runs through 8/10. The Library will have a float in the Memorial Day Parade; Supervisor Crosier donated the use of his tractor and wagon.

YOUTH COUNCIL – Councilmember Jordan stated they were unable to meet this month.

GAME FARM ROAD – Councilmember Schimmer reported that facility upgrades are being made; beds have been purchased for the lodge; paving under the portico was donated by Hannon’s Paving; there will be a meeting between the Town Board, Game Farm Road Board and Overit Multimedia, Inc. on 5/23/16 at 1pm at the Game Farm Road property. June 25 from 6:30-9PM the Black Mountain Symphony will have a free concert and Craig Angard of the Helderberg Earth & Science Observatory Group is working on a proposal for an observatory.

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO SPEND UP TO \$250,000 IN CHIPS, PAVE NY AND EMERGENCY ROLLOVER FUNDING

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing Highway Superintendent Bashwinger to spend up to \$250,000; \$183,510.93 from CHIPS; \$41,888.20 from PAVE NY funding and \$32,000 in CHIPS rollover from 2015. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2016 BUDGET BE AMENDED FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IN BRIDGE/ROAD REPAIR CHIPS APPROPRIATION LINE

WHEREUPON, Councilmember Jordan offered and moved the following resolution seconded by Councilmember Golden, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Berne authorizes the 2016 Budget be amended for the Highway Department in the Bridge/Road Repair CHIPS Appropriation Line increasing the amount by \$41,888.20. The resolution was declared duly adopted by the following roll call vote: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.....Aye.

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS FROM FA GUERNSEY FOR CANADAY HILL ROAD

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the purchase and planting of trees and shrubs, with a one year guarantee on Canaday Hill Road from FA Guernsey's in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO SPEND ADDITIONAL MONEY ON HIGHWAY GARAGE ADDITION

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Emory authorizing Highway Superintendent Bashwinger to spend an additional \$2,450.60 for completing the highway garage addition. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK AND SR. ACCOUNT CLERK TO ATTEND THE PERMA CONFERENCE

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing the Town Clerk and Sr. Account Clerk to attend the PERMA Conference May 25-26; with reimbursement for mileage. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

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AUTHORIZING SR. ACCOUNT CLERK TO ATTEND THE OGS CONFERENCE

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing the Sr. Account Clerk to attend the OGS Conference May 18-19; with reimbursement for mileage. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF BEDS FOR GAME FARM ROAD PROPERTY

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan authorizing the purchase of beds for the Game Farm Road Property in an amount not to exceed \$1415. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR CROSIER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ROGER CHRYSLER

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Emory to enter into an agreement to have Roger Chrysler continue to hay portions of the property at Game Farm Road and plow the driveways as well as brush hog the fields on said property as the Town may deem necessary. In consideration thereof the Town will allow him to store some of his haying equipment in the storage building on the property; and conditioned on Roger Chrysler agreeing to hold harmless and indemnifying the Town from any and all claims arising from said services and naming the Town on an insurance policy satisfactory to the Town. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier and Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

SUMMERFEST – Councilmember Schimmer stated she would get more quotes for the rock wall. Mr. Lyons suggested contacting the National Guard.

GENERAL CODE – After discussion, it was agreed to table this matter.

THOMPSON’S LAKE BOAT LAUNCH – After discussion, it was agreed that Attorney Conboy will make changes to the agreement.

APPROVING TRAINING COURSE FOR ASSESSOR, MELANIE BUNZEY

After discussion, Councilmember Emory made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer approving request from Assessor Melanie Bunzey to attend a five day training course at Cornell University in the amount of \$470. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

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AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL PROJECT HS SALT SHED ACCOUNT

After discussion, Councilmember Schimmer made a motion seconded by Councilmember Jordan to establish a Capital Project HS Salt Shed Account for a stand-alone project. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT HS SALT SHED ACCOUNT

After discussion, Councilmember Jordan made a motion seconded by Councilmember Schimmer authorizing the transfer of \$40,000 from the General Fund Capital Project Account to the Capital Project HS Salt Shed Account. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Councilmembers Golden, Emory, Schimmer & Jordan.

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR CROISER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH LAMONT ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SALT SHED

After discussion, Councilmember Golden made a motion seconded by Councilmember Emory authorizing Supervisor Crosier to enter into an agreement with Lamont Engineers for engineering services for the Salt Shed in the amount of \$38,231. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, 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 Fund			
From:	To:		
A9060e 44976	A89060	\$ 911.00	Medical Insurance
A1010e 44999	A1010e 44047	\$ 152.00	Town board Consulting Fees
A1220e 44999	A1220e 44047	\$ 730.00	Supervisor Consulting Fees
A1330e 44999	A1330e 44021	\$ 35.00	Tax Collector computer supplies
A1330e 44999	A1330e 44038	\$ 250.00	Tax collector mileage and travel
A1330e 44999	A1330e 44047	\$ 165.00	Tax collector consulting fees
A1355e 44301	A1355e 44020	\$ 25.00	Assessors office supplies

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A1355e 44301	A1355e 44047	\$ 193.00	Assessors consulting fees
A1355e 44301	A1355e 44300	\$ 470.00	Assessors Memberships
A1410e 44999	A1410e 44047	\$ 55.00	Town clerk consulting fees
A1620e 44999	A1620e 44025	\$ 25.00	Buildings Electrical supply
A1620e 44999	A1620e 44070	\$ 156.00	Buildings Equipment repair
A1620e 44999	a1620e 44071	\$ 66.00	Buildings Property Repair
A1620e 44024	A1620e 44253	\$ 350.00	Bldgs. Housekeeping supplies
A7110e 22700	A7110e 22080	\$ 1342.44	Parks Specialty Equipment
A1620e 22300	A7110e 22080	\$ 8657.56	Parks Generator Lodge
A1990e 44999	A7110e 22080	\$ 500.00	Parks Specialty Equipment
A1990e 44999	A7110e 22300	\$ 1629.00	Parks Safety Equipment
A7410e 44100	A7410e 44999	\$ 13.00	Library Misc.
A7989e 44079	A7989e 44999	\$ 200.00	Misc. Senior Fees
A8020e 44020	A8020e 44039	\$ 150.00	Planning conferences
A8020e 44047	a8020e 44040	\$ 80.00	Planning books

Highway fund:

From	To	
Da5130e 44078	Da513022	\$ 69.00
	Da513026	\$ 113.00
	Da513027	\$ 153.00
	Mach. Vehicle Equip Maintenance	
Da5130e 22425	Da5130e 22999	\$ 18711.00
	Mach. Misc equipment	
Da5130e 44070	Da5130e 44072	\$ 53.00
	Mach equip vehicle maintenance	

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Sewer fund:

From:	To:		
Ss8110e 44101	SS8110e 44070	\$ 1365.00	Equipment Repair
Ss8110e 44101	SS8110e 44071	\$ 340.00	Property Repair
SS8110 44101	SS8110e 44100	\$ 395.00	Fuel oil

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 Jordan to approve payment of the following bills:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND & SEWER 2016.....	\$61,106.88
ABSTRACT#051116.....	\$59,692.11
ABSTRACT#051216.....	\$ 1,414.77
ABSTRACT#052516.....	\$ 105.19

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

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 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk