

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Lyons led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM with the following members present: Supervisor Lyons & Councilmembers Vane & Willsey. Town Clerk Clayton and Attorney Afzali was also present. Councilmember Palow was not in attendance.

The minutes of 8/11/21 were discussed and will be resubmitted. The minutes of 8/25/21 were reviewed and Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Willsey to accept the minutes of 8/25/2, with corrections, and the following roll call was taken; Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Vane & Willsey voting aye.

Special guest speaker, Erin Stachewicz, Executive Director Commissioner @ Albany County Department of Social Services explained to the board and residents how the Emergency Rental Assistance Program works.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letters submitted by residents of Helderberg Lake

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Berne Community Octoberfest on 10/23/21 at Town Park 2-6PM

GUESTS

- EMS Supervisor, Nena Ruiz, presented a power point on a new program being initiated by the Albany County Sheriff's Office called the ACCORD program
- A.J. Wright presented his idea for his Eagle Scout project to repair the memorial at the Town Park
- Mr. Rapp discussed the paving on Bush, Elm & Suto roads.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LIBRARY – Kathy Stempel stated that the Guilderland library has donated 4 book carts and discussed the grant requested by the library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CELEBRATION COMMITTEE – Town Clerk Clayton spoke regarding the Berne Community Octoberfest to be held at the Berne Town Park on October 23, 2021 from 2:00PM – 6:00PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barb Kennedy was present and discussed the dip left in the paving on Elm Drive.

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OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTING DCO

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to readvertise for the Dog Control Officer with the current terms. The following roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Lyons & Councilmember Vane voting aye. Councilmember Willsey voting nay.

ACCEPTING LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM ED HAMPTON

Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to accept the letter of retirement from Ed Hampton. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Vane and Willsey voting aye.

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF CHUCK BATCHER, LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to accept the letter of resignation from Chuck Batcher. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Vane and Willsey voting aye.

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF JOANNE BRADY, LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to accept the letter of resignation from JoAnne Brady. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Vane and Willsey voting aye.

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE POSITIONS

Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for two positions for the Library Board of Trustees. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Vane and Willsey voting aye.

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION FOR ONE DAY FROM LEO GODIN AND REINSTATING TO ZBA

Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to accept resignation from Leo Godin for one day effective 9/23/21 and reinstating him to ZBA on 9/24/21. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Vane and Willsey voting aye.

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Mid Tel proposal – Mr. Calzone will be present at the October board meeting to discuss the proposal.

Public Health Emergency Action Plan – tabled for October board meeting.

LIBRARY GRANT

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane for the Town of Berne to pledge up to 75% or not exceed \$6,000 to the NYS Library Division of Development for well and pump upgrade grants. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Vane and Willsey voting aye.

AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR SPEED LIMIT STUDY

After discussion, Councilmember Vane made a motion seconded by Supervisor Lyons authorizing the Town Clerk to contact Albany County DPW to conduct a speed limit survey on Sickie Hill Road (CR 13) and reduce speed to 45mph. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Vane and Willsey voting aye.

PARK PAVILION REMODELING

After discussion, Councilmember Vane made a motion seconded by Supervisor Lyons to authorize the Park & Rec Board to pursue the means to remodel pavilion at Town Park. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Vane and Willsey voting aye.

AUTHORIZING TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR TEMPORARY BUILDING & MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a temporary building and maintenance employee. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Vane and Willsey voting aye.

ACCEPTING SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORTS FOR AUGUST

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to accept the Supervisor’s August monthly reports. The following roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Lyons & Councilmember Vane voting aye. Councilmember Willsey abstained.

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ACCEPTING TOWN CLERK’S MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to accept the Town Clerk’s August monthly report. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, and Councilmembers Vane & Willsey voting aye.

ACCEPTING BUILDING & ZONING MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to accept the Building & Zoning’s August monthly report. The following roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmember Vane voting aye; Councilmember Willsey abstained.

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR AUGUST

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane that the budget transfers for August be authorized. The following roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmember Vane voting aye; Councilmember Willsey voting aye.

APPROVING ABSTRACTS

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to approve the following abstracts:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND, SEWER, UTILITIES, WITHOLDINGS FOR 2021.....	\$ 118,443.14
Abstract #62 of 2021.....	\$ 50,135.91
Abstract #63 of 2021.....	\$ 3,726.90
Abstract #64 of 2021.....	\$ 11,955.27
Abstract #65 of 2021.....	\$ 580.18
Abstract #66 of 2021.....	\$ 12,379.81
Abstract #67 of 2021.....	\$ 9,112.87
Abstract #68 of 2021.....	\$ 30,552.20

The following roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmember Vane voting aye; Councilmember Willsey abstained.

APPROVING MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to approve the payment of the monthly bills. The following roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmember Vane voting aye. Councilmember Willsey abstained.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussion, Supervisor Lyons made the motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, and Councilmembers Vane & Willsey voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk