

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY**

OCTOBER 13, 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 Palow, Vane & Willsey. Town Clerk Clayton and Attorney Afzali was also present.

The minutes of 8/11/21 were reviewed and Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Palow to accept the minutes of 8/11/21 and the following roll call was taken; Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow & Vane voting aye; Councilmember Willsey abstained. The minutes of 9/22/21 were reviewed and Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Palow to accept the minutes of 9/22/21 and the following roll call was taken; Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Palow & Vane voting aye; Councilmember Willsey abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Budget workshops will be held on 10/18/21 & 10/20/21 at 6:00PM
- A vaccine clinic will be held at the BKW school on 10/16/21; 10AM-noon
- Octoberfest will be held at Town Park on 10/23 from 2-6PM

GUESTS

- Mary Claire Ingalls from Kenneth's Army thanked the Town Board for support and the use of the Town Park and made a \$250 donation.
- Mid-Tel was present to answer questions regarding proposal for Town broadband

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Barnick discussed problems with neighbor's cows & pigs and asked the board to consider an ordinance for farm animals.

Mike Vincent asked about the sewer plant holding up with all the waste water.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

LIBRARY – Kathy Stempel talked about the pumpkin contest on 10/20/21 and Ghost stories at the library on 10/21/21.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

John Zelnak discussed monthly meetings and requests for Town Park renovations; rerouting road, pavilion updated.

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HOMETOWN HEROES

Jennifer Lyons announced a celebration to be held on Sunday, 11/14 at 1:30PM at the Berne Community & Senior Center to distribute the Hometown Heroes banners.

OLD BUSINESS

AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING FOR DCO

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

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM MID TEL

Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to accept the proposal from Mid Tel dated 8/31/21, with a down payment of \$2,000 and final amount paid over 12 months. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers, Palow, Vane and Willsey voting aye.

FUND BALANCE FOR FUEL TANKS

Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to utilize the fund balance not to exceed \$220,000 to cover the highway garage fuel system upgrades to be budgeted in the 2022 budget. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Palow, Vane and Willsey voting aye.

LIBRARY GRANT

Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Willsey that the Town of Berne commits to provide funding and housing for the Berne Public Library at 1763 Helderberg Trail, Berne, NY, for at least the next 10 years. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Palow, Vane and Willsey voting aye.

ACCEPTING SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to accept the Supervisor's September monthly reports. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Palow & Vane voting aye. Councilmember Willsey abstained.

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ACCEPTING TOWN CLERK’S MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER

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

ACCEPTING BUILDING & ZONING MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

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

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AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR SEPTEMBER

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Palow that the budget transfers for September be authorized. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Palow & Vane voting aye. Councilmember Willsey abstained.

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APPROVING ABSTRACTS & PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR SEPTEMBER

After discussion, Supervisor Lyons made a motion seconded by Councilmember Palow 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

Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Palow & Vane voting aye. Councilmember Willsey abstained.

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

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND, SEWER, UTILITIES, WITHOLDINGS FOR 2021.....	\$ 114,450.56
Abstract #69 of 2021.....	\$ 2,017.06
Abstract #70 of 2021.....	\$ 11,237.00
Abstract #71 of 2021.....	\$ 9,985.82
Abstract #72 of 2021.....	\$ 5,520.83
Abstract #73 of 2021.....	\$ 34,652.00
Abstract #74 of 2021.....	\$ 32,860.42
Abstract #75 of 2021.....	\$ 18,177.43

Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons and Councilmembers Palow & Vane voting aye. Councilmember Willsey abstained.

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 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Town Clerk