

State of New York
County of Albany

6:30PM PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2 "LOCAL LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT"

Supervisor Palow declared the public hearing open, and present was:

- Councilmember Leo Vane
- Councilmember Anita C. Clayton
- Councilmember Albert Thiem
- Councilmember Thomas Doolin
- Highway Superintendent Randy Bashwinger
- Attorney Javid Afzali

Supervisor Palow made a motion to open the floor for discussion on the proposed of Local Law #2 "**Lot Line Adjustment**". A few residents made comments and there was no major opposition. Supervisor Palow made a motion to change the word "maybe" on page 5, seconded by Councilmember Doolin. Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voted aye. Supervisor Palow closed the public hearing at 6:48PM and called for a short recess until 7PM.

7PM REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Palow called the meeting to order by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call attendance was taken Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane all present and Attorney Afzali was also in attendance.

APPROVING MINUTES

Supervisor Palow made a motion to accept and approve the minutes from 1-12-2022, he was seconded by Councilmember Doolin, all were in favor and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Priesner of Lamont Engineering was present with a PowerPoint to discuss proposed plans for a new Highway Department Garage as well as the possibility of a new Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Victor Procopio was present requesting information on the dam at Helderberg Lake.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Lyons was present on behalf of the Celebration Committee to discuss the hometown hero banners. Many applications had been mailed out and she is looking forward to seeing how many new applicants we receive this year. We will also be able to hang up banners from last year as well.

OLD BUSINESS

NATIONAL GRID LED STREET LIGHT CONVERSION

After discussion of the National Grid Street Light LED Conversion Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to approve the conversion in the amount not to exceed \$3940. Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Doolin, Clayton, Thiem and Vane all voting aye.

FUEL TANK STORAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

After discussion Supervisor Palow seconded by Councilmember Clayton made a motion to approve the purchase and in an amount not to exceed \$197101.00. Supervisor Palow & Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane all voting aye.

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2022 ANIMAL CONTROL LAW

The following resolution was offered and moved by Supervisor Palow seconded by Councilmember Vane,

WHEREAS Local Law #1 of 2022 known as the "Animal Control Law" has been introduced by the Town Board of the Town of Berne and a public hearing has been duly called and held, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Berne hereby adopts Local Law #1 of 2022 of the Town of Berne known as the "Animal Control Law." The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow & Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

APPROVING TOWN CLERK AUDIT FOR 2020 & 2021

Supervisor Palow made a motion to accept the Town Clerk Audit for the years 2020 & 2021 from Appendix D through the NYS Comptroller and authorized Town Clerk De Oliveira to file with NYS seconded by Councilmember Thiem, Supervisor Palow & Councilmembers Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye. Councilmember Clayton abstained.

AUTHORIZING FLOORING FOR SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Doolin to approve the purchase for new flooring from Home Depot for the senior and community center in an amount not to exceed \$1700 Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF HELDERBERG BLUESTONE MINING ESCROW

After discussion Supervisor Palow made a motion to refund the \$6352.22 to Helderberg Bluestone's Escrow Account seconded by Councilmember Vane, Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY BUILDING WASTE OIL FURNACE

After discussion Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Clayton for the emergency purchase of waste oil furnace for the Berne Highway Garage in an amount not to exceed \$12000.00, Supervisor Palow Councilmembers Doolin, Thiem and Vane voted aye.

APPROVING THE HIRE DANIEL O'CONNELL FOR TRANSFER STATION

After discussion Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Doolin to approve 20 hours a week at the rate of \$19.57 for Daniel O'Connell at the transfer station- Supervisor Palow and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF INCREASED TIRE PRICE FOR TRANSFER STATION DISPOSAL

After discussion regarding the increase in tire disposal Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Clayton, to increase the price from \$2 to \$3 for tire disposal Supervisor Palow & Councilmembers Clayton Doolin, Thiem and Vane voted aye.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Supervisor Palow made a motion to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report from January 2022 seconded by Councilmember Vane. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow, and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

Supervisor Palow made a motion to accept the Town Clerk's Financial Report from January 2022 seconded by Councilmember Clayton motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow, and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

After discussion, Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Clayton that the budget transfers for January & February be authorized. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow, and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

APPROVING ABSTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

After discussion, Supervisor Palow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Doolin to approve the following abstracts and payment bills:

GENERAL FUND, HIGHWAY FUND, SEWER, UTILITIES, WITHHOLDINGS FOR 2022.....	\$211,055.76
Abstract #4 of 2022.....	\$7,599.82
Abstract #5 of 2021.....	\$5,095.04
Abstract #6 of 2022.....	\$103.70
Abstract #7 of 2022.....	\$11,849.24
Abstract #8 of 2022.....	\$23,057.17
Abstract # 9 of 2022.....	\$211,055.76
Abstract #10 of 2022.....	\$8,757.84
Abstract #11 of 2022.....	\$14,466.51

Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow, and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussion, Supervisor Palow made the motion seconded by Councilmember Vane to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Palow, and Councilmembers Clayton, Doolin, Thiem and Vane voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin De Oliveira, Town Clerk

February 23, 2022