

Supervisor Lyons led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the 2021 organizational meeting to order at 7:05 PM on the above date with the following officers present: Supervisor Lyons; Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey. Also present were Town Clerk Clayton and Attorney Afzali.

Councilmember Willsey offered and moved to make a motion on a Resolution of Censure. There was no second, motion did not carry.

**RESOLUTION #1
 SET WAGE SCHEDULE**

The following resolution was offered and moved by Supervisor Lyons seconded by Councilmember Palow:

BE IT RESOLVED that the wages for the following town officers and appointees be set at the amount provided in the annual budget for 2021:

POSITION	WAGES	PAID
Supervisor	19,226.00 (annually)	Monthly
Deputy Supervisor	1,500.00 (annually)	Monthly
Town Justice (2) each	9,981.00 (annually)	Monthly
Councilmen (4) each	3,635.00 (annually)	Monthly
Town Clerk	44,058.00 (annually)	Bi-weekly
Highway Superintendent	56,466.00 (annually)	Bi-weekly
Highway Deputy Superintendent	2,400.00 (annually)	Quarterly
Tax Collector	7,073.00 (annually)	Monthly
Deputy Tax Collector	2,000.00 (annually)	Quarterly
Assessor (Chairman)	13,637.00 (annually)	Monthly
Assessor (1)	12,614.00 (annually)	Monthly
Assessor (2)	7,648.00 (annually)	Monthly
Dog Warden	4,000.00(annually)	Monthly
Historian	300.00 (annually)	Quarterly
Senior Account Clerk G	28,255.00 (annually)	Bi-weekly
Senior Account Clerk H	28,255.00 (annually)	Bi-weekly
Registrar of Vital Statistics	4,800.00 (annually)	Quarterly
Planning Board Chairman	2,180.00 (annually)	Quarterly
Planning Board Members (4) each	1,750.00 (annually)	Quarterly
Zoning Board Chair	800.00 (annually)	Quarterly
Zoning Board Members	600.00 (annually)	Quarterly
Records Management	4,800.00 (annually)	Semi-Annually
Solid Waste Coordinator	3,952.00 (annually)	Bi-weekly
Acct. Clerk I Highway (temp part-time)	16.63 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Deputy Town Clerk/Admin Asst. & Deputy Registrar (perm. part-time)	17.00 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Account Clerk I (perm. part-time)	18.54 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Building Zoning Inspector	19.00 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Code Enforcement Officer	25.00 per hr.	Bi-weekly

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Justice Court Clerk	22.05 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Working Foreman (Bargaining Unit)	24.63 per hr. (no longevity)	Bi-weekly
Highway Employees (Bargaining Unit)	22.99 per hr. (no longevity)	Bi-weekly
New Highway Employees	21.99 per hr. (no longevity)	Bi-weekly
Seasonal Highway Employees-winter	17.00 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Seasonal Highway Employees-summer	17.00 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Buildings Laborer I /Transfer Station/Alternate Wastewater Operator (Part time permanent)	19.54 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Buildings Laborer II /Transfer Station/Alternate Wastewater Operator (Part time permanent)	19.00 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Laborer - Transfer Station (pt permanent)	19.00 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators	21.42 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Alternate Wastewater Operator (new)	18.00 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Jurors	12.50 per hr.	Voucher
Custodian	17.13 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Senior Acct. Clerk/Sewer	27.17 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Sewer Clerk I	17.00 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Library Manager	18.00 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Library Assistant	15.76 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Library Clerk	13.50 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Library Page	12.50 per hr.	Bi-weekly
Cultural Personal Transportation Employee	17.00 per hr.	Bi-weekly

Resolution was declared duly adopted with the following roll call vote:

Supervisor Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Conklin.....	Aye
Councilmember Palow...	Aye	Councilmember Harris.....	Aye
Councilmember Willsey.....	Nay		

MOTION # 1

Supervisor Lyons moved to designate **The Bank of Greene County** as the official depository bank and that **THE ALTAMONT ENTERPRISE** be designated as the official newspaper for the town for the year 2021.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Palow and carried by the following vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin , Harris & Willsey - Aye

MOTION #2

Supervisor Lyons moved to establish the second Wednesday of each month at **7:00** p.m. as the time and date for **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS** and the fourth Wednesday of each month at **7:00** p.m. if, as and when necessary to conduct town business. From here forward these meetings will be held at the Berne Community and Senior Services Building located at 1360 Helderberg Trail, Berne NY.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Palow and carried by the following vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin & Harris Willsey – Aye

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MOTION #3

Councilmember Conklin moved that the **SUPERVISOR, and or, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR**, be and he hereby is authorized to pay all Town expenses prior to audit.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harris and carried by the following vote:

Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris- Aye;

Councilmember Willsey– Nay

MOTION #4

Supervisor Lyons made the motion seconded by Councilmember Harris that the **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT** be and he hereby is authorized to purchase gas and diesel fuel through state contract.

The motion carried by the following vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin Harris – Aye; Councilmember Willsey – abstain.

MOTION #5

Councilmember Harris made the motion seconded by Councilmember Palow that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with Community Caregivers and CDTA for the purpose of administering the Town of Berne Shuttle Service.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey – Aye.

MOTION #6

Councilmember Harris made the motion that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with the **TOWN OF BERNE LIBRARY**.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Conklin and carried by the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey – Aye.

MOTION #7

Councilmember Harris made the motion that the **Town Board members; Town Supervisor; Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk, Town Justices and Town Court Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Code Enforcement Officer, Building & Zoning Inspector and Senior Account Clerk** be authorized to attend training and that all expenses incurred be reimbursed.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Conklin and carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey – Aye.

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MOTION #8

Councilmember Harris made the motion seconded by Councilmember Palow that the Highway Superintendent be and he hereby is authorized to renew the **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** regarding the Stream Protection Law between NYSDEC and the Town of Berne. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris – Aye; Councilmember Willsey – abstain.

MOTION #9

Councilmember Harris made the motion seconded by Councilmember Conklin that the Supervisor be authorized to enter into an agreement between the Town of Berne and the County of Albany for participation in the **ALS (Paramedic Fly Car)** for the year 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$100,300.; and an agreement with **EMT (BLS Ambulance)** for the year 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$76,037.

The motion was carried by the following vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Willsey, Conklin & Harris –aye.

MOTION #10

Councilmember Harris made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Palow that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with the **HELDERBERG AMBULANCE** for the year 2020 at a cost of \$61,500.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey - Aye

MOTION #11

Councilmember Harris made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Conklin that an MOA be established between the Town of Berne and the managing body for the Senior Meals Program.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey - Aye

MOTION #12

Councilmember Harris made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Palow that the following be designated as paid holidays for the year 2021.

New Year's Day	Monday, 1/3/22
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, 1/18/21
President's Day	Monday, 2/15/21

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Memorial Day	Monday, 5/31/21
July 4 th	Monday 7/5/21
Labor Day	Monday, 9/6/21
Columbus Day	Monday, 10/11/21
Veteran’s Day	Thursday, 11/11/21
Thanksgiving	Thursday, 11/25/21
Christmas Eve	Friday, 12/24/21
Christmas	Monday 12/27/21

Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey - Aye

MOTION #13

Supervisor Lyons made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Palow that Jody Jansen be appointed as Dog Warden for a term of three years. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris – Aye; Councilmember Willsey - nay

MOTION #14

Supervisor Lyons made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Palow that Chance Townsend be appointed as Code Enforcement Officer for a term of three years. Councilmember Harris proposed that another round of resumes be had. The following roll call vote was had:
Supervisor LyonsAye Councilmember Conklin.....Abstain
Councilmember Palow...Aye Councilmember Harris.....Abstain
Councilmember Willsey.....Nay
The motion did not carry.

MOTION #15

Supervisor Lyons made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Harris that Debra Flagler be appointed as Deputy Tax Collector for a term of one year. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey – Aye.

MOTION #16

Councilmember Palow made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Lyons that Joseph Martin be appointed as Planning Board Chairman for a term of one year. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, & Harris – Aye; Councilmembers Conklin & Willsey – Nay.

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MOTION #17

Supervisor Lyons made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Palow that Robert Kipper be appointed as Planning Board member for a term of five years. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Harris & Willsey – Aye; Councilmember Conklin – Nay.

MOTION #18

Councilmember Palow made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Lyons that Carl Trichilo be appointed as Planning Board alternate member for a term of two years. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris- Aye; Councilmember Willsey - Nay

MOTION #19

Supervisor Lyons made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Conklin that Ron Jordan be appointed as Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman for a term of one year. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey - Aye

**RESOLUTION #2
APPOINTMENTS**

Supervisor Lyons offered and moved the following resolution seconded by Councilmember Palow:

Deputy Supervisor	Dennis Palow
Director-Emergency Management& Sewer District Management	Sean Lyons
Registrar, Records Management	Anita Clayton
Human Resource Coordinator	Anita Clayton
Dog Warden (3 year appointment)	Jody Jansen
Chairman of Assessors	Brian Crawford
Code Enforcement Officer (3 year appointment)	
Deputy Highway Superintendent	Edward Hampton
Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Registrar	Jean Guarino
Assistant Human Resource Coordinator	Andrea Borst
Deputy Tax Collector	Debra Flagler
Historian (3 year appointments)	Vacant
Planning Board Chairman (1 year -12/31/2021)	Joseph Martin
Planning Board Member (5 years -12/31/2025)	Robert Kipper
Planning Board Member, Alternate (2 years -12/31/2022)	Carl Trichilo
Zoning Board Chairman (1 year -12/31/2021)	Ron Jordan
Conservation Board Chair (2 years - 12/31/2022)	Kathleen Moore
Conservation Board Member (2years - 12/31/2022)	Nancy Engel
Conservation Board Member (1 year -12/31/2021)	Sue Hawkes-Teeter

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Conservation Board Member (1 year- 12/31/2021)	Michaela Fisher
Library Board Trustee (5 years)	Lisa Raymond
Library Board Trustee (5 years)	Ted Borys
Board of Assessment Review (5 year term)	Wilma Warner
Board of Assessment Review	vacant
Solid Waste Coordinator	Randy Bashwinger

Resolution was declared duly adopted with the following roll call vote:

Supervisor Lyons.....Aye	Councilmember Conklin..... Aye
Councilmember Palow...Aye	Councilmember Harris.....Aye
Councilmember Willsey..Nay	

LIAISON APPOINTEES

Supervisor Lyons designated as liaison personnel between various departments of town government the following officers:

LIBRARY – Supervisor Lyons
SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM –Councilmember Conklin

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Supervisor Lyons made the motion seconded by Councilmember Palow to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Supervisor Lyons, Councilmembers Palow, Conklin, Harris & Willsey - Aye
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita C. Clayton, Berne Town Clerk

This resolution was added to these minutes by a motion made on 1/20/21

RESOLUTION

Whereas the best interests of the residents of the Town of Berne require respectful, civil bi-partisan political discourse, and

Whereas such civil bi-partisan political discourse is difficult to achieve in an environment of name calling and vicious smears on social media, and

Whereas a prominent post on the Berne Republican party Facebook page (controlled by Mr. Randy Bashwinger, the Town of Berne Highway Supervisor, Berne GOP Chairman and Albany County GOP Chairman) associates the Democratic Party and President-Elect Joe Biden with serial rapists and international pederasty via a cartoon which disfigures our iconic national monument Mt. Rushmore, and

Whereas such cartoon also irrationally links this vile smear to the Town's Switzkill farm,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Town of Berne Town Board hereby censures Mr. Randy Bashwinger for allowing such false, vile and infantile smears to demean our public discourse, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Town of Berne Town Board demands an immediate and public apology from Mr. Randy Bashwinger.