

**Town of Berne
ZBA Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024**

Regular Meeting:

- Chairman Spargo called the meeting to order at 7 pm
- ZBA Members Present – Chairman Spargo, Board Member Kisselback, Board Member Bauer, Board Member Godin. Board Member Ryan was absent.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Business: NONE
- Old Business:
 1. TJA Clean Energy LLC. (SBL # 78.-3-16.2) 2198 Switzkill Rd
Review and discussion of the status of the Solar Application.
 - In attendance for TJA Clean Energy were Michael Frateschi PE, Rob Panasci Esq. from Young/ Sommers LLC, and Eric Kenna
 - The applicants are looking to put a Tier 3 Solar Energy System consisting of 4.25 MW AC on a parcel of land that is 49.94 acres and located at 2198 Switzkill Rd.
 - Mr. Frateschi informed the ZBA that the Variance application that they had originally been filled out had to be corrected because there is a house within 1,000 ft from the property line therefore, they would be asking for a 384ft variance from the 400 ft set back that is required in the town solar code.
 - Mr. Frateschi also spoke about how there will be sheep and bees on the property.
 - As of April 16, 2024, the site is all staked out for the Planning Board to do additional site visits.
 - TJA will coordinate with the Planning Board and Building Department as well as the Town Clerk to notify residents in the vicinity when the Ballons or fixed object will be placed.

- **TJA is open to suggestions on the landscaping/ screening on all sides of the array. There will be a slatted fence that faces Mr. Beckers property.**
- **TJA will host a training before the solar site is activated.**
- **Boaard Member Kisselback made a motion to accept the January 17, 2024, minutes, Board Member Bauer seconded the motion, motion carried with all members voting AYE.**
- **Board Member Kisselback made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Godin seconded, motion carried with all members voting AYE.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Peggy Sue Deitz
Administrative Assistant**