

**Town of Berne
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2025**

Regular Meeting:

- Chairman Khoury called the meeting to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: The following Board Members were present, Chairman Khoury, Board Member Kipper and Board Member Deitz, Board Members Vincent and Bremer were absent.
- Board Member Kipper made a motion to accept the minutes from February 6, 2025, Board Member Deitz seconded, motion was carried with all voting AYE.

New Business: NONE

Old Business:

TJA Solar Energy (SBL# 78.-3-16.2) 2198 Switzkill Rd, Berne N.Y.

- TJA recapped their project to the Planning Board and reviewed their new site plan that was redone during a pause that the company asked for during their application process. The new site plan when presented consists of the applicant purchasing an 8-acre plot from the Becker Farm which with this addition of property would eliminate the need for the applicant to require a Variance.
- A new round of site visits will be made in May so the Planning Board Members can see the new proposed changes to the site plan and give the new board members a chance to familiarize themselves with the project and site plan.
- The planning Board will conduct the new site visits, which will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Berne PV, LLC (SBL # 79.-3-1) 28 Jansen Lane, Berne N.Y.

- Weston Hillegas Project Manager for the Berne PV project went over the responses to the questions that the Planning Board and the Town Engineer had about the project from the February 9, 2025 meeting.
- A visual monumentation will be set up at the proposed solar site for the week of 4/21-4/25. Notice of this will be sent to residents that reside within a mile of the proposed site, as well as a public notice in the local paper.

This is to provide a visual so it can be determined how visible the solar project will be from different vantage points around town.

- **A second round of site visits will be done by the Planning Board in May as we have new board members, and the last site visit was made in the middle of winter so things may differ from last site visits that were conducted.**
- **Chairman Khoury is going to contact the Berne Fire Department and go to one of their meetings and speak to them about questions the Board has pertaining to the solar projects and fire company's perspective as it pertains to solar.**
- **Chairman Khoury made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Kipper seconded, motion was carried with all members voting AYE.**

Other: NONE

Respectfully Submitted,

**Peggy Deitz
Administrative Assistant**