

**Town of Berne
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2024**

Public Hearing: 6:30 PM

- **Giebitz Minor Subdivision: (SBL# 91.-1-36.100) 208 Filkins Hill Rd**
- **Chairman Bremer called the meeting to order**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call: The following Board Members were present, Chairman Bremer, Board Member Khoury, Board Member Vincent, Board Member Kipper, and Alternant Board Member Warner.**
- **None of the neighbors for the Giebitz Minor Subdivision showed up to the Public Hearing nor did anyone send in any letters or emails for or against the Subdivision.**
- **Chairman Bremer made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Board member Khoury seconded the motion, the motion was carried with all members voting AYE.**

New Business: None

Regular Meeting:

Old Business:

1. **Giebitz Minor Subdivision: (SBL # 91.-1-36.100) 208 Filkins Hill Rd**
 - **Board Member Kipper did the Site Visit and read his report, he said that everything is exactly as it is depicted on the survey map.**
 - **Chairman Bremer also let the applicant's representative know that there was a stipulation to modify if approved from Albany County Planning Board which entails the Town of Berne Highway Supervisor check the access for ingress and egress for the proposed parcel and adjacent properties. Also, a review by Albany County Health Department for water supply, and wastewater discharge and other necessary permits that are required.**
 - **Board member Khoury made a motion to Approve the Giebitz Minor Subdivision, Board Member Vincent seconded, the motion passed with all**

Members voting AYE.

2. TJA Clean Energy LLC (SBL# 76.-3-16.12) 2198 Switzkill Rd

- **Jason Priesner the Town Engineer reviewed the responses from TJA Solar for the last set of questions the Planning Board had for them from the last couple of meetings.**
- **A visual assessment of the solar array with the use of fixed flags was conducted July 10-16, it was done by C&S Engineers. Town residents were notified of the Visual Assessment for the solar array by mail if they had property within a mile of the project. The Visual Assessment was also advertised in the Altamont Enterprise a week before the flags were placed so the whole town would be aware.**
- **When the Visual Assessment was done some part of the array was visible from multiple parts of Town and adjacent roads, such as Sickle Hill, Ravine, West Berne, and Rock Road.**
- **The Planning Board received only one letter from a resident stating that he approved of the solar project.**
- **Board Member Vincent made a motion to have the letter put on the record, Chairman Bremer seconded, the motion was carried with all members voting AYE.**
- **Board Member Vincent made a motion to have the Town of Berne Conservation Board and the New York State Forester look at the flora and fauna on the property and the trees that would need to be cleared to accommodate the array. Board Member Khoury seconded, the motion was carried with all members voting AYE.**
- **Board Member Kipper made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Alternant Board Member Warner seconded , the motion was carried with all members voting AYE.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Peggy Deitz
Administrative Assistant**

