

**Town of Berne
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2025**

- Chairman Khoury called the meeting to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: The following Board Members were present, Chairman Khoury, Board Members Vincent, Kipper, Deitz, Bremer, and Alternate Mahler.
- Chairman Khoury welcomed Jim Deitz and Alternate Kirsten Mahler to the Planning Board.
- Board Member Kipper made a motion to accept the minutes from April 3, 2025, Board Member Deitz seconded, motion was carried with all members voting AYE. Board Member Vincent abstained as he was absent from that meeting.

New Business:

- Chairman Khoury talked about setting up Spring site visits for Berne PV since the last round of visits were done in the Winter. Board Member Deitz and Chairman Khoury will do the first round of visits, and Board Member Kipper and Alternate Mahler will do one the week of May 18-24.
- A copy of the Town's current Solar Code was given to each member so they can familiarize themselves with it.
- Chairman Khoury would like the members to write down any questions that they might have with the solar code.
- The Board spoke briefly on the need for access roads all the way around a solar array.
- Chairman Khoury asked the members to put together any questions they have that pertains to the proposed solar farms, or solar farms in general. The board will then ask district Chief Jason Smith of Berne Fire District to come and speak to the board and answer all the questions. It was also mentioned that some of the board members could also attend the monthly meeting at the fire house, because the board has reached out to the fire department before and didn't receive a response.

Old Business: NONE

Other: NONE

- **Chairman Khoury made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, Board Member Kipper seconded, the motion was carried with all members voting AYE**

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Deitz

Administrative Assistant