

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Berne was held on the above date with the following officers present:

Supervisor Crosier

Council Members, Golden, Hamilton, Crouse and Emory

Town Clerk Favreau & Highway Superintendent Storm

Also present were Attorney Conboy and several interested citizens

Supervisor Crosier called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented. Supervisor Crosier then opened the meeting to guests.

Residents from Gulf Hill Rd. requested that the remaining .30 of that road remain open during the winter months and no longer be declared seasonal. Superintendent Storm explained that this could only be possible if the road is widened which would require that land be acquired from both sides of the road and then upgraded.

Members of the Historical Society confirmed that a Holiday Parade will take place on December 2, 2007. Members of the Board approved the road closure (Route 443) from 2:00 – 2:30 PM on that day from BKW to the Masonic Hall. Sheriff's Department will be notified.

Correspondence included:

A letter of Resignation from Jim O'Shea as a library trustee.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SENIOR RIDE PROGRAM**

Supervisor Crosier led a discussion on the proposed Senior Ride Program. He reported that he is working with an area auto dealer regarding a lease or purchase of a vehicle for this proposed program which is being spearheaded by the Community Caregivers. Linda Carman volunteered to serve on a committee to do further research on this project. Supervisor Crosier is also investigating the availability of government surplus vehicles.

### **WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATE**

Supervisor Crosier stated that work to obtain easements for the construction of the wastewater program is ongoing from both residents for the pump station and the BKW for the treatment facility. He further stated that the Sewer Ordinance draft has been submitted.

### **LIBRARY PROJECT**

Councilman Golden reported on a meeting that occurred with representatives of the Masonic Order regarding the possible acquisition by the town of the Masonic Hall for use by the Library. No agreement was reached. However, consideration is being given to the idea of temporary rental of the building to house the library so that Town Hall renovations could move forward.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET - 2008**

**RESOLUTION #32**

Supervisor Crosier stated that a workshop to further discuss the 2008 budget was held on Monday, November 12. After discussion Councilman Golden offered and moved the following resolution seconded by Councilman Hamilton: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Berne does hereby amend the previously presented preliminary budget of the Town of Berne for the fiscal year of 2008 as follows;

- To Increase the Justice Personal Services line A1110.1 by \$2,000
- To Increase the Attorney Personal Services line A1410.1 by \$1,500 and

**FURTHER**, To accept and approve the budget as amended, and **BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk prepare and certify duplicate copies of such budget and deliver the copies to the Supervisor and to the County Legislature of Albany, all as required by law. Resolution was declared duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor Crosier.....Aye Councilman Emory.....Aye  
 Councilwoman Crouse.....Aye Councilman Hamilton..... Aye  
 Councilman Golden.....Aye

**AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE**

**RESOLUTION #33**

Supervisor Crosier stated that at the Public Hearing on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance all those present were in favor of such an amendment that would allow developers to consider construction of a senior citizens housing complex on Canaday Hill Rd. After discussion, Councilman Hamilton offered and moved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Berne town Board has undertaken a process to amend the Zoning Ordinance, and **WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Berne held a public hearing on the proposed amendments, and **WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Berne completed Part I & II of the full Environmental Assessment For as per 6 NYCRR part 617, determining that there would be no significant negative environmental impacts as a result of adopting the proposed zoning ordinance amendment and formally issued a Negative Declaration,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Berne adopt the zoning map extending the boundaries as follows:

The hamlet boundaries for the hamlet of Berne shall be modified to add to the TN- MU1 district an area that includes part of the school grounds, town owned property, the Fire Department and additional lands immediately adjacent to the existing hamlet. Additionally, the TN-MU-2 district shall be amended by removing a parcel of land not considered appropriate for the more intensive uses allowed in the TN-MU2 district.

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

Supervisor Crosier.....Aye  
 Councilman Hamilton..... Aye Councilman Emory.....Aye  
 Councilman Golden.....Aye Councilwoman Crouse.....Aye

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**RESOLUTION#34**

**AWARD BIDS FOR USED HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT**

Bids which were received for used highway equipment were reviewed. After discussion, Councilman Emory offered and moved the following resolution seconded by Councilman Golden:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the bids for used highway equipment which is no longer necessary for town use, that were advertised by Auctions International be accepted as follows.

TITLE	HIGH BID	BUYER
1986 Chevy Suburban	\$170	bummie369
1985 Chevy Suburban	\$170	pontiac59
1984 Mac RM6854X4 Cab & Chasis	\$3050	internationaltransp
1988 Mac RM6854X4 Dump Truck	\$3,560	laurentide
1999 GMC Sierra 3500 Dump Truck	\$6,760	dale
1977 INTL Paystar a5000 Sander	\$2,500	internationaltransp
Cab from 1988 John Deer 450 Dozer	\$355	315bear
1979 Oskosh Lift Axle	\$25	jma
1979 Oshkosh Fifth Wheel	\$130	jma
1967 Koehring Buffalo Roller	\$559	gojo

**AND** one sealed bid be accepted for  
1999 GMC4x4 dump truck with  
Fisher 6 way E-Z V plow

\$8239\*\* Brent Garlock

**TOTAL \$25,518**

\*\* (This bid was \$2000 higher than the highest on line bid)

Resolution was declared duly adopted with the following members voting aye:  
Supervisor Crosier, Council members Golden, Hamilton, Crouse, Emory

**RESOLUTION # 35**

**SEASONAL USE ROADS DESIGNATED**

Supervisor Crosier offered and moved the following resolution seconded by Councilman Golden: **BE IT RESOLVED** that certain roads in the Town of Berne will be designated as seasonal limited use highways and that the Town of Berne will temporarily discontinue snow and ice removal and maintenance thereof from December 1, 2007 through April 15, 2008 ,and, that the Town Clerk be directed to publish and post the appropriate legal notices.

Resolution was declared duly adopted with the following vote:  
Supervisor Crosier.....Aye  
Council members Golden, Hamilton, Crouse, Emory. ....Aye

A complete list of seasonally designated roads is attached to these minutes.

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**APPOINT SECRETARY TO  
THE PLANNING BOARD & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Councilman Golden made the motion seconded by Councilwoman Crouse to approve appointment of Anita Clayton to the position of secretary to both Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals at a salary of \$14.35 per hour. Motion carried with the following members voting aye: Supervisor Crosier, Council members Golden, Hamilton, Crouse, Emory.

**RESOLUTION #36  
BUDGET TRANSFERS**

Councilwoman Crouse offered and moved the following resolution, seconded by Councilman Golden: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the following fund transfers be authorized in the amounts and manners as set forth.

**GENERAL FUND**

To Decrease:	To Increase:	By:
A1990.4	A10104	\$350
	A1110.12	\$150
	A1410.12	\$125
	A3310.4	\$660
	A7320.4	\$1500
	A8020.12	\$325

**HIGHWAY FUND**

To Decrease:		
D9060.8	D9040.8	\$3,303.48
D560	D3501	\$6213.34

The resolution was declared adopted by the following roll call vote: Supervisor Crosier.....Aye Council members Golden, Hamilton Emory & Crouse...Aye

**REPORTS**

The Supervisor's, Town Clerk's and Building & Zoning Administrator's monthly reports were accepted.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Councilwoman Crouse made the motion seconded by Councilman Emory to approve payment of the following bills:

<b>GENERAL FUND ABSTRACT</b>	A2007 368 - 412.....	\$16,102.11
<b>HIGHWAY FUND ABSTRACT</b>	D2007 176 - 202.....	\$154,448.00

Motion carried with all members voting aye.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Councilman Hamilton made the motion, seconded by Councilman Emory to adjourn the meeting and so carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

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Supervisor Crosier

  
Patricia M. Favreau, Town Clerk

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Councilman Golden

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Councilman Hamilton

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Councilman Emory

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Councilwoman Crouse