

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Berlin

July 9, 2026

7:30p.m.

The Town Board of the Town of Berlin, County of Rensselaer, State of New York met on the above date to transact such business as may lawfully come before such board. Members present were Supervisor Robert Jaeger, Councilman Henry Tanner, Councilman John Winn, and Councilman Dean Maxon. Councilman Douglas Feathers was absent.

Supervisor Jaeger made a motion to accept the workshop minutes from June. Councilman Maxon seconded the motion.

 4 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

Supervisor Jaeger opened the meeting with the reading of the town clerk's report from June. Supervisor Jaeger made the motion to accept the town clerk's report with Councilman Winn seconding the motion.

 4 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

WATER DISTRICT #1 – Supervisor Jaeger received a notification from Wel-Dun, the water operator because there is a rodent problem within the panel box of the system.

He was also notified that the Board at the Water District has voted to divide the expenses of the district by the 46 residence that utilize the system. Supervisor Jaeger has notified the board that the town board will need to receive documentation that lays out the plan formally.

WATER DISTRICT #2 – Supervisor Jaeger has not heard from Cedarwood regarding the repairs that need to be made but will reach out to them again.

HIGHWAY – Highway Superintendent James Winn reported the highway department has been busy. They have finished chip sealing, and they have some mowing to complete. They do have some blacktopping to do but that will be determined by price increases in materials.

Winn received a price to repair the bridge at Brimmer Junction Farm Road. He is hoping that the work will begin shortly.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – DCO Doug Goodermote reported he hasn't heard back from New York State regarding their changes. It is time to renew the kennel contract.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – CEO Walter Yerdon reported that on the website the Land Use Ordinance takes effect in 1998, however, those regs actually took place in 1988. Town Clerk VanBuskirk will work with the website coordinator to get that corrected.

There is a new regulation regarding swimming pool alarms. Swimming pools that are now installed require an alarm. This has come to light after the tragedy that happened with a small child in Menands.

Yerdon recommended that the Town board meet with the Planning board to develop some parameters regarding permits for solar farms, wind farms, and data centers.

He is also working on updating the schedule of fees for permits.

The board has received correspondence from Donald Tate regarding the unsafe buildings in town. Those letters will be mailed to the appropriate parties.

COMMITTEES -

ZBA – Nothing to report.

Comprehensive Plan- Nothing to report

PLANNING BOARD – Nothing to report.

TRANSFER STATION – Transfer station supervisor Doug Goodermote reported things are running smoothly.

AMBULANCE – One of the stretchers is down due to a malfunction. They squad is utilizing the stretcher from the other ambulance until this one can be repaired.

YOUTH COMMISSION – Nothing to report.

ASSESSOR- Supervisor Jaeger has met with Mr. Galarneau and has given him his employment packet to complete. The board will develop a contract for Mr. Galarneau to sign. He has created a manual which he left for the board to review. The assessors would be able to turn to the manual after his contract is complete.

WORKSHOP- Nothing to report.

WEBSITE- Nothing to report.

HISTORIAN – Nothing to report.

TAX COLLECTOR – Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE- Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS- Supervisor Jaeger has received a quote on a gazebo for the community park. He is going to draft up a design and then present it to the board.

BOARD –

The bills were read by Town Clerk Sarah VanBuskirk. After the reading of the bills, Councilman Winn made a motion to accept the bills with Councilman Maxon seconding the motion.

__4__Ayes __0__Nays Motion Carried

Supervisor Jaeger thanked the Berlin 4th of July Parade Committee for a job well done on the 4th of July Parade. The parade was awesome!

PUBLIC- Nothing to report.

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilman Maxon to adjourn the meeting in remembrance of Sylvia Goodermote. Councilman Winn seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm.

__4__Ayes __0__Nays Motion Carried