

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Berlin

June 11, 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 Jaeger, Councilman Henry Tanner, Councilman Douglas Feathers, and Councilman Dean Maxon. Councilman John Winn was absent.

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

 4 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

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

 4 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

WATER DISTRICT #1 – Nothing to report.

WATER DISTRICT #2 – Supervisor Jaeger spoke with Cedarwood about the money left in retainage and the repairs that still need to be made.

HIGHWAY – Highway Superintendent James Winn reported the state finally passed the budget, so the CHIPS money has been secured. They have been prepping the roads for paving and have started doing some mowing. They have been helping the county with the paving of Green Hollow Rd.

Councilman Maxon made a motion to purchase a cab and chassis from HL Gage. His thought is that the town should purchase the new truck before the new state mandates are put in place. The equipment is getting older and the cost of replacing the equipment will only increase as the years go on. Supervisor Jaeger seconded the motion.

__4__Ayes __0__Nays Motion Carried

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – DCO Doug Goodermote reported the kennel contract runs out on July 1st, 2026. He was advised by the state not to renew a contract passed December 15th, 2026. He is going to call and find out if the Town would be considered exempt from the new mandates based on the small quota of surrendered dogs.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – CEO Walter Yerdon reported that the owners of the dilapidated property on Cherry Plain Square have started boarding up the structures but the deadline to clean up the property has passed. He did offer to work with them but advised them that the deadline was still in place and needed to be held to.

COMMITTEES -

ZBA – Nothing to report.

Comprehensive Plan- Nothing to report

PLANNING BOARD – Nothing to report.

TRANSFER STATION – Transfer station supervisor Doug Goodermote has fielded many complaints from the public about the plastics. It may be in the interest of keeping the customers happy by accepting number one and two for plastic.

AMBULANCE – Ryan Sams is home from his deployment from Kuwait, so he is back serving with eth squad. The building committee is going to meet again regarding an oil separator for the water system. DEC believes that the squad will need a permit to install the separator.

YOUTH COMMISSION – Nothing to report.

ASSESSOR- The assessors have approached an assessor in another town and learned a few new practices. She was able to provide David and Sandra with contact for a person that assisted her with the re-evaluation that town did. She also showed them the practices she has in place which David and Sandra found to be helpful. The gentleman was present at the meeting. His name is David

Galarneau. He provided an overview of his experience and was willing to work with the Town on a re-evaluation. He feels that he could have an eval ready for 2028. He would like to be paid \$30K but would work with the town on a price.

Sup. Jaeger made a motion to accept Mr. Galarneau's offer with Councilman Feathers seconding the motion.

__4__Ayes __0__Nays Motion Carried

Supervisor Jaeger and Mr. Galarneau will set up a time to meet and discuss next steps.

WORKSHOP- Nothing to report.

WEBSITE- Nothing to report.

HISTORIAN – Nothing to report.

TAX COLLECTOR – Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE- The board has received an email from Hudson Taconic Land Trust Inc. regarding their assessment and the resolution they sought at the BAR meeting. They feel their request was denied, but it should not have been. The board will look to further resolve the matter between all parties.

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS- Nothing to report

BOARD –

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

__4__Ayes __0__Nays Motion Carried

Councilman Maxon would like to start developing the park across the river on Airport Road. Supervisor Jaeger agreed. He also mentioned discussing repairs to the buildings and removing/redesigning the landscapes.

PUBLIC- A resident from town, addressed the board regarding a barn that he has on George Allen Road. He feels over time the road has been built up, and the water is now running from the road into his barn. He poured a slab in the barn but feels the water running under the slab has split the slab. He would like the town to place a drain near the barn to divert the water away. Highway Superintendent James Winn will contact the engineer to come out and look at the road and let them make the determination. The resident would like to have a determination in writing.

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilman Maxon to adjourn the meeting in remembrance of Elanor Montgomery. Councilman Tanner seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm.

__4__Ayes __0__Nays Motion Carried