

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Berlin
December 11, 2025
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 Stephen Riccardi, Councilman John Winn, and Councilman Dean Maxon. Councilman Douglas Feathers was absent.

Councilman Winn made a motion to accept the workshop minutes from November. Supervisor Jaeger seconded the motion.

4 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

Supervisor Jaeger opened the meeting with the town clerk's report from November. Supervisor Jaeger made the motion to accept the town clerks report with Councilman Maxon seconding the motion.

4 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

WATER DISTRICT #1 – Nothing to report.

WATER DISTRICT #2 – Supervisor Jaeger has called Cedarwood regarding fixing the road on Judson Road. He has not heard back from them yet.

HIGHWAY – Highway Superintendent James Winn reported that they have been fixing equipment and plowing snow. The board should consider replacing one of the big plow trucks.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – DCO Doug Goodermote reported that everything has been quiet. He is preparing for his kennel inspection.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – CEO Walter Yerdon reported that there are a lot of solar permits being issued. The new energy requirements that had been purposed by the state have been postponed.

COMMITTEES -

ZBA – Nothing to report.

Comprehensive Plan- Nothing to report.

PLANNING BOARD – Nothing to report.

TRANSFER STATION – Transfer station supervisor Doug Goodermote reported that there needs to be a change on how we accept fluorescent lightbulbs. The town of Berlin is the only transfer station in the area that accepts them, and they are being overrun by them.

AMBULANCE – Supervisor Jaeger reported that the building has been erected and electrical service is being installed. The board was given an ambulance service agreement between the Town of Berlin and Taconic Valley Ambulance, Inc.

Councilman Maxon made the motion to accept the agreement, and Councilman Winn seconded the motion. Supervisor Jaeger abstained from the vote because he is a member of TVA.

 3 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

YOUTH COMMISSION – Nothing to report.

ASSSESSOR – Mr. John Ruebel approached the board regarding a property he has purchased on the north side of Slattery Hollow. He approached the board of assessment review; he attended the grievance night. He was told his review would be sent to the county. He was astonished to receive a tax bill showing that the property was listed as a commercial property and how high his tax bill was. He would like the property listed back as vacant land, and his assessment adjusted. The board will need an appraisal and they will approach the assessors based on the appraisal.

WORKSHOP- No workshop meeting in December

WEBSITE- Nothing to report

HISTORIAN – Nothing to report.

TAX COLLECTOR – Nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE- Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS –Councilman Maxon reported that he received confirmation that Greater Heights will complete the mowing of the old landfill once spring arrives.

NEW BUSINESS- Supervisor Jaeger set the organizational meeting for January 8th, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

A public hearing will be scheduled in January regarding the cable television agreement with Spectrum.

BOARD –

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

 4 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

The board thanked board member Stephen Riccardi for his years of service to the Town Board.

PUBLIC- Nothing to report.

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilman Maxon to adjourn the meeting the honor of Stephen Riccardi. Councilman Winn seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm.

 4 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried