

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Berlin

March 12, 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 Dean Maxon, Councilman Douglas Feathers, Councilman Henry Tanner, and Councilman John Winn.

Supervisor Jaeger made a motion to accept the workshop minutes from February. Councilman Feathers seconded the motion.

 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

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

 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

WATER DISTRICT #1 – Nothing to report.

WATER DISTRICT #2 – There was a few small leaks, but things have been repaired.

HIGHWAY – Highway Superintendent James Winn reported that he hopes we are on the downhill swing of snow. Councilman Maxon would like to thank the town highway employees for sharing services to begin patching potholes.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – DCO Doug Goodermote reported there will be a rabies clinic on April 25, 2026.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – CEO Walter Yerdon reported he was trying to start some energy training but since the state regulations are up in the air he is going to hold off.

COMMITTEES -

ZBA – Nothing to report.

Comprehensive Plan- Nothing to report.

PLANNING BOARD – Nothing to report.

TRANSFER STATION – Transfer station supervisor Doug Goodermote reported that things are going along smoothly, but the board still needs to explore some options when it comes to disposal.

AMBULANCE – The electric is hooked up and bid advertisements will be going out for heating. Both ambulances are out of commission currently. They are both out for repair and the squad is hopeful to have one back in service by next week.

YOUTH COMMISSION – Nothing to report.

ASSESSOR- Supervisor Jaeger is recommending that the board move to a sole appointed assessor at a six-year term. An appointed assessor also must be certified, which means they must stay current with training. The town has lost a considerable number of assessed values over the years. The board will further discuss.

WORKSHOP- Nothing to report.

WEBSITE- Nothing to report.

HISTORIAN – Nothing to report.

TAX COLLECTOR – Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE- Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS –KeyBank is now arguing with the Town over the resolution that had been presented last year. KeyBank does not feel that that resolution was sufficient to close the account.

NEW BUSINESS- Noting to report.

BOARD –

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

 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

Dean Maxon would like it documented that he would never recommend Cedarwood Engineering or W.M J Kellar and Sons to anyone. They are offering no fix to the problems that they have created for the residents of Berlin as a result of the construction mishaps that occurred during the construction of the new water tower.

Supervisor Jaeger seconded the idea with a recommendation that no one use KeyBank.

PUBLIC- Nothing to report.

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilman Maxon to adjourn the meeting with thoughts and prayers for Dianne Mosher. John Winn seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm.

 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried