

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Berlin

May 14, 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 Doug Feathers, Councilman John Winn, and Councilman Dean Maxon.

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

 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

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

 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

WATER DISTRICT #1 – The system is open and running.

WATER DISTRICT #2 – The board will yet again contact Cedarwood regarding the repairs that are necessary.

HIGHWAY – Highway Superintendent James Winn reported they started some grading and repair. The cost of oil is driving the cost of materials, so all towns are kind of up in the air regarding paving. He presented the board with proposals regarding a new town highway truck. He is still waiting for one more proposal. He has learned that 2027 International trucks are going to be required to meet new emissions standards and that will add a substantial cost to the price of a truck.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – DCO Doug Goodermote reported they had 96 dogs at the dog clinic which was held in April, and he had to respond to one dog call for two dogs found in Route 22.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – CEO Walter Yerdon reported he has received the signed certified mail card mail card back for the property located on Cherry Plain Square. The owners will have 30 days from date of signature to address the concerns of the property, or they will receive a court summons.

The fee schedule is a little outdated for permits and fees, so Walter will review the fees and approach the board with his recommendations.

He addressed a building concern from a contractor that has been hired to perform some work for a property owner. He is working with the contractor.

COMMITTEES -

ZBA – Nothing to report.

Comprehensive Plan- Nothing to report

PLANNING BOARD – Nothing to report.

TRANSFER STATION – Transfer station supervisor Doug Goodermote reported that they have been receiving push back on the bags. However, most of the push back is not coming from Berlin town residents.

AMBULANCE – Both Ambulances are now back in service.

YOUTH COMMISSION – Nothing to report.

ASSESSOR- Supervisor Jaeger spoke with Sandra Billert from the Assessor's office. She was able to show him on the state's website where our Local Law Exemptions have been accepted by the state. The board is still looking to proceed with exploring moving to a single assessor. Supervisor Jaeger will formally request all the Assessors to come to the workshop meeting to continue discussions.

WORKSHOP- Nothing to report.

WEBSITE- Nothing to report.

HISTORIAN – Nothing to report.

TAX COLLECTOR – Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE- The board has received a letter from an individual from Southeast Hollow regarding a noise complaint for wood processing.

OLD BUSINESS – The Hudson Taconic Land Inc. is going to be approaching the Board of Assessment Review for a tax exemption. The board has received a copy of the PILOT, but the board feels the PILOT is missing some information they would like to see included. The board will review the PILOT agreement again and then get back in touch with Hudson Taconic Land Inc.

NEW BUSINESS- Nothing 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 Feathers seconding the motion.

___5___Ayes ___0___Nays Motion Carried

PUBLIC- Nothing to report

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilman Maxon to adjourn the meeting in remembrance of Shirley Watkins. Supervisor Jaeger seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm.

___5___Ayes ___0___Nays Motion Carried