

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Berlin
August 13, 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 Douglas Feathers, Councilman John Winn, and Councilman Dean Maxon.

Councilman Winn made a motion to accept the workshop minutes from July. 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 July. Supervisor Jaeger made the motion to accept the town clerk's report with Councilman Feathers seconding the motion.

 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried

WATER DISTRICT #1 – The board has received the information regarding the billing for Water District #1. The water district board held a vote to divide the total operational costs of the system by the forty-seven parcels, who have access to the service through a tax line item.

Supervisor Jaeger spoke with Deb McGrath at Rensselaer County Tax Services, and she advised Supervisor Jaeger to reach out to the NYS Comptroller's Office to see if this is something that needs to be amended at a local law level.

WATER DISTRICT #2 – The control system did falter and had to be switched to a manual function back on August 1st, 2026.

Cedarwood has not fulfilled the requirements of the contract. The board is going to review the contract and reach out to town counsel Donald Tate to see what legal recourse the town has against the engineering firm and the contractors involved in construction.

HIGHWAY – Highway Superintendent James Winn reported the crew has been busy fixing some wash outs from the storm that occurred a few weeks ago.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – DCO Doug Goodermote reported he had two dogs in Berlin on the roof, one in North Berlin about to jump out of a window, and a dog bite on Dyken Pond. Doug will reach out to the vet and see if they are available to hold a rabies clinic in the fall.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – CEO Walter Yerdon reported that the owners of the property on Cherry Plain Square are working to secure the structure and have cleaned up a structure that had collapsed.

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 – The squad has been responding to numerous calls. They are in the beginning process of putting in a well.

YOUTH COMMISSION – Nothing to report.

ASSESSOR- The assessors have met with David Garalaneau to start training on the assessors' process. The current assessors do not have enough experience in data collection so this will be a priority. Jennifer VanDusen from Stephentown has offered to assist in training as well.

David McNally has presented Supervisor Jaeger with a letter of resignation. As of September 1st, 2026, he will be resigning from the position. Supervisor Jaeger recommends that Sandra Billert take over as the Chairperson.

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 a concerned citizen about chickens on Mill St. The town does have a right to farm law in place.

Supervisor Jaeger also received an inquiry about neighbors of a resident who has high grass. They would like the grass to be maintained.

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS- Councilman Feathers met with representatives over the Petersburg/Berlin Landfill to discuss the new regulations coming through from New York State.

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 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 Gary Jones and Phillip Bink. Councilman Winn seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Carried