

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY
TOWN OF BERNE**

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 PM

Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2026 – “Override Tax Cap for Fiscal Year 2027”

Supervisor Giebelhaus called the Public Hearing to order at 6:33 PM and took roll call attendance. Present were Supervisor Giebelhaus, Councilmember Bunzey, Councilmember Duncan, Councilmember la Cour, and Councilmember Miller, constituting a quorum. Also present were Town Clerk De Oliveira and Deputy Supervisor Doolin.

Supervisor Giebelhaus asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Giebelhaus stated that the Public Hearing had been duly noticed concerning the proposed local law to override the tax cap limit for fiscal year 2027. He explained that the proposed action was being considered proactively based upon information received to date regarding the upcoming budget and anticipated projects and expenses. He then presented a PowerPoint presentation concerning financial trends, statistics, and increased costs of services contributing to the potential need for a tax cap override.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to opening public comment, Supervisor Giebelhaus invited comments from the Town Board regarding the presentation. Deputy Supervisor Doolin encouraged residents to attend Town Board meetings and participate in public discussion. Councilmember Bunzey commented on the percentage of the overall budget allocated to the Transfer Station and the need to address those costs.

James Rapp questioned the amount of revenue returned to the Town from recycling at the Transfer Station. Supervisor Giebelhaus stated that approximately \$9,000 is received. Mr. Rapp also suggested exploring whether the Town could obtain a DEC permit for burning wood.

Marie Lounsbury complimented the Town Park and commented that, based on events she attended during the summer, it was apparent that money had been spent on the Park. She also questioned why a forensic audit had not been completed in connection with the Town's financial deficit.

Elfi Smith expressed concern regarding the effect of potential tax increases on retired residents and others living on fixed incomes. She also commented on financial pressures facing farmers and concerns that farmers may leave the Town if they are unable to remain financially viable.

Catherine Ansbro referenced comments attributed to Supervisor Giebelhaus in a January article in *The Altamont Enterprise*, including a statement concerning “righting the ship.” She stated that she hoped the Town's elected representatives would represent the interests of the residents as it is five votes for the town compared to 60% for the school budget vote.

Jim Willis stated that he was relatively new to the Town and found the presentation helpful. He suggested that the Town conduct a further review of its financial situation to fully understand the circumstances contributing to the Town's current financial position.

Michael Vincent commented that he was pleased to see residents attending the meetings and participating in public discussion. He expressed concern regarding potential tax increases for residents on fixed incomes and encouraged the Board to consider reductions across Town government in an effort to limit tax increases.

Peggy McQuade, representing the Helderberg Lake Association, stated that the Association had requested establishment of a special tax district in 2022 and was considering making a similar request. She asked whether, if established, such a district would fall within the two-percent tax levy limit from a municipal perspective.

Dennis Barber, referencing his prior experience serving on the Town Board in Knox, offered suggestions for reducing expenditures. His suggestions included consideration of compensation for the Planning Board and Zoning Board, reducing Town Clerk office hours, conducting dog enumeration, reducing Animal Control Officer compensation, and reducing Transfer Station hours.

Greg Terrell expressed concern regarding references to the COVID-19 pandemic in discussions concerning the Town's financial condition. He stated that the Town should focus on its current financial circumstances rather than continuing to attribute current conditions to events occurring approximately six years ago.

Joseph G. Roger shared a statement concerning current economic conditions, including concerns regarding inflation and capitalism “fighting the math.”

Joe Burke discussed a meeting he had with Supervisor Giebelhaus and commented that there are many aspects of running the Town that residents do not see. He thanked Supervisor Giebelhaus for taking the time to explain Town operations, including the Town's bank accounts.

Patty Swasey questioned why a forensic audit had not been completed. She also asked whether the proposed purchase of the Masonic Lodge was no longer under consideration and sought clarification regarding approximately \$564,000 in bonded funds associated with highway trucks.

Joel Willsey brought concerns regarding highway conditions on Long and Sawmill Road to the attention of the Town Board and the public. He requested that the Town consider declaring a state of emergency and closing the roadway, citing concerns regarding potential liability. Mr. Willsey also expressed concerns regarding the working relationship between the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent Stempel and referenced the Board's consideration of an RFP. He further expressed concerns regarding the Board's priorities.

Brandon Clark expressed his hope that the Town Board would provide Highway Superintendent Stempel with the support he requires to perform his duties.

Trevor Stempel, referencing his family's five generations in the Town of Berne, spoke about the Town's history, founding principles, and the rights of residents. He expressed dissatisfaction with what he characterized as a substantial increase in taxes over prior years and described his concerns as resulting from a continuing series of decisions and circumstances.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Giebelhaus made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to close the Public Hearing on the proposed local law concerning the tax cap levy override for fiscal year 2027.

Upon roll call, Supervisor Giebelhaus, Councilmembers Bunzey, Duncan, la Cour, and Miller all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:57 PM.

REGULAR MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Giebelhaus called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 8:08 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call attendance was taken- present were Supervisor Giebelhaus, Councilmember Bunzey, Councilmember Duncan, Councilmember la Cour, and Councilmember Miller, constituting a quorum.

Also present were Town Clerk De Oliveira, Deputy Supervisor Doolin, and legal counsel Courtney Heinel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Bunzey, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of August 12, 2026, as presented for review via email prior to the meeting. Upon roll call, Supervisor Giebelhaus and Councilmembers Bunzey, Duncan, la Cour, and Miller all voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Vincent raised questions and concerns regarding the upcoming expiration of the Solar Moratorium extension. He asked whether the new Solar Law was close to completion and whether the Planning Board's input was being shared with and considered by the Town Attorney.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Giebelhaus reviewed the tentative 2027 Budget schedule:

- **September 14, 2026:** Budget Workshop, 6:00 PM–9:00 PM – General & Sewer
- **September 15, 2026:** Budget Workshop, 6:00 PM–9:00 PM – Highway
- **September 30, 2026:** Tentative Budget filed with Town Clerk
- **October 5, 2026:** Tentative Budget provided to Town Board
- **October 14, 2026:** Budget Hearing/Adoption
- **November 12, 2026:** Adoption of 2027 Budget, if required

Supervisor Giebelhaus reported that the Sewer BAN Disinfection Project had recently been renewed and that anticipated funding from DEC had not yet been received. He stated that once the funding is received and applied, the BAN would convert into a ten-year bond for the Sewer District.

Supervisor Giebelhaus also reported on increased activity at the facility that had recently become operational again under new ownership. He stated that the Town Clerk had been receiving complaints and that the Building and Codes Office had been investigating the applicable rules of use.

Supervisor Giebelhaus reported that the County Route 2/Cole Hill Bridge repair project was scheduled to reopen on October 23, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2026

APPOINTING LEGAL COUNSEL, APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE ENCUMBRANCE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

The Board discussed Resolution No. 64 of 2026, appointing legal counsel, approving a professional services agreement, authorizing the Town Supervisor to execute the agreement, and authorizing the encumbrance of appropriated funds.

WHEREAS

The Town Board of the Town of Berne determined that it was in the best interests of the Town to solicit proposals for the provision of professional legal services pursuant to Request for Proposals No. 2026-02; and

WHEREAS

Proposals were received and reviewed by the Town Board in accordance with the procedures established in the Request for Proposals; and

WHEREAS

After reviewing the qualifications, experience, proposed scope of services, references, and fee schedules submitted by the respondents, the Town Board determined that it was in the best interests of the Town to retain professional legal counsel to provide municipal legal services and, if applicable, labor relations services; and

WHEREAS

The Town Board finds that the selected firm possesses the qualifications, experience, staffing, and expertise necessary to effectively represent the Town in municipal legal matters and to provide legal services consistent with the needs of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Town Board of the Town of Berne hereby appoints:

Firm: Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP

to serve as:

- Town Attorney / Municipal Counsel;
- Labor Relations Counsel; and
- Municipal Counsel and Labor Relations Counsel

for the term commencing September 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms of the Professional Services Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

September 9, 2026

That the Town Board hereby approves the Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Berne and Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP, in substantially the form presented to the Town Board, subject to the insertion of the final contract term, compensation, exhibits, schedules, and such non-substantive revisions as may be approved by the Town Supervisor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That compensation for professional legal services shall be as follows:

Municipal Counsel Retainer: \$2,500.00 per month from September 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

Labor Relations Counsel Retainer: \$1,350.00 per month from September 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, and \$1,400.00 per month from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

Hourly Rates, if applicable:

- Partner/Senior Associate: \$280.00 per hour (2026–2027); \$290.00 per hour (2028)
- Associate: \$240.00 per hour (2026–2027); \$250.00 per hour (2028)
- Paralegal: \$145.00 per hour (2026–2027); \$150.00 per hour (2028)
- Other: None, plus reimbursement of authorized expenses as provided in the Professional Services Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That pursuant to the authority granted to the Town Supervisor under New York State Town Law and this Resolution, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge, and deliver the Professional Services Agreement on behalf of the Town of Berne, together with any schedules, exhibits, certificates, amendments, renewals, or other documents reasonably necessary to implement the Agreement, provided such documents are substantially consistent with the proposal approved by the Town Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Town Board hereby authorizes the encumbrance and expenditure of funds appropriated in the Town's duly adopted budget for professional legal services in an amount not to exceed:

\$62,200.00 in retainer fees through December 31, 2027, plus authorized hourly services and reimbursable disbursements as provided in the Professional Services Agreements,

unless subsequently modified by action of the Town Board through budget amendment or other lawful authorization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That all invoices submitted pursuant to the Professional Services Agreement shall be audited and approved for payment in accordance with the Town's Audit of Claims Policy, applicable budget appropriations, and the provisions of New York State Town Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That any legal services performed outside the scope of the approved retainer agreement, including but not limited to litigation, arbitration, special projects, labor negotiations, disciplinary proceedings, appeals, or other billable hourly services, shall be compensated only in accordance with the terms of the Professional Services Agreement and subject to available appropriations and the Town's normal audit and claims approval process, unless otherwise specifically authorized by resolution of the Town Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Budget Manager, Bookkeeper, and all other appropriate Town officers and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED

Previously introduced August 12, 2026, but tabled, by the Town Board of the Town of Berne at a regular meeting held on September 9, 2026, upon a motion by Supervisor Giebelhaus, seconded by Councilmember la Cour, and carried by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote:

- Supervisor Giebelhaus — Aye
- Councilmember Bunzey — Aye
- Councilmember la Cour — Aye
- Councilmember Miller — Aye
- Councilmember Duncan — Aye

Resolution No. 64 of 2026 adopted.

The resolution appointed **Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP** as Town Legal Counsel.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TRANSFER STATION

Councilmember Bunzey reported that he had observed a non-resident using the Transfer Station and stated that the facility needed to be better monitored and enforced. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of closing the Transfer Station on Mondays, new stickers, increasing facility costs, and enforcement issues. Following discussion, Town Clerk De Oliveira suggested scheduling a Transfer Station Committee meeting.

Supervisor Giebelhaus made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bunzey, to schedule a Transfer Station Committee meeting for Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM at 1360 Helderberg Trail. The Town Board voted aye. Motion carried.

LIBRARY

Library Director Kathy Stempel thanked the Town Board for its continued support and stated that the Library was also working to reduce spending and purchasing. She suggested that a nonprofit “Friends of the Town” organization could assist in obtaining donations. She also reported that the 9th Annual Heldercon was upcoming and would include various free events at the Town Park.

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Chairman Steve Khoury reported increased activity, particularly regarding a backlog of projects being addressed by the Building and Codes Office. He also discussed the Solar Moratorium as an ongoing concern for the Planning Board and stated that the Planning Board looked forward to working with the newly appointed legal counsel on the matter.

PARKS & RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Chair Mary Claire Ansbro reported on the Parks & Recreation meeting held the previous evening and discussed upcoming events, including Oktoberfest scheduled for September 26, 2026, at the Town Park. She reported that the event would feature DJ Fred, German dinners at \$20 per plate, and Helderberg Brewery serving beverages. Ms. Ansbro reported that the August 30th Car Show was successful, generating a \$1,025 profit. She stated that all items were donated to make the event possible.

Discussion was held regarding the accounting treatment of funds raised through Parks & Recreation events and the possibility of reserving those funds for fireworks in 2027.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS

REQUESTED SPEED STUDY – COUNTY ROUTE 157A

The Board discussed a request from a resident for a speed study on County Route 157A. The resident expressed concern that the existing 30 MPH speed limit should be reduced to 20 MPH from the intersection of Knox Cave Road to the intersection of Thatcher Park Road. Supervisor Giebelhaus made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bunzey, to authorize the Town Clerk to file a speed limit reduction request with the New York State Department of Transportation. Upon roll call, Supervisor Giebelhaus and Councilmembers Bunzey, Duncan, la Cour, and Miller all voted aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA BORST AS DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

The Board discussed a request submitted by elected Tax Collector Stephanie Audino to appoint Andrea Borst as a paid Deputy Tax Collector, effective September 1, 2026.

No action was taken

RESOLUTION NO. 71 OF 2026

CLASSIFYING THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW EXTENDING THE SOLAR ENERGY AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM MORATORIUM AS A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA

The Board discussed the proposed extension of the Solar Energy and Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium. Discussion included the need for additional time to complete proposed changes and the anticipated involvement of newly appointed legal counsel.

Resolution No. 71 of 2026 was offered by Councilmember Bunzey and seconded by Councilmember la Cour.

WHEREAS

The Town Board of the Town of Berne is considering Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2026, entitled “A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 1 of 2025 to Extend the Temporary Moratorium on the Development and Construction of Solar Energy Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems for an Additional Six Months” (the “Proposed Local Law”); and

WHEREAS

September 9, 2026

The Proposed Local Law would continue the existing moratorium, without changing its scope, for the final six-month period authorized by Section 4 of Local Law No. 1 of 2025; and

WHEREAS

The State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations classify the adoption of a moratorium on land development or construction as a Type II action under 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(36); and

WHEREAS

Type II actions have been determined not to have a significant adverse impact on the environment and are not subject to further review under SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Town Board hereby determines that consideration and adoption of the Proposed Local Law is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(36); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That no environmental assessment form, lead-agency coordination, determination of significance, or other further environmental review is required for this Type II action.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a roll-call vote, which resulted as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

- Supervisor Giebelhaus — Aye
- Councilmember Bunzey — Aye
- Councilmember la Cour — Aye
- Councilmember Miller — Aye
- Councilmember Duncan — Aye

Resolution No. 71 of 2026 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 72 OF 2026

INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2026, DIRECTING REFERRAL AND NOTICE, AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING

Offered by Councilmember Miller seconded by Councilmember Bunzey ;

WHEREAS

Local Law No. 1 of 2025 established a temporary moratorium on the processing and approval of certain land uses relating to solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems within the Town of Berne; and

WHEREAS

Section 4 of Local Law No. 1 of 2025 authorizes renewal of the moratorium for a cumulative period of up to twelve additional months; and

WHEREAS

By Resolution No. 35 of 2026, the Town Board extended the moratorium for six months through November 6, 2026, leaving authority for one final six-month extension; and

WHEREAS

The Town Board and its consultants require additional time to complete their review and consideration of potential amendments to the Town's regulations governing solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems, and the Board finds that allowing the moratorium to lapse before that work is completed could undermine the purposes for which Local Law No. 1 of 2025 was adopted; and

WHEREAS

A proposed local law extending the moratorium, without interruption, through and including May 6, 2027, has been presented to the Town Board; and

WHEREAS

The Town Board intends to follow the procedures applicable to the adoption of a local law amending interim zoning regulations, including Municipal Home Rule Law § 20, Town Law § 264, and General Municipal Law § 239-m; and

WHEREAS

By separate resolution adopted on September 9, 2026, the Town Board classified the Proposed Local Law as a Type II action under SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2026, in the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, is hereby introduced for consideration by the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

September 9, 2026

That the Town Clerk shall distribute and place the Proposed Local Law upon the desks or tables of the members of the Town Board in the manner required by Municipal Home Rule Law § 20(4); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That a public hearing on the Proposed Local Law shall be held on October 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Berne Community & Senior Services Building, 1360 Helderberg Trail, Berne, New York 12023, at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk shall cause notice of the public hearing to be published at least once in *The Altamont Enterprise*, the official newspaper of the Town, not less than ten days before the public hearing, and shall post the notice on the Town signboard and website in accordance with the Town's customary practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk shall provide, not less than ten days before the public hearing, all written notices required by Town Law § 264(2); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit a full statement of the proposed action, including the complete text of the Proposed Local Law and all required supporting materials, to the Albany County Planning Board for review pursuant to General Municipal Law § 239-m, and to request an expedited recommendation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a roll-call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

- Supervisor Giebelhaus — Aye
- Councilmember Bunzey — Aye
- Councilmember la Cour — Aye
- Councilmember Miller — Aye
- Councilmember Duncan — Aye

Resolution No. 72 of 2026 adopted.

**EXHIBIT A:
TOWN OF BERNE
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2026**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2025 TO EXTEND THE
TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSTRUCTION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND BATTERY ENERGY
STORAGE SYSTEMS FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Berne as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Local Law shall be known as the “2026 Solar Energy and Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium Extension Law.”

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town by the New York State Constitution, Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, and Town Law §§ 261 and 264 to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and to regulate land use within the Town.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT

Local Law No. 1 of 2025 established a twelve-month moratorium on the processing and approval of certain land uses relating to solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems so that the Town could evaluate whether revisions to its land-use regulations were warranted.

Section 4 of Local Law No. 1 of 2025 permits the Town Board to renew the moratorium for a cumulative period of up to twelve additional months. By Resolution No. 35 of 2026, the Town Board exercised six months of that renewal authority and continued the moratorium through November 6, 2026.

The Town Board, with input from the Planning Board and interested members of the public, has continued to identify and evaluate potential amendments addressing solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems. Additional time is reasonably necessary for the Town Board and its consultants to complete that review, prepare proposed legislation, obtain required referrals and environmental review, conduct a public hearing, and consider adoption of appropriate permanent regulations.

The Town Board finds that allowing the moratorium to lapse before this work is completed could permit applications to proceed under regulations previously found not

to adequately address the land-use and public-safety concerns identified in Local Law No. 1 of 2025. The Board therefore finds that a final six-month extension is necessary, reasonable, and consistent with the purpose and renewal limit of Local Law No. 1 of 2025.

SECTION 4. EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM

Section 4 of Local Law No. 1 of 2025 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

Following the six-month extension approved by Resolution No. 35 of 2026, the moratorium imposed by this Local Law is hereby extended, without interruption, for one additional and final six-month period. The moratorium shall remain in full force and effect through and including May 6, 2027, unless sooner repealed by the Town Board. This extension, together with the prior extension, does not exceed the cumulative twelve-month renewal period authorized by this Section.

SECTION 5. CONTINUATION OF EXISTING TERMS

Except for the extension expressly provided in Section 4, all definitions, prohibitions, requirements, and other provisions of Local Law No. 1 of 2025 shall continue unchanged and remain in full force and effect during the extension period.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this Local Law is adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, that judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Local Law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment was rendered.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law § 27.

APPROVAL / DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Councilmember Bunzey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to accept the following monthly financial reports as presented Supervisor's Financial Report, Town Clerk's August Financial Report and Building & Zoning Report. Supervisor Giebelhaus and Councilmembers Bunzey, Duncan, la Cour, and Miller all voted aye. Motion carried.

AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS & BUDGET TRANSFERS

Budget transfers were discussed by Supervisor Giebelhaus and the Town Board. Councilmember Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bunzey, to approve the following budget transfers and related actions:

1. Increase PO #26-00351 by \$1,000 to cover National Grid bills for the Community Center.
2. Transfer \$1,000 **FROM** Account No. AO-17-7989-0000-011215 **TO** Account No. AO-17-7989-0000-044999.
3. Transfer \$200 **FROM** Account No. AO-11-1910-0000-044030 **TO** Account No. AO-11-1910-0000-044037.
4. Transfer \$500 **FROM** Account No. AO-11-1910-0000-044999 **TO** Account No. AO-11-1910-0000-044037.
5. Transfer \$200 **FROM** Account No. AO-19-9060-0000-044976 **TO** Account No. AO-11-1010-0000-044999.
6. **Final BST Allocation:**
 - BST PO: \$35,000, to cover the remaining months of 2026, July through December.
 - Transfer \$28,546 **FROM** AO-19-9060-0000-044976 **TO** AO-11-1990-0000-044999 to cover the General Fund portion of the BST PO.
 - Transfer \$5,089 **FROM** DA-19-9060-0000-044976 **TO** DA-15-5110-0000-044999 to cover the Highway Fund portion of the BST PO.
 - Transfer \$1,365 **FROM** SS-18-1989-0000-010015 **TO** SS-18-8110-0000-044999 to cover the Sewer Fund portion of the BST PO.
7. Transfer \$1,000 **FROM** AO-19-9060-0000-044976 **TO** AO-11-1620-0000-044999 to cover the increase to Crystal Rock (Primo Brands PO).
8. Transfer \$31,000 **FROM** DA-15-5110-0000-044999 **TO** DA-15-5142-0000-044999.
9. Create a purchase order for Morton Salt in the amount of \$35,000.
10. Increase the HL Gage purchase order by \$14,000, Account No. DA-11-5130-0000-044999.
11. Transfer \$11,000 **FROM** DA-19-9060-0000-044976 **TO** DA-11-5130-0000-044999.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

A motion was made by Supervisor Giebelhaus, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to approve payment of the abstracts as presented.

Roll Call Vote

- Supervisor Giebelhaus — Aye
- Councilmember Bunzey — Aye
- Councilmember la Cour — Aye
- Councilmember Miller — Aye

- Councilmember Duncan — Aye

The following monthly abstracts were presented for audit and approval:

Abstract 2026 #20 – Utilities (664–673): \$8,150.03
Abstract 2026 #21 – Utilities (703–715 & 727): \$13,446.81
Abstract 2026 #22 – Claims (674–702, 716–716 & 730): \$129,321.75
Total: \$150,918.59

A motion was made by Councilmember Bunzey, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to approve payment of the abstracts as presented.

Roll Call Vote

- Supervisor Giebelhaus — Aye
- Councilmember Bunzey — Aye
- Councilmember la Cour — Aye
- Councilmember Miller — Aye
- Councilmember Duncan — Aye

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Bunzey, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Giebelhaus and Councilmembers Bunzey, Duncan, la Cour, and Miller all voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin De Oliveira
Town Clerk, Town of Berne