



March 2015

The office will be closed
Friday, April 3rd
in observance of Good Friday

Mayor's Message

Spring is definitely in the air; snow is melting, songbirds are returning, and preparations are being made to spruce up our parks and begin warm weather projects. As I begin a second year as Mayor of the Village of Bergen, I wanted to give you an idea of the work that has been going on over the past 12 months, what has been accomplished. The efforts of everyone on staff, their teamwork, make all this and more possible, and I am extremely appreciative of all they do. Please remember everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend board meetings, and to contact me with any questions or concerns. Here are some highlights of 2014-2015:

Art Presentations – Three pieces of art work created by BB high school students were added to village Board Room Collection

Bergen Community Garage Sale – first annual sale exceeded expectations

Business Group Meeting – local business owners meeting with Mayor and Administrator monthly to develop promotional activities

Code Enforcement – numerous building and fire inspections, unsafe building report and follow-up (Ken Kuter)

Community Events – Community Action Day, Arbor Day Ceremony, Life Trail Dedication, Tree Lighting

Community Garden – raised 4' x 10' garden beds will be built behind the WWTP, a ten member garden group has been established

Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) – The committee has been working on the plan update for a year; community surveys have been distributed, monthly public meetings are scheduled from March through July

DPW – Snowplowing, Munger Street project, Life Trail installation (Chris Fay) Liberty Pumps expansion electric service design and installation has been completed, new poles were set and lines strung on Hunter and Spring Streets, installation of LED lights throughout the village (Joe Chimino, Nick Booher), Waste Water Treatment Plant operations (Bruce Partridge), Tulley Building (Kirk Roberts)

Emergency Plan – yearly update of Emergency Plan notebooks that are kept in town/village, and emergency vehicles (Tom Williamson, Ken Steinmetz)

Grants – Archival Grant, Tree Survey Grant, Life Trail Grant, Go-Art Grant, and Collection System Planning Study Grant totaling over \$110,000

Historic Presentations – Village history is being shared within and outside the Bergen community with displays by Ray MacConnell

Lineman Apprentice hired - Matt Sluberski

Munger Street Project – phase one of Munger Street Drainage Project and street rebuild completed

Office Staff – Billing, accounting, training, annual reports, BEEP, phone calls, information, day to day problem solving (Barb Zinter, Rene' Vurraro) and budgets, reports, village board, legal liaison, problem solving, staff support, and anything that comes up - Administrator Cortney Gale

Park Committee – Life Trail purchase and installation in Hickory Park through support from Senator Ranzenhofer and Assemblyman Hawley, established community flower

Planning and Zoning Boards – monthly training webinars held for village and town planning and zoning board members

Property – village securing acreage from Bonduelle on which the village electric building and substation are located

RGE – investigated bringing a natural gas line into the Hartland Development

Tree Board – awarded Tree City status for third year, and Growth Award for Tree Planting Program and work done throughout the village

Trash Pick-up – our three year contract expires May 31, 2015. An RFP has been developed and published to seek bids for a new three year contract.

Tulley Mural –Bergen Mural painted by Chip Miller on the south wall of the Tulley Building through generous contributions from local businesses and a Go-Art grant

Walkability Audit – held in October, results to be published in March

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Meeting Information

Board of Trustees
Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise noted

Planning Board
Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, as needed

Comprehensive Plan Committee
Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 1st Monday of the month at the Town Hall

Buy-A-Brick

We are still taking orders for the "Buy-A-Brick" program for Carpenter Memorial Park (located next to the tracks downtown).

Do you have someone you would like to memorialize?

Prices are still the same: \$50 for the individual pavers, \$100 for the larger corporate pavers. Order forms are located at the Village office and the Town office,

Sewer Account Holders

Important Message

Just a reminder that sewer arrears must be paid by May 1st to avoid being sent to Genesee County to be put on the Village Taxes.

If you are unsure of your balance, please don't hesitate to contact our office, we would be happy to assist you.

Reminder!

Small Business Meeting
March 31st 7pm
Village Office

We are currently looking for:
Planning Board Alternate
Zoning Board Member and two Alternates
Village Trustee

Please contact the Village office if you are interested.

Save the Date

Community Action Day - May 16th

Calling all volunteers! We need your help to make our annual Community Action Day a success.

All volunteers will meet in Hickory Park at 9:30 am. Please contact the Village office at 494-1513 if you would like to volunteer. We will have more information to pass along on this great community day.

Bergen Cub Scout Pack 31

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
April 11th 4pm-7pm
South Byron Fire Hall
Tickets \$6 at the door

Park Festival

June 13th
Volunteers needed!

Look for upcoming information on a Summer Recreation Program to be held in Hickory Park this July!



Are you interested in:

**Meeting new people?
Helping your community?
Supporting our fire department?**

Then join the Bergen Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary!!

**Meetings held at the Bergen Fire Department
2nd Tuesday of each month**

Contact Jennifer Kulikowski for more details: (585)356-9042



**Annual Community
Easter Egg Hunt
Hickory Park
Saturday, March 28th, 1pm**