

Village of Bergen  
Planning Board Meeting  
July 21, 2010

**Planning Board Attendees:**

Kevin Donovan, Chairman  
Mary Anne Cooper  
Marian Partridge  
Jean Stewart  
René Vurraro, Secretary

Meeting Opened at 7:30 pm

**Approval of meeting minutes:**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Planning Board meeting held June 16, 2010 was made by Jean Stewart and seconded by Marian Partridge. The motion carried by the following vote:

Chairman Kevin Donovan – aye  
Marian Partridge – aye  
Mary Anne Cooper - aye  
Jean Stewart – aye

**Review of Genesee County Planning Board Zoning Referrals Notice of Final Action– Zoning Text Amendments**

The Genesee County Planning Board approved the referral it received from the Village Board regarding the text changes to the zoning law for signs (sandwich board signs). The County Planning Board made comments as follows in the Explanation section.

*The Zoning Text Amendments should help clarify and regulate the use of sandwich board/portable signs and should not pose significant impacts. It is recommended that the Village investigate whether the new enforcement and penalties section as proposed in 'Section 407 Signs' duplicates 'Section 209 Violation and Penalties' or whether such differentiation in penalties and enforcement may cause confusion in the future.*

The Planning Board reviewed and discussed the comments. Both Section 407 and Section 209 were analyzed and discussed further. It was agreed that the Board would like to get further clarification from the attorney on his thoughts behind the penalties & violations as well as more information on the civil penalty. Chairman Donovan will contact Dan Bryson to discuss further.

**WindTamer – personal wind turbines**

Chairman Donovan attended the last Village Board meeting and brought up wind turbines. He asked if the Village Board would like the Planning Board to further

investigate and research this topic. The Village Board would like the Planning Board to begin looking into this subject.

**Village Board meeting recap:**

The Village will meet with National Grid in the future to discuss and negotiate buying more power from them.

**Privilege of the Floor – Grace Gallivan**

Grace Gallivan asked if residents would need to be notified if a one family residence was being turned into apartments. Chairman Donovan replied that it would depend what zoning district the residence was in, Residential – 1, Residential – 2, Residential – 3. Each zoning district has its own regulations. Some are zoned for multi-family and others are not.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jean Stewart and seconded by Mary Anne Cooper. The motion carried by the following vote:

Chairman Donovan – aye  
Mary Anne Cooper – aye  
Marian Partridge – aye  
Jean Stewart – aye  
Vickie Almquist - aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,

René Vurraro  
Village of Bergen  
Planning Board Secretary

**Completed Training Hours (June 2010 – July2010)**

Chairman Kevin Donovan –

6 hours carry over to 2010 - 2011

Mary Anne Cooper

2.25 hours carry over to 2010 - 2011

Marian Partridge

6 hours carry over to 2010 - 2011

Jean Stewart

6 hours carry over to 2010 - 2011

Vicky Truax

1.5 hours carry over to 2010 - 2011

Vickie Almquist

6 hours carry over to 2010 - 2011

Jason Fritsch

René Vurraro