

**Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Trustees  
Of the Village of Bergen at  
7:00pm on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Marsocci at 7:00pm with the following present:

Deputy Mayor Cooper  
Trustee Adams  
Trustee Barclay  
Trustee Morgante

Also present were: Village Administrator Courtney Gale, DPW Supervisor Ken Steinmetz, and Gerald Sheridan

**Approval of Bills**

A motion to approve the bills was made by Trustee Barclay and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cooper. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Deputy Mayor Cooper- aye  
Trustee Adams - aye  
Trustee Barclay - aye  
Trustee Morgante - aye

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes for December 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 was made by Deputy Mayor Cooper and seconded by Trustee Adams. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Deputy Mayor Cooper- aye  
Trustee Adams - aye  
Trustee Barclay - aye  
Trustee Morgante – aye

**Mayor's Report**

- Investigated landfill odor per Trustee Morgante's request. Mr. Gale and I met with Dave Muoio, a gas technician, and Dan Dries the director of the landfill. We discussed the odor and they are taking steps to eliminate the problem. I would recommend anyone who has a problem to speak to them as they gave us very good information on how the landfill runs.
- I chofered the judges of the Christmas light contest. The winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place Cabula, 2<sup>nd</sup> Schlenker, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Stowell.
- The town's 200 year anniversary plans are coming along nicely. They are planning for a band on Friday and Saturday night.
- The GAM meeting will be held Bergen at the Rose Garden on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

### Administrator's

#### **Community Service**

- Our Community Service worker has completed the hours assigned. She did a great job completing many tasks that we haven't been able to get to. She is a hard worker, very inquisitive, really wanted to learn and picked things up really easy.
- I asked her if she would like to continue working here as an intern. She accepted and is very excited. This experience will help here build her resume and college application.

#### **Electric**

- We may be able to save money on the way we purchase incremental power by changing brokers or eliminating the broker. I will be working with Nick and Joe to explore our options and will report back to the board.
- Two more companies are working on quotes for the Electric Study.

#### **ASCAP**

- We have been contacted by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers tasking that we purchase a license to perform music at the Tree Lighting Ceremony. It is normal for some to have an ASCAP license, the school for instance, who perform music regularly. I dismissed their request because I don't want to pay \$750 for a 1 hour ceremony, but they sent an aggressively worded email so I turned it over the village attorney.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- The individual who said they would take the apartment backed out. I put the ad back on Craigslist.
- We received the water usage report from MCWA. The changes will be made before the February sewer bill
- Christmas cards were sent out from the Village. We used Christmas cards left over from the past few years so we didn't have to buy any.
- Refuse pickup will be on Thursday the next two weeks due to the holidays.

### DPW Supervisor's Report

- The plant is still having foaming issues and we are continuing to do test sampling, customer interviews and checking into MSDS sheets for potential sources. So far the results have been inconclusive but with further testing and monitoring we hope to track down the contaminant. We will receive samples Wed from the same 4 lift stations we sampled earlier. Our next step is to sample directly from septic tanks to compare levels.
- The exterior work on the Tulley building is progressing well with completion of phase II by Dec 31.
- A few months ago we discussed the need to replace our 2008 ford pickup (used by the electric dept.) We talked about a squirt boom truck but with that off the table I would like to request that we purchase a new f-250 as a replacement. The current state bid price is 26,044.00 (m.s.r.p 36,257). The one we have now has 44,000 miles and is in need of tires, brakes and a 4 wheel alignment. I feel at this time our money would be better spent on a new one and sending this one to the auction in May. We originally paid 15,700 and can reasonably expect        at auction. Even if we put the money into our old one, we would not see a return on those dollars. We need a truck with an 8' bed, heavy duty towing capacity and 4 wheel drive applications. As you can see when we turn these vehicles over quicker they retain their highest value.

### Historian

A hand written report was distributed to the board from Village Historian Ray MacConnell detailing his work to date.

### Privilege of the Floor

Gerald Sheridan asked if there was an accounting of the funds spent on the Tulley Building. Mr. Gale replied there are detailed records of expenses and stated that he would draft a document that summarizes the exspenses.

### Trustee Concerns

#### **Trustee Adams**

- Byron Bergen Librarian Nancy Bailey would like the meeting minutes emailed to her.
- GDEDC and Genesee County provided LBJ&D LLC with tax break for their business on Spring Street.

#### **Trustee Barclay**

##### **Grants**

- I received an email stating that there will be a delay in the processing of the GO ART! Grants through the NYS Council of the Arts (we submitted an application for the mural on the south wall of the Tulley Building). Hopefully the awards announcements will take place in January 2013.
- Work is continuing on the Archives Grant for our historic records.

##### **Emergency Preparedness Plan**

- Ken Steinmetz, and Tom Williamson and I will be meeting tomorrow (Dec 20th) to complete updating the Village Emergency Preparedness Plan. We would like to have the document completed in order to present it to this board, school district emergency committee, and the Town Board in January.

##### **Tree Board**

- The recertification application for Tree City was received by Mark Gooding (NYSDEC Forster); he reviewed it and has passed it on for state approval.

##### **200th Anniversary Committee**

- The committee has set April 13, 2013 for the dedication of a tree and the “burial” of the time capsule. This will take place in Mount Rest Cemetery.

### New Business

#### **Approval of Union Contract**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cooper and seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the Collective Bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Union including retro pay. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Deputy Mayor Cooper - aye

Trustee Adams – aye

Trustee Barclay - aye

Trustee Morgante - aye

#### **Adoption of Village Policies**

A motion was made by Trustee Barclay and seconded by Trustee Adams to adopt the policies pertaining to use of village vehicles. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Deputy Mayor Cooper - aye  
 Trustee Adams – aye  
 Trustee Barclay - aye  
 Trustee Morgante - aye

### **Approval of Fire Department Members**

A motion was made by Trustee Adams and seconded by Trustee Barclay to approve Justin Mitchell as a member of the Bergen Fire Department. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Deputy Mayor Cooper - aye  
 Trustee Adams – aye  
 Trustee Barclay - aye  
 Trustee Morgante - aye

### **Old Business**

#### **Parks Master Plan Resolution**

A motion was made by Trustee Barclay and seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the Parks Master Plan as draft by the Parks Committee. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Deputy Mayor Cooper - aye  
 Trustee Adams – aye  
 Trustee Barclay - aye  
 Trustee Morgante - aye

A motion was made by Trustee Morgante and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cooper to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Deputy Mayor Cooper - aye  
 Trustee Adams – aye  
 Trustee Barclay - aye  
 Trustee Morgante - aye

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale  
 Village Administrator