

**Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Trustees  
Of the Village of Bergen at  
7:00pm on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2013**

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 Cortney Gale, DPW Supervisor Ken Steinmetz, Kali Ellingham, Debi List, Casey Kosiorek, Grace Gallivan, Nick Booher and Joe Chimino.

**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 April 24<sup>th</sup> 2013 was made by Trustee Barclay and seconded by Trustee Morgante. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**Mayor's Report**

- Community Service worker doing a good job on parks and leaves on the side of Clinton St.
- The Linemen have installed LED lights on Church St. Take a look them as they are going to be placed through the Village.
- Have had a number of requests for paying bills on line.
- Speed signs are working great, the other permanent sign will be installed after a special bracket is received.
- The Town Hall meeting with Steve Hawley went well there were 12 people in attendance.
- The MEUA Western New York Regional meeting is June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Administrator's Report

### **Electric**

- Electric bills were mailed on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and are due May 13<sup>th</sup>. There was one shut off this month, the individual came in immediately paid.
- Currently we require electric customers who are renters to pay a deposit before they can receive electric service. They are given 3% interest on the deposit. With bank rates at .25% it is not reasonable to give a 3% return. I would like the Board to approve the elimination of interest payments, and allow any interest earned to be considered administration costs.

### **Sewer**

- Sewer bills were mailed on May 1<sup>st</sup> and are due May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Municipal Solutions bill and the cost of the blower motors for the WWTP have been submitted to the EFC for reimbursement.
- \$7,904.29 has been received for "in lieu of sewer payments" from GCEDCU for Adtech, LBJ, and K2.

### **Tax**

- The Tax Warrant is ready to be sent to the County which includes \$30,514.58 in sewer relievis which is \$4,141.27 less than last year. The total amount of the warrant is \$278,284.53.
- Tax bills will go out on Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Tax payments received after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be subject to a 5% late fee for the first month and an additional 1% per month until November when they are sent to the County.

### **Miscellaneous**

- I will be attending the Regional Local Government Workshop on May 16<sup>th</sup> with Rene Vurraro, Vicki Almquist and Vickie Truax as well as the New York Municipal Power Authority meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Bob Fox was in the office on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> working with Barb and preparing for the need of the fiscal year.

## DPW Supervisor's Report

- We are working on Hickory park improvements and finished re -mulching the playground area. We are also working on lawn restorations and had both plow/salters torn down and cleaned. We have been mowing quite a lot and it just keeps growing. All in all, the Village is looking good thanks to the crew.
- The plant is running OK but we are still having RAS well issues. Eric has been very diligent in helping us to find solutions to this. We will keep working to improve as we move forward. We are treating approximately 110,000 gpd and would like to bump it up a bit. Our micro-organism count is between 10k and 1 lk and looking healthy.
- We finished setting poles and are working on the sub-division change over. Also we had the breakers at the Gibson place substation recertified this week. We assisted Churchville with a change- over.
- CAD is on schedule and we will be picking up materials next week.

## Privilege of the Floor

None

## Trustee Concerns

### **Deputy Mayor Cooper**

- Received complaints from residents regarding fixing damage from sidewalk plowing. Asked Mr. Steinmetz not to add dirt every year because it adds up and causes problems with lawn mowers.

### **Trustee Barclay**

#### **Art Program**

- I have contacted the "new" art teacher and art club advisor at the high school, Justine Langiewicz. We discussed continuing the program of displaying student art in the village offices, and for sharing pieces at the senior centers. Together we will arrange for three pieces to be presented at a board meeting before the end of the school year.

#### **Village of Bergen Parks Committee**

- Ed Adams, Colleen Schwartmeyer and I met on May 7<sup>th</sup>; Colleen will be establishing a Village Parks Facebook page which will tie into the village website (she will meet with Cortney to discuss the details). We decided on designs for the information board in Hickory Park, and two signs for Hartland Park. We are investigating material donations and volunteers for the projects.
- Next meeting — June 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

#### **Grants**

- Tom Lajewski (O'Connell Assoc). Cortney and I will be meeting on Monday to work on several grant applications; the Main Street grant (Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) ) Rochester Area Community Foundation's Historical Preservation and the NYS Urban Council's We Live New York Livable Communities Capacity Grant Program to replace or preserve the Tulley Building mural, The Home Depot Foundation's Community Impact Grant Application (to support work done with the veterans on the legion building, Tom Williamson and Dave Henry will be presenting the information), the 2013 Transportation Enhancement Program , and other grants based on our parks master plan park .

#### **Historic Features in the Village**

- I met with Ray MacConnell (village historian) to discuss the "historic" features of the village and how to preserve them, and to investigate structures (lost or still existing) and homes to include as part of the village walking trail. We will be working together on this project.

#### **CAD**

- The Tree Board has planned several different activities for the day - May 18th, Saturday, Hickory Park, 10 am Arbor Day Tree Planting, plantings, workshops

### **Trustee Adams**

- Asked Mr. Gale to contact Assemblymen Hawley to set up meeting regarding grants
- Has received compliments on how good a job Historian Ray MacConnell is doing
- Received many inquiries regarding events on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> for Park Festival
- When will the electric study be completed?

Joe Chimino stated that the study is approximately fifty percent complete.

## New Business

### **School Budget Presentation**

Byron-Bergen Central School District Superintendent Casey Kosiorek reviewed the 2013-2014 budget with School Board member Debbie List also in attendance to help answer questions.

### **Electric Budget**

A motion was made by Trustee Morgante and seconded by Trustee Cooper to approve the electric budget. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**Bergen Energy Efficiency Budget (BEEP)**

Mr. Gale presented the Board with a draft of the BEEP budget and explained his reasoning for additional programs and increased rebates.

**Budget Adjustments**

Mr. Gale reviewed the necessary budget adjustments and explained the state of the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The General fund is in good shape and is projected to end the fiscal year on budget. The problems with the new sewer plant has caused the sewer fund to run over budget, Mr. Gale projects a \$70,000 deficit.

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

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

**NYMPA Delegate Resolution**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cooper and seconded by Trustee Adams to make Joe Chimino the Village’s voting delegate for the NYMPA semi-annual meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

**Elimination of Electric Deposit Interest**

A motion was made by Trustee Adams and seconded by Trustee Barclay to eliminate the interest given to electric customers that are required to pay a deposit starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 9:02pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale  
Village Administrator