

**Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
Of the Village of Bergen at
7:00pm on August 28th 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, Grace Gallivan, and Kevin Donovan.

Approval of Bills

A motion to approve the bills was made by Trustee Barclay and seconded by Trustee Morgante. 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 August 14th 2013 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

- The community service worker completed his 300 hours. I am sending a letter to Judge Kunego, Genesee Justice and his mother to express what a great job he did and how hard he worked.
- Nicole Bailey's internship with Bruce Partridge at the sewer plant is complete as she is going back to college.
- I attended the MEUA Annual meeting. Mayor Nancy Steedman from Churchville was elected to the Board of Directors. Governor Cuomo is going ahead with the "Energy Highway" bringing power from Canada directly to New York City. MEUA is fighting his plan to pay for the project with NYPA funds which would increase power rates for everyone in the state not just the NYC area.

- Fire Chief Chuck Dodson sent a letter asking to have a meeting regarding Mercy EMS. The ambulance service is not fulfilling its contract. Response times to the area from their station in Batavia are too long.
- Discussed the Cobra style street lights with vendor at the MEUA meeting. At this time there are no aftermarket filters to change the light. Shields can be purchased to direct the light downward. I will continue to look for options.
- The ornamental downtown lights are on order, I obtained catalogues from vendors with additional ornamentation for the poles. Trustee Barclay is reviewing options and prices.
- I spoke with a personal friend who works at Time Warner regarding their lines behind Canterbury lane. They are moving ahead with removing them.
- The HMT Electric Study is completed we will discuss it at a future board meeting.
- I will not be at the board meeting or rededication ceremony on September 11th because I am attending the New York Conference of Mayor's Fall Training School.

Administrator's

Electric/Sewer

- Bills were sent out on Tuesday August 27th and are due September 12th.
- Electric shut off day is September 3rd
- Sewer bills are due August 31st
- Per kilowatt charge this month is .108128¢. The July average for the last five years is .104422¢ a difference of .003706¢

Accounting

- Bob Fox would like to attend the September 25th or October 9th meeting to go over the 2012-2013 fiscal year.
- The Annual Update Document (AUD) is complete, we just need to input it into the system and send it.
- The PSC report should be finished by next week.

Meetings/Training

- Rene Vurraro and I will be meeting with the Byron-Bergen Board of Education on September 5th to discuss tax abatements.
- I will not be able to attend the September 11th meeting as I will be in Saratoga Springs for the NYCOM Fall Training School. I will have everything prepared for the meeting before I leave.

Miscellaneous

- Jeff Smith of Municipal Solutions researched the possibility of the Village having its own Revolving Loan Fund to help with revitalizing downtown. We couldn't start the fund with taxpayer dollars or electric funds.
- The attorneys have finished the edits to the Employee Handbook including the addition of paid time off for part time employees. I am working on removing the introductions and "fluff". I will send it out for your review when I'm done.
- The Electric Study has been received and distributed to the Board. I suggest the board take time reading it over then we can discuss it on September 25th with the Linemen present.

DPW Supervisor's Report

- The plant is operating well and we are getting the second blower motor replaced on 9/4. The drives were also affected and are being replaced due to a phase imbalance. We checked the incoming power to the plant and it is all good from our end.
- Joe attended MEUA last week and Nick assisted Castile with some pole replacements. Next week Churchville will be helping us set poles for the new gas station on rt 33. The preliminary site work has been done for the new businesses going in.
- Between the raindrops we are keeping up the mowing and some extra clearing and trimming. After another heavy brush pick-up I would like to look into limiting the amount that can be put out. I realize we supply a service but it seems a bit much when we have 2 to 4 full truckloads from a single residence. We also need to look at tree removal being put out to the curb. There is a difference between yard cleanup and large tree removal.
- The WWI plaque is back and will be installed next week. The landscape improvements are done and I would like to thank my whole crew, Ed Adams and Anna Marie for all of their help. I also want to thank Tom Williamson for his help with the restoration project and working with the Legion to set up the rededication on Patriots Day 9/11/13.

Trustee Barclay

Grants

- I investigated a grant to support the Munger Street Drainage Project through the **Water Quality Improvement Project Program** with O'Connell Assoc. Eric Wies and I reviewed the information in the NYS **Waterbody Inventory/Priority Waterbodies List** to check on the Black Creek Watershed and Genesee River watershed to determine whether or not our flooding issue has an impact, and if the project would qualify. Unfortunately, the impact on water quality is not significant enough, and the project does not qualify.

Park Committee Meeting

- The Park Committee met on Aug. 20th; a portion of the meeting was spent in discussion with Grady Wall, Jordan Odam, Gage Cooper, and Levi Mattice concerning a possible skateboard park in the village. The proposal will be presented at the board meeting.
- Ed Adams and I planted flowers in the newly landscaped WWI Memorial area.

Tree Board

- The Tree Board met on Aug. 27th; we are investigating apps for tree identification to assist in the village tree survey, 17 tree requests have been submitted for the tree planting program (each request will be investigated and trees ordered for fall planting), the new evergreen for Ward Park to be purchased with the APPA Tree Power Grant will arrive for October planting, and the committee is investigating community projects to enhance Community Action Day and our annual Tree Lighting.

Downtown Lights

- Nick and I met to discuss the downtown street lamps; I am looking into decorative additions etc. for the poles to maintain the Victorian character after the double lights are replaced.

Town/Village Committee

- Our next scheduled meeting is Sept. 9th; are there any issues for the committee, should we meet after the joint meeting instead of before?

WWI Memorial Re-dedication

- The community invitation was included in the electric bill.
- The final planning meeting for the ceremony will be Friday (Aug 30).

Privilege of the Floor

Grace Gallivan commented that she doesn't agree that the Board should enter into executive session to discuss obtaining additional hydroelectric power. She feels that it is not a proper reason to be in a closed meeting.

Trustee Concerns

Trustee Morgante asked if the bills from the August 14th meeting for Level 1 PC and Verizon were paid as per Board instructions.

Mr. Gale informed him that the bills were paid as directed.

New Business

September 11th Meeting

The board agreed to hold the September 11th 2013 meeting in Hickory Park. The meeting will open at 6:15 at which time they will pause and participate in the rededication of the World War One Memorial. The meeting will resume when the ceremony is complete.

Old Business

Skate Park

Trustee Barclay presented a proposal for a skate park which was requested by Grady Wall, Jordan Odam, Gage Cooper and Levi Mattice. The approximate cost of the park would be \$4348. The Board discussed the matter and decided it is too costly at this time, but would encourage and support the young men to do a fundraiser for the equipment.

Executive Session

Mayor Marsocci asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss legal matters regarding obtaining additional hydroelectric power from the New York Power Authority and asked that Mr. Gale and Mr. Steinmetz participate. Deputy Mayor made the motion and it was seconded by Trustee Barclay. The motion was carried by the following vote

Deputy Mayor Cooper - aye
Trustee Adams – aye
Trustee Barclay - aye
Trustee Morgante – abstain (did not vote)

The Board entered executive session at 7:58pm

Trustee Adams made the motion to exit executive session at 8:35pm it was seconded by Trustee Barclay. 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 Barclay 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 8:36pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale
Village Administrator