

**Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Trustees  
Of the Village of Bergen at  
7:00pm on November 27<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 was: DPW Supervisor Ken Steinmetz

**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

A motion to approve the bills from Lee Zimmerman for façade work to the Tulley Building with Administrator Gale approval was made by Trustee Adams and 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

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes for was made by Deputy Mayor Cooper and 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

**Mayor's Report**

- Working on Hydro-Electric distribution, will be calling New York Power Authority
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> the electric committee met to begin working on recommendations on future electric infrastructure upgrades. The next meeting is Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **DPW Supervisor's Report**

- Last Wed. I attended the DEC/FEMA risk mapping project meeting for flood risk and mitigation. We went over flood risk and watershed impact. This is a necessary step in developing a flood mitigation plan and also will be a component for future development and funding assistance for future projects.
- Our Christmas lights are up and we have a few more decorations to put up before the tree lighting ceremony. Planning and set up are going well and we are sure to have a good turnout. We had an issue with a few of our street lights cycling on and off and determined that it was due to the electronic eye picking up reflecting light from the snow. We will make adjustments to resolve this. Yesterday the electric crew installed the new transformer tub at the new Bergen Deli. The contractor on site was impressed with the install and the earlier than expected time frame.
- The plant is running well, we are treating approx. 100k gpd and with a little foaming in the RAS well but it was minor and we made adjustments to the sludge which should take care of this. We received the insurance settlement for the motor and drive repairs for 21k. I am having one of the old motors rebuilt so we have it as a spare. We will be getting the water line installed at the plant in the next two weeks. The brush pile has been delayed due to mechanical problems with Zoladz's loader they expect to have it cleaned up in 2 to 3 weeks.
- We did an additional brush pickup and it was a large one. We will be doing a Christmas tree recycling on Jan.6. I would like to initiate a revised brush policy to include a fee for multiple truckloads. This year we had a number of high volume pickup which not only cost the Village more but also extended our pickups for two or three days. We offer the service of brush pickup but we are not in the tree removal business. Due to increased costs we no longer have the option of getting rid of our pile for free. This year I had estimates for 3 to 8 thousand dollars to remove the debris.
- I have a schedule of highway work to be done this year as well as a plan for the next few. We will begin the process for the first phase of the Munger street project in Feb. At our tree board meeting we applied the 2500.00 award for trees to the new Christmas tree and our fall plantings (15 trees) in the Village.
- At our Parks committee meeting we discussed the dog park but had no community members show up. The cost and resources needed for this project seem out of reach at this time, however we are always ready to follow up on the wants and needs of our residents.
- To follow up from the last board meeting the overtime charge for the tank pump was ok because it is on a Saturday.

## **Trustee Barclay**

### **Grants**

- The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Urban Forestry grant application was hand delivered to NYSDEC offices in Albany. Awards should be announced in early spring.

### **Village Logo**

- Chelsea Amrhein (Landmark Society) will be delivering the files for the village logo we have selected. Due to the work we have been doing with the Landmark Society and the generous information and advisement they have been sharing with us, I would like to propose that the village become a member of the Landmark Society of Western NY. The annual membership cost is \$100.

### **Tree Board**

- The Village Tree Board met on November 19; discussion included educational information on tree planting and maintenance, composting, and “pest” control to add to a spring newsletter. The application for our continued Tree City recognition will be submitted by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. I have completed the program outline and budget allocations along with a thank you letter on behalf of the village to the APPA for the Tree Power Grant.
- Next meeting – Jan 14, 2014 11am

#### **Park Committee**

- The Village Park Committee met on November 19<sup>th</sup> committee members were prepared with requirements for and laws regarding dog parks in the area. No residents attended the meeting to discuss a possible dog park in the village.
- We are gathering information on small recreation summer program opportunities for Hickory Park.
- Next meeting – Jan 14, 2014 7:30pm

#### **Tree Lighting**

- A meeting to finalize plans will be Monday, Dec 2.; the event will begin at Hickory Park at 6:30pm, program should begin at approx 7pm at Ward Park.
- Flyers were mailed out with Electric bills, sent home with elementary students.
- Thank you to DPW for holiday lighting in the village!

#### **Comprehensive Plan Committee**

- I was able to catch Cindy Favata up on the progress and information she will need for the Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> committee meeting.

#### **Art Program**

- I met with Justine Langiewicz (HS art teacher) to discuss continuing bringing student artwork to the village offices. She is eager to continue the program, and will select have 3 dimensional pieces to display in the office area. The students will attend a board meeting to present their pieces.

#### **BBCA**

- Congratulations to the Bergen Business and Civic Association for receiving special recognition with a Special Service award from the Chamber of Commerce.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

None

### **Trustee Concerns**

#### **Trustee Adams**

- When will the shooting range be opening?
- Liberty has proposed an addition to their building to the Town Planning Board.

### **New Business**

#### **Landmark Society Membership**

A motion was made by Trustee Adams and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cooper to purchase a membership to the Landmark Society in the amount of \$100.00. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Deputy Mayor Cooper - aye  
Trustee Adams – aye

Trustee Barclay - aye  
Trustee Morgante - aye

**Rochester Street Closure**

Mr. Steinmetz stated that because it is our own street we no longer need to pass a resolution. The street will be closed from approximately 6:15pm to 8:15pm.

**Old Business**

None

A motion was made by Trustee Morgante and seconded by Trustee Adams 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 7:49pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale  
Village Administrator