

**Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
Of the Village of Bergen at
7:00pm on February 13th 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, Eric Wies, Andrew Kosa, Brian Kavanagh and John Murray.

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 January 23rd 2013 was made by Deputy Mayor Cooper and seconded by Trustee Morgante. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor's Report

- Would like a DPW employee to attend a 30 hour course at a cost of \$450 to be certified to use pesticides. This would save us from contracting with outside company.
- Attended the last Planning Board meeting everything is moving ahead on the Bergen Country Deli project.
- Suggested research the viability of creating an Electric Advisory Board to be a liaison between the electric department and Village Board.
- Genesee Association of Municipalities (GAM) meeting is February 21st at the Town of Batavia.

Administrator's

Electric

- There were no electric shutoffs this month
- Electric bills will be sent out on February 21st along with the refuse survey

Sewer Bond Funds

- There is approximately \$30,000 in funds left from the Sewer Bond. Eric Wies suggested that I submit the cost of hauling sludge from the plant during construction. I calculated that cost to be \$18,950. The funds would be helpful to the suffering sewer budget.

Planning Board Activity

- The Planning Board's next meeting is February 20th. They will be receiving the site plan for the proposed Bergen Country Deli gas station and plan on holding the public hearing on March 20th.

IEEP

- I contacted Jeff Dobbins from Massena and Travis Dubois from Sherburne to discuss how they operate their energy efficiency programs. I have no doubt that we can administer the program ourselves; with the board's approval I'll set up the accounts and notify IEEP.

Albany Trip

- If anyone is interested in going on the Hawley Trip to Albany please let me know soon so I can make sure there is enough in the budget. The trip cost \$450 per person is all inclusive, and is from June 2nd to June 4th.

Solarize Genesee

- Trustee Barclay and I attended a workshop for Solarize Genesee, which is a program sponsored by GCEDC, that makes purchasing solar panels cost affective. The major benefit is NYCERDA rebates, unfortunately we are unable to take advantage of the rebates because we are a municipal electric.

42 Rochester St

- Randy Mays owner of the old school house has inquired about the way late fees are handled on sewer bills. He asks that the board review the policy because he feels they are excessive and that the fees are compounded.

DPW Supervisor's Report

- Our roads walks and lots are looking good. All of the crew has been very diligent throughout the winter season. They deserve a big thank you.
- Chris has also been covering the plant in addition to plowing. The plant has been improving and continues to show better numbers. As always we will continue to monitor and improve when we can.
- The house infrared scans are complete and we are working on scanning lines and equipment. The crew also took care of a couple branches on lines due to the high winds last week. No outage issues.
- We finished the upgrade of the office and bathroom at the DPW building and are currently drywalling the side stairwell to the village office basement to bring it up to current code.

Privilege of the Floor

Resident John Murray inquired about the removal of no parking signs on Clinton Street. Mr. Steinmetz stated that they were removed because there is not a local law in place to enforce the signs. The Village is in the process of updating parking restrictions for the entire village.

Trustee Concerns

Trustee Barclay

Grants

- Gary Rouleau (O'Connell and Assoc), Ken Steinmetz, Cortney Gale, and I met with the new research assistant, Cally E. Miklasz, to update village project plans, grant options, and review of Main St and REACH grants.
- Copies of the Comprehensive Plan, Emergency Plan, and the Parks Master Plan have been shared with the grant writers.
- The LGRMIF grant application is being completed for the historic records project.

Plaque for Tally

- I picked up the plaque from Scott Gillette of American Custom Engraving Co., it was beautifully done. We will need to set a date for the installation and dedication.

Tree Board

- At our meeting on Jan 15th, the Tree Board set plans for the coming year; they include continuation of the village tree survey, updated applications for the Village Tree Planting program, ordering the Liberty Elm for planting on Arbor Day (CAD), evergreen tree for Ward Park, Community Action Day (May 18th) program to be held in Zuber Park (addition of educational workshops for plantings and composting, pre-school involvement, yard work requests), and requests for community member participation in the village Parks Committee.
- Information on CAD and the tree planting program were put in the newsletter.
- The next meeting is Feb 20th at 9am.

Solarize Genesee County

- Cortney and I attended an informational meeting on Monday, Feb 11th for the community wide solar energy bulk purchasing program. Unfortunately, the program is partially funded through monies from NYSERDA and we do not qualify.

Town/Village Committee

- We met on Feb 4th, topics discussed were; the town was holding a public hearing last night for the tax exemption resolution they were hoping to pass, the plan to continue town plowing and village mowing of the fire hall, the Peachy Road water project (completion of laying of pipe planned by the end of the week), work on the comprehensive plan to move forward, possibility of connecting park trails between village and Linear Park, lowering speed limit north of Bissell Rd to 45mph.
- Appreciation was expressed by the town for the lighting work completed in the library building.
- I shared our Parks Master Plan (Joe Nenni was given a copy) and briefly summarized it
- Next meeting: April 2nd, 6pm

Village Parks Committee

- I received the names of two residents interested in participating in the committee and will be contacting them.

New Business

Munger Street Proposal – Eric Wies & Andrew Kosa

Eric Wies and Andrew Kosa from Clark Patterson Lee presented their report on the Munger Street drainage issue. They gave the board multiple options which include \$1,390,755 for a complete Full Depth restoration, \$852,310 for a True & Level grading, and \$779,100 for Milling and Resurfacing. They discussed other temporary options that would alleviate some of the drainage issues. The board will take the information into consideration while they create a multi-year plan to repair the street.

Independent Energy Efficiency Program Termination and creation of the Bergen Energy Efficiency Program

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cooper and seconded by Trustee Barclay to terminate the Village's relationship with the IEEP and create the Village of Bergen Energy Efficiency Program effective March 1st. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Tax Cap Override Resolution

Mr. Gale presented the Board with a resolution to override the two percent tax cap instituted by the State of New York. The board agreed to hold a public hearing on March 6th 2013.

Old Business

Computer Upgrades- Brian Kavanagh

Brian Kavanagh presented the board with a proposal to upgrade the village office computers. The Board agrees with the need for the upgrades as long as they are within budget. Mr. Gale will make the decision on what kind of upgrades are made.

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 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale
Village Administrator