

**Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
Of the Village of Bergen at
7:00pm on November 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 - absent

Also present were: Village Administrator Cortney Gale, DPW Supervisor Ken Steinmetz, Grace Gallivan, Kevin Donovan, and Emily VanEenwyk.

Approval of Bills

A motion to approve the bills 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

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes for October 23rd 2013 was made by Trustee Barclay and seconded by Trustee Adams. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor's Report

- I met with High School Principal Aaron Johnson and Elementary School Principal Brian Meister on 10/23. We discussed community events and discussed having a community calendar. The office is investigating the implementation of this possibility.
- On 10/24 I presented the high school students with the anti-bullying proclamation. It was well received by them.
- On 10/25 myself, Cortney and Ginny attended NYCOM's Healthcare seminar. We all came away with a better understanding of the way this new legislation will affect us.
- I spoke with Richard Auble. He is interested in joining our electric committee. Myself, Cortney, Joe, Nick, and Scott will be having our first meeting on November 22nd at 9:30.
- I have made requests for the Sheriff to check for speeding and I have already talked to Chad Menudo and next time he is in he will concentrate on those areas.
- Before I meet again with NYPA about the electric allocation, I am going to have a meeting with Tony Modafferri, the Executive Director of the MEUA, to make sure that he is aware of exactly

what we are asking for. He is on leave right now but I have left him a message to request the meeting when he gets back.

- On 11/7, myself, Rene' and Cortney went to the Anti-bullying assembly at the Elementary school. Prior to the meeting, we had discussed the possibilities of the entire community participating in this program. We asked Principal Meister and he thought it was a good idea. I went around and took orders for the t-shirts from the offices and businesses around the community so everyone can show their support by wearing their shirts with the children on Thursdays.
- Through the year I have heard some minor complaints about Bonduelle and they have been taken care of. I plan on having a year-end meeting soon with Jim Newcomb to make sure these instances are not repeated in the future.
- I missed the last Semi-Annual NYMPA meeting in Syracuse due to a prior engagement but Cortney was able to go to represent the Village.

Administrator's

NYMPA

- I attended the New York Municipal Power Authority Semi-Annual meeting with Nick Booher and Joe Chimino on October 30th. As usual it was very informative.
- Starting January 1st the cost of incremental power will be decreasing from \$52 per MWH to \$44. This will cause the PPAC to decrease by approximately .01¢, on average.

Electric Committee

- The first meeting of the Electric Committee is scheduled for November 22nd at 9:30am. Members of the committee are Mayor Marsocci, Trustee Morgante, Nick Booher, Joe Chimino, Dick Auble, and myself.

NYS Retirement

- The New York State Retirement bill for 2014 is \$108,943, \$15,991 more than projected for the current budget.

Cell Phones

- I am looking into changing the village cell phones from Verizon to AT&T. The move will give us better reception in the area and save the village \$409 per year. I am also gathering information to see if it would be feasible for AT&T to provide regular phone and internet services.

Back-Up Sewer License

- Last year we paid Jerry Menzie for being Bruce Partridge's back-up at the sewer plant. Chris Fay is able to fill that role going forward and operators from the Batavia sewer plant have agreed to provide mutual aid if necessary. I feel Mr. Menzie should be compensated for the past year and ask the board to consider approving the payment.

Moody's Response

- I met with Bob Fox and Jeff Smith regarding steps needed to comply with Moody's requirements, your packets include a letter outlining the costs. Bob and Jeff are working with other accountants in the area to propose changes for small municipalities to Moody's.
- The response will be mailed tomorrow. Unless Moody's changes its policies for small municipalities we will need to proceed with their requirements if we want to maintain our credit rating.

Miscellaneous

- The annual Safety Meeting is scheduled for Monday December 23rd at 12:00pm.

- I have a few vacation and personal days left to use so I am taking November 25th, 26th, and 27th. I am not traveling so I will be around if needed.
- Chris Fay and I met with Erik Bond and Tiffany Longbine from Bond Financial Network (used by Liberty Pumps and the Town of Bergen). They presented 11 Healthcare plans. I am working on a spreadsheet outlining cost savings that I will present to the board in the near future.

DPW Supervisor's Report

- We had our first salt run and after a broken chain all went well. The 550 has been set and we will be installing the plow and wing on the Stirling tomorrow. Our final brush pickup will be Monday 11/18. We will do Christmas trees on 1-6-14. The tree planting in Ward park went well with the hard work of our dpw, Town Highway and assistance from Bonduelle with equipment and labor. Thank you to all.
- The plant is running well and we are updating our SPEDES permit. I submitted the final report and cost of repairs to the plant from the power surge back in August to the insurance carrier. We had an issue with a small amount of oil in one of our lift stations but it was detected quickly and dealt with immediately without any issues down the line.
- The electric crew installed the underground electric in Ward park and completed mandatory training for this month.

CEO/ZEO

Number of Inspections	24
Number of Building Permits Issued	2
Number of Building C.0 / C.0 Issued	2
Number of Zoning Complaints Filed	0
Number of Zoning Complaints Resolved	1
Number of Appearance Tickets Issued	0
Number of Fire Inspections	0

Bergen Country Deli:

- Demolition of existing building is complete. Changes for the sanitary system are being reviewed by Eric Weiss before approval will be granted. Much time being spent on proper inspections, being called with little notice or lead time due to the accelerated building schedule. Contacted fire department to assist with the installation of a key box (knox box)

26 North Lake Ave:

- There was a partial collapse on the north east corner of the building which triggered the issuance of a Do Not Occupy placard for the building, until the village receives a structural engineer report on the damages and an engineered plan on how to repair. The submittal will be reviewed for compliance and permits will need to be issued. I have allowed the metal building on the property to be used temporarily so the owner can continue to operate automobile sales. Thank you

Trustee Barclay

Saving Our Small Towns and Villages

I attended the Saving Our Small Towns and Villages Workshop in the Village of Lima on Friday, October 25th and Sunday, October, 27th. Speakers included Peter Fleisher (NYS Smart Growth), Don Macke (Nebraska Director for Rural Entrepreneurship), Ed McMahon (Urban Land Institute in Wash., DC) Rick Houser (Mayor of Perry), Tania Werbizky (Preservation League of NY), Peter

Fleischer (Exec Dir. Empire State Future). This Workshop explored economic and design techniques for the future sustainability, growth, and revitalization of our small rural towns and villages. The presentations covered strategies for comprehensive plans, building restoration programs and strategies, land use, etc. A wealth of information was shared that is applicable to the work being proposed in our village.

Grants

- I am working on securing support letters for the application for The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Urban Forestry grant. Andrew Pleninger (Urban Forestry LLC) Palmyra, NY sent in the work plan and estimate that will be used in the application. The total request is for approx. \$6000 covering the tree inventory and 5 year licensing for Arbor Web Works. This grant will enable the Tree Board to have a completed tree inventory and access to software enabling updates and records for tree management. The application is due Dec. 5, 2013.

Village Logo

- Chelsea Amrhein (Landmark Society) has sent the logo choices with the changes the board requested. They are available for your review.

Tree Board

- The concolor fir has been planted in Ward Park (Oct 30th). A huge thank you to Ken, Chris, and Bruce, who along with Mike Johnson and Joel Pocock from the town, and equipment from Bonduelle managed to maneuver the tree into position.
- Next meeting Nov 19, 11 am

Park Committee

- An invitation has been extended to residents interested in the establishment of a village sponsored Dog Park (via electric bills) to attend the next Park Committee meeting (Tues., Nov 19, 7:30pm). A proposal will be presented to the board after the meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Committee

- I attended the organizational meeting for the comprehensive plan committee on Nov 7th. Felipe O (Batavia City Planner) gave an overview. He predicts a minimum of 18 months for the project, a cost of \$25,000 if done in house. He is recommending a consultant to work with the group. I have investigated grant options and consultants to share with the board.

Privilege of the Floor

Grace Gallivan asked if the new sign on Lake Avenue were put up by the Village or the State. Mr. Steinmetz replied that it was a state project.

Kevin Donovan discussed information from the Black Creek Water Shed Coalition and the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Tom Williamson talked to the board about amending the Zoning Law to include “Knox Boxes” which are used by the fire department to enter buildings when they are locked. Mr. Williamson also discussed the sewer issues at the Bergen Country Deli as well as the need for an emergency generator for the Village Hall.

Trustee Concerns

Trustee Adams

- Resident Gary Mielke asked that sheriff's patrols be placed at the Fire Station to slow down traffic and inquired about the radar signs placement
- The NYCOM Healthcare workshop was interesting. We definitely need to work with an insurance broker and should be happy that we have less than 50 employees so we have less Obamacare reporting.

Deputy Mayor Cooper asked if there has been any contact with the Teamsters Union regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mr. Gale replied that the union held elections and all the incumbents lost and the new officials will be in place January 1st. Our union members will most likely receive a new representative at that time so negotiations are on hold until after the new year.

New Business

Unpaid Taxes

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Cooper and seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the unpaid taxes to be sent to Genesee County. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Community Forestry Grant Resolution

A motion was made by Trustee Adams and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cooper to approve the resolution of support for the Community Forestry Grant application. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Resolution 13 of 2013 Village of Bergen, NY

Support for Urban and Community Forestry “Community” Grant Program

RESOLVED:

That Anna Marie Barclay, as Trustee of the Village of Bergen *or such person's successor*, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application to the Urban and Community Forestry “Community” Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 , and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Village of Bergen for the Village of Bergen Tree Inventory.

Approval of New Fire Department Member

A motion was made by Trustee Barclay and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cooper to accept Ryan Barber 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

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan Committee

The board discussed the Comprehensive Plan Committee as well as the time and money it will take to create the plan. The next committee meeting is December 2nd at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Logo Design

A logo for the Village was chosen by the board out of 10 that were submitted.

Upcoming Dates – there will be a brief meeting on November 27th, and the December 25th board meeting is cancelled

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale
Village Administrator