

**Budget Meeting and Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Trustees  
Of the Village of Bergen at  
6:00pm**

The budget meeting began at 6:00pm. Mr. Gale presented the tentative General and Sewer budgets.

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

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

**Approval of Bills**

A motion to approve the bills 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

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes for January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Mayor's Report**

- Attended the emergency meeting of the New York Municipal Power Authority. Power cost has increase tremendously. We project that the cost to our customers will be 10.6 %. The rates would have been worse if NYMPA did not lock in their cost for power last year.
- On January 29<sup>th</sup> the MEUA Board voted to support the Village's quest for fair hydro-electric allotment. MEUA Executive Director will be part of the continuing effort. The next step is to meet with the President of the New York Power Authority, Gil Quinioes.

- At the NYCOM Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany I met with State Legislators Mike Ranzenhofer, Steve Hawley, Catharine Young and Patrick Gallivan regarding the hydro allotment.

### Administrator's

#### **Electric/Sewer**

- Electric bills were due February 10<sup>th</sup>. There were no shut offs this month. New electric bills will be sent February 21<sup>st</sup> with information about the electric rates.
- Sewer bills were mailed Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and are due March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **18a Assessment**

- Village electric pays a 2% assessment to the state on electric sales. The assessment is being phased out; it was reduced to 1% for 2013 and is being eliminated in the governor's new budget. This will mean a slight decrease in the PPAC.

#### **Property Tax Freeze**

- Governor Cuomo has proposed a "property tax freeze" which is a continuation of the 2% tax cap. The proposal will put further pressure on municipalities to keep property tax increases below 2% by giving income tax credits to residents whose municipalities stay below the cap. If passed this will take affect for the Village of Bergen in the 2015-16 fiscal year.
- In addition, the village will need to create an "efficiency plan" to reduce costs by 1% in 2016, 2% in 2017 and 3% in 2018. The plan will be in conjunction with other local villages and overseen by the county.

#### **Union Negotiations**

- The first meeting with the union went fairly well, Deputy Mayor Cooper and I sent out a counter proposal February 4<sup>th</sup>. We received their reply today and will continue with negotiations.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Mayor Marsocci and I attended the Winter Legislative Meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> in Albany. It was very informative. Speakers included Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, and State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli. Much of the conversation revolved around unfunded mandates, the property tax freeze and the governor's proposed budget.
- The first meeting of the BBCA Bergen Park Festival committee was held here at the village office Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>, the next meeting is February 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.

### DPW Supervisor's Report

- The plant is running well and our numbers look good. We need to replace one of the level transducers in the tank and will take care of it when it arrives.
- I met with Eric Wies about the Democrat and Chronicle article about phosphorus levels and the impact to our operation. At this time there are no set parameters but we are at low levels and can adapt to lower levels with a minimal modification to the plant. It was designed with this potential in mind.
- Our roads and walks look great thanks to the efforts of the entire crew. I have received a lot of positive feedback from residents. We are continuing with routine vehicle maintenance and replaced the bottom runner on the Sterling.
- I would like a decision about brush soon so I can notify our customers in a timely manner.
- We removed some vacant poles in the subdivision and will remove the remaining ones as soon as conditions permit. We also assisted Castile along with other municipalities setting new poles and building a new power line.

- I also had a discussion with Eric Wies about the Munger Street project. We are looking at a different scope to maximize our investment.
- During our Parks committee meeting we had Troop 31 Boy Scouts in attendance and they are eager to help with CAD and other parks projects. I want to thank them for their support.

### **Trustee Barclay**

#### **Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC)**

- I participated in the Feb 3 CPC meeting; the two sub-committees I am working with are the survey, and the “existing conditions”.

#### **Grants**

- On January 24<sup>th</sup>, Jeremy Linden (Senior Preservation Environment Specialist from the Image Permanence Institute at RIT) met with Cortney and I to advise us on the procedures necessary to preserve the historic records of the village. We consulted with him on incorporating those procedures and suggested material requirements into the LGRMIF grant application.
- Eileen George, CEO/Manager INTEGRITY RESOURCES & IMAGING SERVICES, LLC met with Ray MacConnell and me on January 28<sup>th</sup> to review the historical materials suggested to be scanned. This information will be included in the grant application as well.
- Progress is being made on the writing of the grant application due March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **BBCA Park Day Committee**

- The committee met on Jan 29 to begin plans for the June 14<sup>th</sup> Park Day celebration. This marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Park Day celebration and the theme will reflect that.
- The BBCA is being honored by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce at its 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony which will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the Clarion Hotel, Park Road, Batavia. Tickets are available.

#### **Tree Board**

- The application for the Growth Award has been completed and submitted to the DEC.
- At our meeting on Feb 11 we collected articles for spring tree health for the spring Tree Board supplement to the village newsletter, worked on plans for CAD May 18<sup>th</sup>, and plans for a table for park Day.
- Mark Gooding, DEC Forester, notified of workshops applicable to our DPW and committee.

#### **Park Committee**

- Twelve Boy Scouts and 7 adults attended our meeting on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>; the scouts were there as part of a community involvement requirement, and to discuss community service activities.
- The committee discussed plans for CAD, Arbor Day Tree, Park Day table, possible Hickory Park recreation program.
- We are working with the teachers of HS P.I.G. classes for their involvement in CAD and community service projects that fulfill graduation requirements.
- Miller’s Millworks has offered to provide the kiosk signs for Hickory and Hartland Parks; the committee will be meeting to discuss designs with them.

### **CEO/ZEO**

Number of Inspections	12
Number of Building Permits Issued	2
Number of Building C.O / C.O Issued	2
Number of Zoning Complaints Filed	0

Number of Zoning Complaints Resolved	0
Number of Appearance Tickets Issued	0
Number of Fire Inspections	2

- Rescinded condemnation order for 26 North Lake, awaiting a plan to repair exterior surface of building.
- Completion expected in the next couple of weeks for Bergen Country Deli, village will need to issue Certificate of Occupancy before any business is conducted

### **Privilege of the Floor**

None

### **Trustee Concerns**

Trustee Adams is meeting with Bergen Fire Department President Joe MacConnell on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to review department's financials.

### **New Business**

#### **Music Booster Sponsorship**

The Village Board elected not to sponsor the Music Boosters. It is the Village's policy not to sponsor any organizations.

### **Old Business**

#### **Brush Policy**

After discussion on a proposed Brush Policy the topic was tabled.

#### **Equipment Purchases**

A motion was made by Trustee Barclay and seconded by Trustee Adams to purchase a new mower, loader, backhoe, skid steer, and squirt boom in the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Trustee Adams 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 8:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale  
Village Administrator