

**Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
Of the Village of Bergen at
7:00pm on February 26th 2014**

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, 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
Trustee Morgante - abstain

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes for January 26th 2014 was made by Trustee Adams 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

Mayor's Report

Electric Committee

- The electric committee met with Charlie Cook on February 14th to discuss Liberty Pump's expansion and the possible use of a Pilot Increment Financing (PIF).
- The committee also met with individuals from Liberty Pumps, Genesee County, Byron-Bergen Central School, GCDEDC and Town of Bergen on February 21st to discuss the PIF.
- A meeting will be set up with representatives from Bonduelle to discuss their future energy needs.
- On February 20th a meeting was held with GCDEDC to discuss the amount of power the Village has left to provide Apple Tree Acres Industrial Park.

GAM

- The new emergency radio system was put in place February 25th and is working well so far.
- I hope that after I am no longer Mayor someone will continue to attend GAM meetings as it is a great way to connect with other municipalities and learn about them.

Other

- Bergen Country Store will be ready to open in 2-3 weeks
- The Chamber of Commerce dinner went very well; BBCA and Bonduelle were honored with awards.
- The Park Festival Committee continue to meet the last Wednesday of the month at 12:00pm

Administrator's**Electric/Sewer**

- Electric bills were mailed February 21st. Shutoff day for non-payment of December and January's bills is March 3rd. Sewer bills were mailed Friday, January 31st and are due March 3rd.
- As you know electric bills are very high this month. I was contacted by a writer from the Democrat and Chronicle who did a story on the cause of the increase and its affect on National Grid, RG&E, and Municipal Electric customers. The story was in the Saturday February 22nd edition.
- There are three reports that are required by the Public Service Commission for our energy efficiency program (BEEP) that I am working on. The reports show financials, and overall energy savings, they are due by the end of the fiscal year.
- We would like to continue replacing the streetlights with LEDs. I would like to purchase 60 lights and split the cost between electric and BEEP funds.
- The bid notice for the squirtboom ran in the February 21st edition of the Batavia Daily News.

Tulley Building Apartments

- Apartment two is nearly complete; the kitchen cabinets are being installed. I will list it to be available on April 1st for \$600 per month.
- I created a 5 year plan to slowly increase rent on the other rentals to be more in line with rental space in the area.

Insurance

- The village's insurance policy expires on June 1st. I met with Churchville Agency, who held our policy prior to Tompkins, and will meet with Lawley Genesee tomorrow, February 27th. I am not planning to meet with Tompkins as they already have all the information necessary to provide a quote.

Election

- The last requirement before the March 18th election is to publish a notice identifying polling place, hours, and names of candidates on or before March 11th.
- Election inspectors have been contacted by phone and sent a letter to verify the time and date they are needed.
- The date for individuals to submit an independent nomination petition has passed, which means the Republican candidates will run uncontested.
- I decided to use paper ballots instead of the old lever machine to save money.

Trustee Barclay

Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC)

- In order to complete the updates for the “Existing Conditions” component of the Comprehensive Plan, I have met with Mike Johnson, Ken Steinmetz, Cortney Gale, and Vicki Almquist to discuss town/village municipal buildings, utilities, and services, and Nancy Bailey, Peggy Swapcinski, Casey Kosiorek, and Tom Williamson for updates on the library, Gillam Grant Center, school district, and legion.
- The survey committee (Norm Pawlak, Cindy Favata, Kevin Donovan, and me) met to continue work to develop the town/village survey which is planned to be distributed in the fall.
- Next CPC meeting is March 3rd at 7pm

Grants

- The LGRMIF grant application for the Historic Records project for the village was submitted today. The request is for \$14048 to preserve the historic documents dating from 1877 (year of village incorporation) many of which are handwritten, maps and drawings. Thank you to Cortney for his help.

BBCA

- The Park Day committee met on Feb. 26th to continue planning for the June 14th Park Day celebration.
- The BBCA was honored by the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce at its 42nd Annual Awards Ceremony on Saturday, February 22, 2014. Other honorees were Alex’s Place, Adam Miller Toy and Bicycle Bonduelle USA, Inc., Mrs. Laurie Mastin & Timothy Michael Adams Genesians of the Year, Mary Pat Hancock Wolcott “Jay” Humphrey III Excellence in Community Leadership Award. The program was a nice tribute to everyone involved.

Tree Board

- We have received notice that we have once again been awarded Tree City USA status for the work completed in 2013! An awards presentation will be held in Albany on March 27th. Thank you to the Tree Board and everyone who participates and supports the efforts of the board.

Privilege of the Floor

None

Trustee Concerns

Deputy Mayor Cooper discussed the ongoing negotiations with the Teamsters Union.

New Business

Joint Town/Village Meeting Agenda

The Board discussed possible agenda items for the joint meeting with the Town of Bergen. The meeting will be at 7:00pm on March 25th 2014 in the Town Courtroom.

Old Business

Ford F-550 Purchase

The Board discussed the need to replace the F550 work truck in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Electric Committee Update

Updates were discussed during the Mayor's report.

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 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale
Village Administrator