

**Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
Of the Village of Bergen at
7:00pm on October 8th 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Barclay at 7:00pm with the following present:

Trustee Cooper
Trustee Donovan
Trustee Morgante
Trustee VanEenwyk

Also present were: Village Administrator Cortney Gale, DPW Supervisor Ken Steinmetz, Caitlin Vereecken, and Samantha Morgante.

Approval of Bills

A motion to approve the bills was made by Trustee Donovan and seconded by Trustee Cooper. The motion was carried by a unanimous following vote.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 24th 2014 was made by Trustee Cooper and seconded by Trustee Morgante. The motion was carried by an unanimous vote:

Mayor's Report

Grants

- Lisa Campbell has begun preparation work on the materials involved in the preservation project. Maps and drawings will be prepared for storage.
- The Senior Activity (Life Trail) has been completed; many folks have been trying out the exercise stations. Senator Ranzenhofer's office has requested an opening take place this fall; we have scheduled one for October 15th, 10am, Hickory Park.

Electric Service

- Cortney and I are continuing to work with the village attorney on this issue.

CPC

- The consultant selection committee has set interviews with three firms on October 21st; they are Hunt Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, P.C, Steinmetz Planning Group, and Labella Associates. The committee will make a recommendation to the Town and Village Boards.
- The next committee meeting will be Nov 3 at the town office.

WWTP

- Eric Weis, Ken S. and I met to discuss options for phosphorus levels, options for phosphorus treatment at the WWTP, and the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit. Eric will be composing a letter with updated information from Ken to be sent in response to the report.

EMS Contract

- Don Cunningham, Chuck Dodson, and I will be meeting with William Schutt (EMS) on Oct 20th to discuss the response times to be inserted in the contract.

Historical Society

- Town Historian Tom Tiefel, Town Supervisor Don Cunningham, Village Historian Ray MacConnell, and I met to discuss support of Historical Society at museum, removal of materials from Stone Church museum.

How to build a Destination Business – Oct 21 Mount Morris

- Cortney and I will attend.

Jury Duty

- I reported to jury duty for a criminal case from October 6 – 8 in Batavia.

Upcoming events – Tree Lighting

- Plans are being put in place for the Dec. 5th event.

Park Committee Mtg

- We met on Oct 6; discussion included summer recreation program, Ward Park Tree, opening of Life Trail, Park Festival

Administrator's

Electric

- Electric bills are due October 13th. The next bills will be sent out on October 23rd if you have any information you would like to add to the newsletter please give it to me or Barb by October 17th.
- Genesee County Economic Development Corporation (GCEDC) has written a letter to the New York Power Authority (NYPA) in support of our efforts to have our Hydro-Electric allotment increased. MEUA Executive Director Tony Modefferi is meeting with NYPA at the end of the month and plans to discuss it with them further.
- Liberty Pumps has inquired about being rated as an industrial user instead of commercial. This would drop their base rate nearly 3 cents. We are reviewing our tariff and gathering information from MEUA to see what the requirements are.
- GCEDC has two businesses who are interested in Appletree Acres.
- The PSC report is complete and we are just awaiting Bob's approval before we send it out.
- Supplemental power costs increased from .44 ¢ a kWh to .52¢.

BEEP

- Rene and I met with officials from the Village of Castile about our Energy Efficiency Program. They are considering leaving the IEEP to create their program as we did and were interested in how we created our program.
- LED bulbs have been delivered to all residences, we have had a lot of BEEP inquires because of the flier we included with the bulbs.
- People like the bulbs and have been asking if we have a rebate program for them, so I created a program that would pay a rebate up to \$5 per bulb purchased. To cut down on paper work related to single bulb purchases, I included a 5 bulb minimum. I would also like to add LED bulbs to the commercial light rebate program.

Training Opportunities

- There is a New York Municipal Electric Association meeting in Syracuse on October 21st at 9:30am.
- NYCOM is hosting a workshop on the NYS Tax Freeze on October 27th in Fairport from 3:30-5:30pm.
- Barb and Rene are attending the MEUA Accounting Workshop on October 29 and 30th in Syracuse.
- On November 6th and 7th NYS Government Finance Officers Association is hosting a Government Accounting and Financial Reporting workshop.

- Greater Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council's Fall Local Government Workshop is November 14th in Batavia from 9:00am – 5:00pm

Miscellaneous

- There has been no contact from Crown Castle regarding the new Lease Agreement. I sent an email to their representative yesterday and have not heard back.
- We continue to receive reports of cat issues. A resident on Hunter Street has three cats that she sees around the neighborhood. She isn't sure if they are strays or belong to someone, so she asked that we put information in the newsletter.
- Interest payments on all 5 bonds are due within the next month. The payments total \$15,554.25. Principal and additional interest payments are due in April and May.

DPW Supervisor's Report

- We have done our sidewalk trimming in preparation for plowing. We will pick up the brush on 10/13 with our regular pickup. We have also updated our interior lights in the garage/shop. Liberty pump project is progressing well and the contractor will be pulling wire this week. The guys will be working at Bonduelle on Sunday. Later this month we will have six other municipalities coming in to assist trimming the limbs away from power lines.
- Brush pickup is Monday 10-13 and our last one will be on 10-27. We will have a pickup day on 1-5-15 for Christmas trees. Our regular pickup will resume on 4-27-15. Our flags and flowers have been put away and we are prepping equipment for winter. We also assisted the Town with work on Bissell road.
- The Tulley building is moving along well with exterior and interior work being done simultaneously. On Wed. 10-15 at 10:00 we will have the dedication for the Hickory Park Lifetrail project. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We have had a lot of positive feedback and interest.
- The plant is running well and our numbers are looking good. We met with Eric Weis to discuss our SPEDES permit with the requirements for phosphorus levels. We are required to submit an engineer's report to address the proposed changes and our ability to comply. At this time we are disputing the TDML for phosphorus and would like to see an annual amount as opposed to daily output on a seasonal basis.
- I will be attending NYCOM training on 10-20 to 10-22.

Privilege of the Floor

None

Trustee Concerns

Trustee Cooper stated that the Concolor Fir tree in Ward Park appears dead. Mr. Steinmetz explained possible causes and plans to replace the tree.

New Business

2015 Bergen Fire Department Budget

A motion was made by Mayor Barclay and seconded by Trustee Morgante to approve the Bergen Fire Department Budget. The vote was passed by a unanimous vote.

Street Sweeper Proposal

Mr. Steinmetz presented the Board with a proposal to purchase a street sweeper. The board will review the proposal and Mr. Steinmetz will set up a demonstration.

Anti-Bullying Proclamation

A motion was made by Trustee Morgante and seconded by Trustee Donovan to approve the Anti-Bullying Proclamation. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Village of Bergen Proclamation Recognizing October, 2014 As Anti-Bullying Awareness Month

WHEREAS, *We must safeguard schools and communities for our children, and, through our recognition of the serious issues that face them each day, offer our children an environment that holds promise and security; and*

WHEREAS, *Many organizations, school districts, educators and parents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children; and*

WHEREAS, *Each day an estimated 160,000 children refuse to go to school because they dread the physical and verbal aggression of their peers, and the loneliness that comes from being excluded and made the target of rumors and cyber-bullying; many more students attend school in a chronic state of anxiety; and*

WHEREAS, *It is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it can cause in our youth as well as the risks of teenage suicide; and*

WHEREAS, *Providing a safe physical and emotional environment is a significant goal and a personal responsibility of each individual; and*

WHEREAS, *it is time to “Stand UP for Character – DOWN to Bullying!” now, therefore be it*

PROCLAIMED, *that I, Mayor Anna Marie Barclay do hereby designate the month of October 2014 as Anti-Bullying Awareness Month in The Village of Bergen as a symbol of our commitment to the year-round struggle against bullying.*

Old Business

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Cooper to enter executive session to discuss possible litigation pertaining to the electric infrastructure; the motion was seconded by Trustee VanEenwyk. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote. Executive Session began at 8:10pm.

A motion was made by Trustee Morgante and seconded by Trustee Donovan to exit executive session. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote. Executive Session ended at 8:50pm.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Cooper and seconded by Trustee VanEenwyk to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale
Village Administrator