

**Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bergen &  
Joint Meeting with the Town of Bergen Council  
at 7:00pm on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2014**

The joint meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bergen and the Town of Bergen Council was called to order by Mayor Barclay at 6:30pm with the following present:

Trustee Cooper  
Trustee Donovan  
Trustee Morgante  
Trustee VanEenwyk

Town Council:

Supervisor Don Cunningham  
Councilperson Belinda Grant  
Councilperson Joe Nenni

Also present were: Village Administrator Cortney Gale, DPW Supervisor Ken Steinmetz, Town Clerk Michelle Smith, Highway Supervisor Mike Johnson, Grace Gallivan, Ken Kuter, David Mason, Norman Pawlak, Chuck Dodson, Joe MacConnell, Gina Bliss, Jim Pascarella, John Murray, Vickie Almquist, Bill Schutt, Bob Bausch, and Barry Miller.

**Joint Meeting**

**Mercy EMS**

Bill Schutt from Mercy EMS was present with an update on response times, their implementation of computer system and the renewal of the service contract. Chief of the Bergen Fire Department, Chuck Dodson stated that the response times are continuing to get better. Supervisor Cunningham asked about the new contract and the increased time allowed for response to an emergency. Mr. Schutt stated that the information he was referring to has been changed in the newest revision of the contract which he would send to both the Town and Village.

**Bergen Fire Department Budget**

Bergen Fire Department President Joe MacConnell presented their proposed 2015 budget. The total budget amount is \$240,827.00 which is an increase of \$10,560 or 4.59% increase over last year. Mr. MacConnell stated that the increase was due to increase equipment costs and state mandates that equipment be replaced at least every ten years as well as increased training requirements. The department has recently been successful in membership drives but training those individuals is costly as 91 hours of training is required for Firefighters and 160 for EMTs.

Mr. Dodson informed the boards that the fire department has applied for grants to help with equipment costs and has received grants including one to replace their air pack filling station.

**Genesee County Legislator Robert Bausch**

Genesee County Legislator Robert Bausch informed the boards on current issues facing the legislature.

- Proposed changes to the Clean Water Act by the EPA has been rejected

- The price of power is increasing. There are efforts to produce more power but new plants aren't allowed to be constructed and they are unable to transmit additional power through current lines. Older hydro-electric plants are being re-activated.
- Tax credits from the "Tax Freeze" and "Family Relief" will be sent to residents.
- The terminal at the County Airport needs to be replaced and more hanger space is necessary. The County makes money from the airport.
- There are still issues with the emergency radio system.
- County costs for Social Security are incredibly high. Fraud is a major problem.
- The County plans on selling the nursing home. The home is losing money and the State and Federal governments don't want counties involved in the nursing home business.

### **Comprehensive Plan Committee Update**

Co-Chairpersons Norman Pawlak and Vickie Almquist updated the Boards on the Request For Proposal for a consultant to help with the plan.

### **Town and Village Updates**

Supervisor Cunningham:

- Town studied the possibility of public water in the North and Southwest parts of the town, at this time it seems too costly and too few residents in the areas support the project.
- Currently working on the 2015 budget
- There are a number of town owned buildings that are in need of repair, they are budgeting to fix the buildings slowly over a number of years.
- Work is being done on Robbins Brook Park including a new bridge and gate entrance; changes are being made to Drew's Nature trail to keep ATVs out of the area.

Mayor Barclay:

- Munger Street drainage and resurfacing project was completed with help from the Towns of Bergen and Byron, Villages of Brockport, Spencerport, and Churchville, as well as Genesee County.
- Electric Department has been working on the Liberty Pump expansion, converting streetlights to LED and replacing transformers at businesses.
- Village received three grants, a \$50,000 grant for senior activity equipment, \$5,355 for tree inventory and maintenance, \$14,048 for Historical Record preservation
- The Village Historical Mural on the Tulley Building was completed with nearly 70% being paid for by donations
- Alysia Fink is opening Bergen School of Music next to L Salon and Joe Morabito purchased the two buildings on the end of downtown and is completely remodeling.
- The Jenny Kuzma Memorial 5K Bergen Road Race was successful with over 400 runners. Next year's race marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event.

### **Adjournment of Joint Meeting**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

### **Village Meeting**

#### **Approval of Bills**

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

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 was made by Trustee Donovan and seconded by Trustee Morgante. The motion was carried a unanimous vote:

### **Mayor's Report**

#### **Grants**

- I have completed and submitted the final reports to GO-ART for the grant they awarded us for the historic mural. We received another \$200 donation for our mural bringing us to \$6750.
- Gail Fisher (Regional Advisory Officer) led the training for Lisa Campbell, Cortney, Ray, and myself as part of the LGRMIF historic document preservation project.
- Our historic document collection was transferred to Integrity Resource and Imaging Services, LLC for scanning as part of the grant work.
- The map cabinet has arrived; the historic village maps and drawings will be scanned then stored in this cabinet.
- The Senior Activity (Life Trail) installation will be complete by the end of the week; many people have made positive comments on the stations and are already trying them out. A dedication ceremony will be planned for the fall.

#### **Electric Service**

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

#### **CPC**

- We have received several requests for the RFP (committee consultant), proposals are due by 4:30 Friday 9/26 and will be opened and recorded at that time. Interviews will be set up for the week of Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The next committee meeting will be Nov 3 at the town office.

#### **25-27 N Lake Ave**

- Joe Morabito, new owner of above building, and I met to discuss plans for the building renovations, possible village assistance through BEEP, historic and business tax rebates. He is committed to making improvements to the building that will coincide with the village historic streetscape plans, preparing for two business spaces on the first floor, two apartments on the second, adding a fire escape, and will be repairing the north wall to allow for a possible train station mural in the future.

#### **BBCA**

- The first monthly meeting of the year for BBCA was held on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at which I presented a plaque of appreciation to the group on behalf of the village for 25 years of dedication to the Bergen Park Festival and Parade.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting**

- Plans are coming together for the celebration which will be held on Dec 5 starting at 6:00pm. The Clauses are set as well as the elementary school band.

## **Administrator's**

### **Electric/Sewer**

- Electric bills sent out on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and are due October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The accounting for the collection of the 18a assessment has been completed and is being reviewed by Bob Fox before it will be sent to the PSC by the October 13<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- We have been working on updating our Pole Agreement and Pole Application template. Fibertech has also asked permission to place their wires on the poles in the industrial park.
- Bergen Energy Efficiency Program reports for the Public Service Commission have been completed and mailed. The reports outline the amount of energy saved by the program as well as the amount of money spent. An additional report consisting of this year's budget and projected energy savings was also sent.

### **Cell Tower Agreement**

- There has been no word from Crown Castle regarding the proposed changes to the agreement by Kris Vurraro.
- I received a call from a representative from Verizon asking to be placed on the tower. I referred them to Crown Castle. They stated that if the current tower isn't suitable they may erect another in the area.

### **NYCOM Fall Training School**

- Barb Zinter and I would like to thank the Board for allowing us to go to the Fall Training School. We learned a lot and made many contacts. We have our training material in the office if anyone would like to look it over.
- The most important issue we need to discuss is the 2% Tax Cap and Tax Freeze. It will affect our budget and residents depending on how you decided to proceed.

### **Miscellaneous**

- The 2015 Genesee County Worker's Compensation bill has been received and is nearly \$9,000 less than 2014.
- The Village's state aid, per capita and AIM (Aid and Incentives for Municipalities) came in and is \$1500 more than was budgeted.
- We have received many inquiries from the Request For Proposal for the Comprehensive Plan Update Consultant. The bid opening will be Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the Village Office. A page has been created on the Village website for the Comprehensive Plan Committee.
- There is a New York Municipal Electric Association meeting in Syracuse on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am if anyone would like to attend.
- Rene and Barb attended a course put on by RG&E about HEAP on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- The electric crew has been busy at Liberty Pumps installing new lines and tubs also finishing the latest round of LED lighting on Rochester Street and in the park. They also assisted Silver Springs along with several other municipalities to shut down and change over the entire village in one day.
- The plant is running well and we are doing our fall pm.
- The Town and Village completed a joint training session with the Red Cross for CPR/AED and basic first aid. Doing this together kept our overhead cost down. Mike and I continue to work well together.
- Our Lifetrail system has been installed in Hickory Park and I encourage all of you to check it out. Thank you to Martin Dilcher, Dennis and Warren for their help and to Chris for his hard work on the project.
- Renovations to the Tulley building are moving along well. The outside walls have been replaced and the stucco work will begin later next week.

**Privilege of the Floor**

NONE

**Trustee Concerns**

NONE

**New Business**

NONE

**Old Business**

NONE

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

**Town Meeting**

Per Town's Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale  
Village Administrator