

**Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
Of the Village of Bergen at
7:00pm on August 26th 2015**

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 Fedele
Trustee VanEenwyk

Also present were: Village Administrator Cortney Gale

Approval of Bills

A motion to approve the bills was made by Trustee Fedele 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 August 12th 2015 was made by Trustee VanEenwyk and seconded by Trustee Cooper. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Trustee Cooper - aye
Trustee Donovan - abstain
Trustee Fedele - aye
Trustee VanEenwyk - aye

Mayor's Report

America's Best Communities

- Ticket sales for the Field to Fork Feast being held on September 3rd with 98 tickets sold. We held the final planning meeting today. A great deal of preparation work has been done by the members of the committee to make the event a successful fundraiser.
- Representatives from Camion will be in Bergen to interview the town supervisor, Jim Newcomb from Bonduelle, and me as final preparations are made for the next round documents.

Summer Recreation Program

- The third week of the summer rec program was held the week of August 17th to August 21st with up to 22 participants daily. This program was a great success; we will plan to have the program again next summer, we will be applying for funding in the spring.

Disc golf

- The course in Hartland Park continues to be busy. Plans for the Bergen Disc Golf Course Tournament on October 10th are coming together; we will be looking for sponsorships as the event is advertized.
- Registration information will be posted on the village website and through the Rochester and Buffalo disc Golf sites.
- Planning by a community group for Family Shenanigans in Hickory Park for the afternoon and evening are being finalized. There will be a banner hung in Hickory Park to advertize the event.

Concerns

- There have been resident concerns and questions that I have been working to resolve; sewer and electric bill questions, concerns with speeding and noise in the village (the speed sign on Route 19 will be moved further south to accommodate DOT regulations and hopefully slow traffic earlier), park concerns, and septic tank concerns. I have met with the residents in each case, and resolutions have been reached or are in the works.

Town/Village Joint Meeting

- We will be hosting the next joint meeting which usually takes place in September. A date and agenda need to be set for the meeting. There will be updates from the Comprehensive Plan Committee, and on the America's Best Communities Competition.

Parks

- A path has been established between McCabe Court and Minnie Creek through Hartland Park, tall grasses and boundary plants have been put in as a barrier between the residences and the path. There is a walkway connecting Richmond and McCabe (the old "goat trail"); the area has been cleaned and rocks placed so that it will only accommodate walkers. The trail on the perimeter of Hickory Park is being landscaped.

Administrator's

Electric/Sewer

- Electric bills were sent out on August 22nd and are due September 10th. Power was shut off at two locations for non-payment on August 25th. One has paid to have the power turned back on, the other is without power.
- The electric rate this month is 10.4 ¢ per kWh which is slightly below average for August.
- Sewer bills are due September 2nd. Sewer bills are based on water consumption, a report is sent to us by Monroe County Water Authority each year. The next sewer bill will reflect any changes per the consumption report.

Accounting

- Bob Fox planned on attending today's board meeting to present the results of the 2014-2015 fiscal year. However, we are unable to finish closing the books due to an inventory error pertaining to the Appletree Acres electric infrastructure upgrade for Liberty Pumps. I am working with GCEDC to find a solution, until then we are on hold.

Code Enforcement Issues

- Ken Kuter and Kris Vurraro were in court August 12th following through on a violation at 19 Buffalo Street. The violation is for multiple unregistered vehicles and dismantled vehicles and general disrepair of the property. They were able to come to an agreement with the property owner; he has one month to bring the property to compliance.
- Ken Kuter and Gary Zawodzinski researched the complaint from the owners of 56 and 58 South Lake Avenue regarding Minnie Creek as it flows through the property located at 54 South Lake. The waterway is not part of our jurisdiction. I wrote a letter to the property owner asking him to remove the vegetation but we have no way to force him to do it.

Miscellaneous

- The memorial tree in Carpenter Park for Eric Wahl fell over because it was hollow on the inside. DPW staff removed the tree. I contacted the Wahl family to let them know and to get their input on a new tree. A flowering or fruit producing tree needs to be planted in the spring time so we may have to wait until then.
- Barb sent in the paperwork disputing the Unemployment claim. Hopefully this will end the fiasco.
- Brian Becker is nearly finished with the work on the server software update; there were a few glitches but nothing major.

- Aurora Zinter was assigned to the village by Genesee County for job development. She did a wonderful job helping with the Summer Recreation Program and working in the office. She completed her required one hundred hours on August 25th.
- Our yearly employee picnic will be on September 15th from 11:30pm-1:30pm. The office will be closed during that time period. We will post the closure on the website, and Facebook.

DPW Supervisor's Report

Roads

- Chip sealed all Village Streets except Rochester and those in the Hart Subdivision.

Parks

- Working with Miller's Millworks to create signs for Hickory and Hartland Parks
- Met with Dan Staley from NYS Department of Transportation regarding creating a crosswalk from Hartland Park to Hickory across Route 19. Required engineered drawings were produced by Eric Wies of Clark Patterson Lee. Cost will be \$500.

WWTP

- Waste water flows have been average and there have been no issues with the plant.
- The phosphorus treatment system is being designed and will then be installed.
- Flow meters are in place and being monitored.

Electric

- LED Street lights installation has been completed. There were four too many lights ordered, they will be sold to Churchville at the same cost as we paid.
- The Linemen are testing all electric infrastructures for stray voltage Wednesday and Thursday.
- Tree trimming will begin in September.
- Electric building addition has been completed, yard cleaned and landscaped

DPW

- The area around the DPW buildings have been cleaned up, brush removed, bank cleared along drive, mulch to be put down, as well as all scrap metal and debris removed.
- Community Garden drive and parking lot completed on Church Street
- Corner of Appletree and Route 19 was cleaned up
- New Ford F-150 arrived; the Chevy Silverado Hybrid will go to Auction in October.

TIP

- There is a Transportation Improvement Program for 2017-2020 which would provide funds for transportation infrastructure projects. The funds could be used to re-do the "streetscape" on Route 19 in Village by adding bike lanes, possible median in business district

Historian

This has been a very busy month. Two new projects came to light from visitors to the village. (1) A search for a Merrill, of Sackett, Merrill, White Legion, who started life in Byron and North Bergen, but moved to Bergen later in his life. Lester Merrill was the honored war soldier, but the family goes back to Asa Merrill in the early 1800's. I have sent some info to his relative in Holley, more will follow. (2) A John Doppke of Michigan was looking for Jonathan Wright of Bergen in the early 1800's and was found in a very old church record book, both he and his son's records surfaced. We followed the hunt with lunch at the bakery, Dutch treat!

I am consulting with Dick Fisher about the Fisher's Drug Store and hope to have a talk (display) together within the month. With the death of Dorothy Haradine this week, I am so glad I had visited and interviewed her last March at St. Anne's and collected such helpful information to round-out the study on the drug store. She and her husband operated the drug store from 1952-1969.

Privilege of the Floor

None

Trustee Concerns

Trustee Fedele asked what the financial health of the Village is. Mr. Gale explained that the Village was in good shape.

Trustee Cooper asked when the board will receive a review of the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Mr. Gale said Village Accountant Bob Fox should be at the August 9th meeting.

New Business

Fire Department Member Approval

A motion was made by Trustee Cooper and seconded by Trustee Fedele to approve Jenna Aradine as a member of the Bergen Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Joint Town/Village Board Meeting

The Board tentatively set the joint meeting with the Town for Tuesday September 22nd at 6:30pm.

Old Business

America's Best Community Donation

After discussion, the Board tabled the topic until the next meeting.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale
Village Administrator