

**Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bergen &
Joint Meeting with the Town of Bergen Council
at 6:30pm on September 11th, 2019**

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 Donovan
Trustee Fedele
Trustee VanEenwyk

Trustee Almquist was absent

Town Council:

Supervisor Ernie Haywood
Councilperson Belinda Grant
Councilperson Jim Starowitz
Councilperson Mark Anderson

Trustee Sapienza was absent

Also present were: Village Administrator Cortney Gale, Theresa Whalen, Highway Supervisor Mike Johnson, Eric Wies, James Pascarella, and Bob Bausch.

Joint Meeting

Bergen Fire Department Budget

Bergen Fire Department President Eric Wies presented their proposed 2020 budget. The Fire Department is planning to replace their 20 year old pumper with a new truck that should last 25 years, their plan is to build up enough funds in reserves to purchase new trucks in cash. Mr. Wies reported that membership is gradually increasing with 51 active members and 18 life members, they are looking into starting a category of non-responding members. The budget decreased by \$1,044.02 from last year.

Town and Village Updates

The Boards discussed their recent accomplishments.

Genesee County Legislator Robert Bausch

- Working on Economic Development in Housing, Agriculture and Energy Management.
- He sits on the Transportation Council and will push for the traffic study for the intersection of Routes 19 and 33.
- The building of the jail is progressing with State and engineering site approvals. The cost will be \$55-\$60 million.
- Water district is coming along. Water will be coming from two sources from Erie County and two sources from Monroe County.
- The budget process has begun, which is difficult with state mandates and their responsibility for distributing AIM Funding.

- Mr Bausch is retiring when his term is up so this will be his last meeting he attends as County Legislator.

Joint Meeting Adjournment – 7:32pm

Town Meeting

See Town's Minutes

Village Meeting

The meeting was opened by Mayor Barclay at 7:50pm.

Approval of Bills

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 14th, 2019 was made by Trustee VanEenwyk and seconded by Trustee Fedele. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Trustee Almquist - Aye
Trustee Donovan - Abstain
Trustee Fedele - Aye
Trustee VanEenwyk - Aye

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 4th, 2019 was made by Trustee Donovan and seconded by Trustee VanEenwyk. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mayor's Report

Grants

- **NYSERDA** grant project –The \$50,000 reimbursement has been received by the village for the Clean Energy Project.
- **Main Street** – Participating property owners are in the process of meeting with In Site Architects for required project drawings, having lead and environmental surveys completed as per grant requirements, and preparing necessary project paperwork for the planning board.
- I am working on preparing the paperwork for the village streetscape portion of the grant; the same paperwork needs to be completed for the signage, gooseneck lighting, street and parking lot planters, and street library.

Committees

- **Park Committee** – Aside from the rain, the community garage sale (8/17) was a success; many visitors came to the village to scope and buy. Drawing winners were Lucille Zeghdani, Harry Tyson, and Kim Capone, each receiving \$25.
- Members of the Park Committee will be painting the Hickory Park playground equipment on Sept. 14; the playground will be closed for the weekend.
- **Imagination Library** – Stephanie Burke will be joining the committee, there are 106 Byron-Bergen children receiving free monthly books through community and businesses donation to the program.

WWTP

- Clark Patterson Lee will be completing and submitting a grant application for needed upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Village may be eligible for zero percent financing and a grant that would pay twenty-five percent of the project cost. The upgrades discussed are new membranes for the

treatment plant, updates to lift stations, replacing manholes and installation of Department of Environmental Conservation mandated ultra violet light disinfection system.

Intersection Concerns

- Many residents have expressed concerns over safety at the 490 West exit onto Route 33, the traffic issues where Appletree Ave. crosses Route 33 at the industrial park, and the route 33 and route 19 intersections. I have spoken with Assemblyman Steve Hawley about these concerns, and he is in full support of requesting the DOT to do a traffic survey of the area.
- I have written a letter requesting the survey with village board of trustee support resolution. The letter has been followed up with support letters from Assemblyman Hawley, Town of Bergen Supervisor Ernie Haywood, Town of Byron Supervisor Roger Rouse, Charlie Cook of Liberty Pumps, and petitions signed by residents and employees at the industrial park.

Meetings. Etc.

- There have been septic tank issues at 48 Kaymar; Chris Fay investigated and reported back that the tank will need to be replaced. I have spoken to the owner about completing the project in the Spring.
- The owner of a tractor trailer has been parking the vehicle on Buffalo Street facing the wrong direction and extending into the roadway. I have notified the sheriff's department as well as the owner that this is a safety hazard and is against the village street parking law. The vehicle has been removed.
- I was out of the office from August 22 – August 30th.

Administrator's

Department of Public Works

- Sewer plant operator, Chris Fay reports that after emptying the holding tank for the screw press there are still issues with the contents charge. He contacted Clark Patterson Lee looking for assistance. Chris will be working with Churchville to fix an issue with a septic tank at 11 Richmond Street. Chris and Village Engineer Eric Wies are working with Liberty Pumps regarding their discharge into the sewer system; they have a meeting on September 20th.
- The linemen continue to replace transformers and trim trees. They will be helping Churchville install poles for fiber optic lines that will eventually come through Bergen. This is a paid job not mutual aid. Linemen Nick Booher and Matt Sluberski helped Holley on August 20th and received a letter of thanks from their Mayor.
- DPW employee Zach Kuter has been working to clean and repair catch basins along with routine park maintenance. Zach filled in at the Waste Water Treatment Plant while Chris was on vacation.
- Suit-Kote crack sealed the Village on September 6th and 7th.
- I am working with the owner of 14 Gates Street to get the storm water drainage system fixed. We plan to extend the current line through his property to the Town DPW area. I contacted a surveyor and the Village Attorney to complete an easement for the owner to sign.

Office

- Deputy Clerk Barb Zinter has received the necessary information from the state to close out the 2018-2019 fiscal year and submit the Annual Update Document. Accountant Bill Freitag will use the same numbers to finish and submit the Public Service Commission (PSC) Report. The two reports should be submitted in the next two weeks.
- Deputy Treasurer Rene' Vurraro has been filing and organizing the archive room. It's a slow tedious process. Rene' also prepared the bills for Board review and is working on the upcoming Public Hearing for Planning Board.
- To date we have received 97% of property tax payments. There is only \$13,251.88 left to receive.
- The increased hydro-electric allotment for Bonduelle is still being held up by New York Power Authority. Tony Modafferi spoke to them on multiple occasions. They say they are trying to come up with the correct language for the application for it to pass through the NYPA Board of Trustees.

- I have been working with attorneys from Hodgson Russ on a new Pole Attachment Agreement which is now complete. First Fiber has accepted the agreement and it should be signed soon.
- There is an issue with an easement on the West Sweden electrical line. I had Hodgson Russ working on this, as they have expertise in electrical easements and contacts with National Grid, who leases the lines from us.

Miscellaneous

- Code Enforcement Officer Ken Kuter issued an appearance ticket to the owner of 39 Buffalo Street the matter was resolved without Village Attorney Mark Boylan going to court.
- There is movement on the Bonduelle property sale. Bonduelle's Attorney has drafted a transfer document and a new abstract has been ordered along with title insurance.
- Eric Weis has been assisting me in finding a back up Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator. He is currently talking to the Village of LeRoy about an Inter-municipal Agreement.

Privilege of the Floor

None

Trustee Concerns

None

New Business

Roof Repairs

There are repairs that are necessary at the Tulley Building. We are in the processes of getting quotes to fix holes and install vents.

Old Business

Traffic Study

A letter was sent to NYS DOT requesting a traffic study be done for the intersection of Routes 19 and 33.

Main Street Grant

Mayor Barclay updated the Board on the progress of the Main Street Grant.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney Gale
Administrator