

**Public Hearing & Special Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
Of the Village of Bergen at
6:30pm on April 24th, 2024**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Chimino at 6:30pm with the following present:

- Trustee Robert Capurso
- Trustee Todd Cargill
- Trustee Michael Fleming
- Trustee Bernadette Thompson

Also present: Virginia Adams, Grace Gallivan, Anna Marie Barclay, Katie Rumble, Vickie Almquist, Trish Plucknette, and Jared Plucknette.

Public Hearing - Budget

Mayor Chimino opened the public hearing at 6:30pm.

Questions and concerns brought to the board are as follows: Concern for the 16% wage increase of the linemen and the effect that has on fringe benefits. Who is the Village’s engineer? Why did sales tax from the county decrease? Does the Village buy zero-turn mowers on state bid? Would it be feasible to purchase a septic tank pumping truck instead of hiring it out? Is the Village regularly looking for grants? Can the sidewalk be extended from the cemetery to the C-Store? Did the Village receive grant money for the UV project and is it reflected in the sewer budget? Why didn’t the Village contribute funds to the library?

A motion was made by Trustee Capurso and seconded by Trustee Thompson to close the public hearing at 7:30pm. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

2024-2025 General, Sewer and Electric Budget

A motion was made by Trustee Capurso and Trustee Fleming to table the budget vote until the May 8th, 2024, meeting.

Nortera Property Lease

A motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Capurso to approve the 50-year lease for the property that contains the electric shop, substation, and community garden. The motion passed unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Anna Marie Barclay asked about the cleaning of the Sage Pavilion as there have been issues with bugs and cobwebs.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Chimino
Mayor