

**Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
Of the Village of Bergen at
6:30pm on August 14th, 2024**

The regular 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 Bernadette Thompson

Also present: Village Administrator Cortney Gale, and JR Fabretti.

Approval of Bills

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 10th was made by Trustee Thompson and seconded by Trustee Cargill. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 24th was made by Trustee Capurso and seconded by Trustee Cargill. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mayor

Grants

- Fast New York Grant - A web meeting was held on July 18th to meet with state representatives to discuss the electric infrastructure project in further detail. Members of the GCEDC also participated in the webinar. We are awaiting the final determination from NYS.
- The Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Park Grant was submitted by LaBella Associates utilizing the grant money allocated by Genesee County Legislature for grant writing services.
- Clean Energy Communities NYSEDA Grant-The village was awarded \$10,000.00 to be used for a car charging station to be installed in the rear parking lot on Buffalo Street.

Miscellaneous

- The Tree and Park committee met on August 01. The success of the recent corn hole tournament sponsored by the Friends of Bergen Parks was discussed along with new lighting around the walking trail which is slated to begin in September. Next up at Hickory Park is the third summer concert on Monday, August 19, featuring the band Blue Sky from 6:30-8:30pm
- Another very successful summer recreation program has come to an end. Thanks to Evie Rodriguez and all her helpers for once again overseeing this program which benefits the youth of our community.
- I am happy to report that The Rose Garden Bowl/Viking Valhalla Restaurant is being added to the NYS Historic Business Preservation Registry. 50 plus years in business is a requirement to be put on the registry. The Rose Garden has far surpassed that mark with (70) years and I personally congratulate the Sardou family on achieving this remarkable feat.
- Village board to discuss and vote on acquiring a small parcel of land bordering our Gibson Place substation.

- Sidewalk replacement is being scheduled to replace broken tiles around the village. The work will be conducted by Pro Construction.
- The village applied to the New York Power Authority to increase its allotment of preference power for economic development with the additional load of the OXBO facility being constructed in the industrial park. NYPA has awarded the village an additional 2.55Megawatts to go along with our current 2.44 Megawatts of preference power. This preference power is some of the lowest cost power in the nation.
- The Village of Bergen is supplying labor and equipment as mutual aid to the Town of Bergen in the construction of an electric pole line to supply power to the back pavilion in Robins Brook Park.
- With all the new building activity which will be taking place around the industrial park the Town and Village both feel that it would be a good time to revisit the posted speed limits in that area around route 19/33 intersection. Assemblyman Steve Hawley's office along with NYS DOT will be notified of the request for this traffic study.

Administrator

Sewer

- Work on the manhole restoration project was halted because there was no concrete structure behind what was thought to be liners. A new plan will be discussed with engineers to replace the manholes.
- Chris Fay took his refresher course for the 3A exam and Eric McGrain can now schedule his 2A exam, both will be scheduling their exams for the end of August.
- Jetting and Televising sewer lines have been completed. It was a difficult project as the lines are smaller than normal making it difficult for the camera to fit and make turns. We expect a report by the end of the year.
- Sewer bills were sent out with the increased debt service charge. The increase will bring in an additional \$12,062.03 in revenue over the first quarter of last year. This is in-line with our projections.

DPW

- Two storm drains were repaired and another two are scheduled to be repaired. Drainage at Appletree and Route 33 has been cleaned out to allow better water flow.
- One of the zero turn mowers has been in the shop for two months. It had a common problem with that model and parts have been difficult to find. The new bobcat has been delivered.
- Road repair is being completed in preparation for micro-sealing on September 16 & 17.

Electric

- We are eagerly awaiting word from Empire State Development regarding the Fast-NY Grant for the electric substation project. In the meantime, I am working on the Northern Borders Regional Commission Catalyst Grant which is also for the substation and is due by September 1st.
- Paving of the electric shop driveway has been completed.
- The Linemen continue to GPS electrical infrastructure as well as sewer tanks, manholes, and catch basins. All of which are available to view online.

Office

- Barb is working on closing out the fiscal year and preparing the Annual Financial Report (AFR) we should be receiving the retirement information from the state in the next week or two which should be the last piece needed to complete the report.
- I submitted the three reports that are required each year to the Public Service Commission (PSC) for our energy efficiency program.
- The old Digger Derrick and Sewer Jetter are for sale on Auctions International. I will place the old Bobcat Skid Steer and Gravely mower for auction when the other mower is repaired.

Miscellaneous

- Summer Rec ended on August 8th with a trip to Genesee County Park. The program went very well this year and had above average attendance. I would like to thank Evie Rodriguez and Deborah Catalino for the wonderful job they do with the program.
- The last date to pay taxes is October 31st, after that they are sent to the county. We have collected 98% so far with only \$10,365.60 left to collect.
- The date has passed for the permissive referendum on the equipment reserve. We will work to create the reserve and transfer the funds allocated.

Code Enforcement Officer

2023 - Permits

- 60 South Lake Ave — Hot tub and electric service, Waiting for electrical inspection.
- 62 South Lake Ave. — Verizon
- 1 McCabe Court — Front porch

2024 - Permits

- 38 South Lake Ave — Front Porch
- 20 Canterbury Lane — Remodel upstairs
- 14 Munger Street — Driveway (Has not picked up permit)
- 51 Munger Street — Roof
- 17 Hunter Street -Mud room with washer and dryer in existing garage
- 28 Clinton Street — Pool
- 20 South Lake Ave - Gazebo
- 40 South Lake Ave -Pool
- 20 Emily Court — Fence
- 11 Hunter Street — Prefabricated Shed

Number of Building Permits —13

Number of C of C's — 5

Number of C of O's — 3

Total Number of Inspections -22

Fire Inspection - 0

Approval of Officer Reports

A motion was made by Trustee Thompson and seconded by Trustee Capurso to approve the officer reports. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Trustee Concerns

All Trustee concerns were covered during conversation around the Mayor and Administrator reports.

New Business

Gibson Place Land Purchase

Mayor Chimino met with the owner of the property on Gibson Place near the electric substation. The owner is willing to sell the property for \$4,500. The Board requested a map of the parcel and will discuss it at the next meeting.

Board Tour of Electric Facilities

After the meeting was finished the Board toured the electric substations and electric shop.

Old Business

Tulley Building Painting

Discussion of painting the Tulley Building was tabled until an additional quote can be obtained.

Privilege of the Floor

None

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 7:31pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale
Village Administrator