

**Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Trustees  
Of the Village of Bergen at  
6:30pm on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 Michael Fleming  
Trustee Bernadette Thompson

Also present: Village Administrator Cortney Gale, Joel Pocock, Jake Vazquez, Stephanie Burke, and David Burke

**Approval of Bills**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 of was made by Trustee Cargill and seconded by Trustee Thompson. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

**Mayor**

**Grants**

- The Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Park Grant was submitted. We await notification which will be forthcoming in the months ahead.
- 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. A representative was here to conduct an onsite evaluation and provided a quote which will be discussed under old business at the September 11 meeting.
- Fast New York Grant-We are awaiting final determination from NYS regarding the status of this grant which would offset the cost of electric infrastructure improvements to AppleTree Industrial Park.

**Miscellaneous**

- The Tree and Park committee met on September 4th. and discussed the large success of the summer concerts, new lighting around the walking trail which is slated to begin on September 16th also discussed updating Hickory Park with standalone pieces at the playground area, new playground timbers and mulch a new flagpole at Ward Park and sending out a survey to see if there is interest in bringing back a Farmers Market.
- Joel Shepard P.E of the NYS department of transportation is scheduling a meeting with local officials to discuss the replacement of the bridge on Route 19 (North Lake Rd.) This project is anticipated to begin construction in the spring of 2026 and end in the fall of 2026. The bridge will be closed for up to 6 months.
- I will be attending FEMA's Genesee County Flood study on September 10<sup>th</sup> in Batavia
- I will be attending the Municipal Electric Utilities Association (MEUA) annual conference along with New York Municipal Power Association (NYMPA) semi annual meeting being held in Canandaigua on October 1-3. NYMPA oversees the procurement of the village's supplemental power requirement

needs which is the power over our hydro-allocation contract with the New York Power Authority (NYPA)

- Suit-Kote will be micro paving Buffalo Street and McKenzie Street on September 10<sup>th</sup> and Clinton Street on September 11<sup>th</sup> all residents affected have been notified.
- Thanks to the Village of Spencerport electric department for the mutual aid in assisting our crew replacing a pole on the cell tower hill utilizing a track pole setting machine.
- Thanks to the Village of Churchville for mutual aid in street sweeping the streets scheduled for micro-paving on September 10-11 as the song goes, we get by with a little help from our friends
- We are awaiting the start of sidewalk replacement to repair broken or trip hazard tiles. The contractor has been furnished with a list of defective slabs which need to be replaced.

### Administrator

#### Sewer

- Work on the manhole restoration project is set to restart in the next few weeks with Arold replacing as many as they can with the remaining budget.
- Eric McGrain took his exam for his 2A license on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Chris Fay has scheduled his 3A exam for September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- There were a few issues at the sewer plant recently. The mechanical screen needed a solenoid replaced and the screw press had a software update, work to its booster pump and the polymer pump.
- I have a conference call with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) to discuss bond financing. If approved they will provide us with a 50% discount to the interest rate for sewer upgrades.

#### DPW

- The DPW has been patching roads and repairing catch basins in preparation for micro-sealing on Buffalo, Clinton and McKenzie Streets.
- With all the rainy weather the DPW had time to deep clean the Sage Pavilion. It's been seven years since the Sage opened and it had heavy use, I would suggest we repaint the interior walls this winter. The zero-turn mower is still at Kubota waiting for parts to be repaired.
- We received the new Bobcat skid steer and Chris is very happy with the extra load capacity and bucket size.

#### Electric

- We are still awaiting word from Empire State Development regarding the Fast-NY Grant for the electric substation project. I submitted the Northern Borders Regional Commission Catalyst pre-application on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Both the Fast-NY and Catalyst grant are for a million dollars. I am currently working on the NYSERDA PON 5737 grant for \$200,000.
- The Linemen continue to GPS electrical infrastructure as well as street signs, sewer tanks, manholes, and catch basins. All of which are available to view online.
- With help from Spencerport, we set new poles on top of water tower hill in Hartland Park. Spencerport has a specialty digger derrick on tracks for difficult terrain.

#### Office

- We finally received the information we needed from state retirement to finish the AFR. Barb is using that information to complete the Annual Financial Report (AFR) and close last fiscal year.
- The old Digger Derrick and Sewer Jetter sold on Auctions International. We received \$2,350 for the Jetter and \$20,000 for the Digger, both have been paid for and picked up.
- The linemen and I met with representatives from Jacomb Energy to discuss charging station replacement on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Miscellaneous**

- The last date to pay taxes is October 31<sup>st</sup>, after that they are sent to the county. We have collected 99% so far with only \$7,143.39 left to collect.
- I will be submitting information to Go-Art and Genesee County to complete the concert series and summer recreation grants once all the payments have cleared. Then I will begin submitting for next year’s grants.
- We are due to be recertified for CPR and First Aid. I will be scheduling a class for next month. If any board member is interested in attending, please let me know.

**Approval of Officer Reports**

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

**Trustee Concerns**

**Trustee Thompson** asked about sidewalk quotes and when the work will begin.

**Trustees Capurso and Cargill** asked about speed signs and getting DOT permission to install them.

**New Business**

**Road Program Presentation**

Jake Vazquez, an RIT student working with Cornell Cooperative Extension, presented his findings on the condition of village roads. The information was input into a program along with budget information to produce a multi-year plan to repair and maintain roads.

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**Resolution 7 of 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Route 33 is a major thoroughfare running through the Village of Bergen and serves as a critical connector for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the current posted speed limit on Route 33 is 55 miles per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, there will be a significant increase in traffic volume along Route 33 due to new industrial and commercial developments; and

**WHEREAS**, the increased traffic, combined with the high-speed limit, has resulted in heightened safety concerns among residents, increased risk of accidents, and potential hazards for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Bergen believes that a reduction in the speed limit is necessary to enhance the safety of our residents and address the growing traffic demands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board recognizes the need to work collaboratively with relevant state and local transportation authorities to ensure that the necessary changes to traffic regulations are implemented effectively;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village Board of the Village of Bergen, NY, that the Village Board formally requests the New York State Department of Transportation to consider and approve a reduction of speed limit on Route 33; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village Board urges the Department of Transportation to conduct a thorough traffic and safety study to support this request and to address any other necessary safety improvements in conjunction with the proposed speed limit change; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village Board will work cooperatively with the Department of Transportation and Town of Bergen to facilitate the implementation of the reduced speed limit and to communicate these changes effectively to the community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Department of Transportation, Genesee County Highway, State Assemblyman Steven Hawley, New York State Senator George Borello and any other relevant agencies to support our request for the speed limit reduction.

A motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Thompson to approve Resolution 7 of 2024 to request speed reduction on Route 33. The motion passed unanimously.

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**Resolution 8 of 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bergen, New York, is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Conference of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called to be held on October 1 – 3, 2024 at Hotel Canandaigua, Canandaigua, NY, and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Joseph Chimino be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Bergen, New York.

A motion as made by Trustee Capurso and seconded by Trustee Cargill to appoint Joseph Chimino as delegate to the MEUA Annual meeting.

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**Board Tour of DPW Facilities**

After the conclusion of the meeting members of the Village Board toured the DPW building.

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**Old Business**

**Tulley Building Painting**

A motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Capurso to accept the bid from the lowest bidder, Integrity Painters, to paint the Tulley Building. The motion was carried unanimously.

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**Gibson Place Land Purchase**

A motion was made by Trustee Capurso and seconded by Trustee Thompson to subdivide and purchase property at the end of Gibson Place that is adjacent to the village electric substation. The motion was carried unanimously.

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**Charging Station**

A motion was made by Trustee Thompson and seconded by Trustee Fleming to install a new car charging station in the Buffalo Street municipal parking lot. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Privilege of the Floor**

None

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale  
Village Administrator