

**Town of Bergen Planning Board  
Minutes of January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Bergen Town Hall**

**Present:** Chairman Fink, Norm Pawlak, Dominick Camelio, Andrew Fink, Kathi McLaughlin, and Lou Romano Alt.

**Not Present:** Randall Holbrook and Mark Gerhardy

**Also Present:** Dave Mason, ZEO; Bill Waldruff, ZBA Chairman; Justin Russell and Keith Wimer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Fink. A motion to approve the December 2014 minutes was made by Norm Pawlak, seconded by Dominick Camelio, voted and carried. Chairman Fink stated that Lou Romano, the newest addition to the board, would be counted as a voting member.

**Justin Russell – Building Lot.** Mr. Russell presented the board with plans to build a house at 7711 Swamp Road. He provided a drawing locating the house, driveway and raised bed septic system. Board members looked over the drawings and other paperwork provided and did not see any issues. A motion to approve the lot as a building lot was made by Andrew Fink, seconded by Dominick Camelio, voted and carried.

**Keith Wimer – Carport.** Mr. Wimer came to the board with plans to put a 12x21 carport on his property located at 8321 Peachey Road. The carport is a moveable, free standing structure, held into the ground by screws. It will be the same color as the house and will not be attached to the house. Mr. Wimer stated that he will be parking his boat underneath it during the summer. He has talked to his neighbors about putting up the structure, including board member Lou Romano, and they told him that they did not have a problem with it. Once the carport is up, it will only be 4.5 feet from his lot line instead of the required 25 feet. For this reason, the proposal must be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance. A recommendation for approval of the variance to the Zoning Board of Appeals pending all required paperwork is complete, was made by Kathi McLaughlin, seconded by Andrew Fink, voted and carried. A Public Hearing will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**Old/New Business**

- Dave Mason gave an update on Insurance Auto Auctions. He stated that they more than likely will be at the February meeting with a site plan.
- Gary and Andrew attended a Millennial meeting and briefly went over what was discussed at that meeting.
- Dave Mason has someone interested in building a house in the Industrial Zone so he asked Gary if there was a process for changing the Zoning Law. Gary stated that the Planning Board can make a recommendation to the Town Board, but it ultimately is in the hands of the Town Board and is usually a timely process.

No further business was discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Norm Pawlak, seconded by Kathi McLaughlin voted and carried. The meeting ended at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Smith, secretary

Cc: Michelle Smith, Town Clerk  
Don Cunningham, Town Supervisor  
Anne Sapienza, Town Assessor  
Bill Waldruff, ZBA Chairman