

**JANUARY 8, 2008**

**BERGEN TOWN BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Bergen Town Board convened in a regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall with Deputy Supervisor Cunningham presiding.

**PRESENT:**

Deputy Supervisor Donald Cunningham  
Councilman Hugh McCartney  
" Barry Miller

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Michele M. Smith, Town Clerk  
David Roggow, Highway Superintendent  
Robert Patterson, ZEO/CEO

**ABSENT:**

John Specht, Supervisor

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Daniel Bryson, Town Attorney  
Lori Alexander  
Dan Alexander  
Julie Baker

Robert Swapceinski  
Brian Stone  
Joseph Nenni

**PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander addressed the Town Board regarding property flooding on Townline Road. Attorney Dan Bryson was present for the discussion. The Board promised to keep the Alexander's updated on progress with the situation. *Councilman McCartney made a motion to send a letter to the Raul Valderama for him to resolve the situation if there is no response the town will take action; Councilman Miller seconded it and it carried by a vote 3-0.*

**MINUTES:** *Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting December 29, 2007; Councilman McCartney seconded it and it carried by a vote 3 -0. Councilman McCartney made a motion to approve the minutes of the organizational meeting January 2, 2008; Councilman Miller seconded it and it carried by a vote 3 -0.*

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Letter of resignation from the Town Board submitted by Town Councilwoman Julie Baker  
Letter & Resume from Colleen Holtz's for appointment as Planning & Zoning Board Secretary  
Joe Nenni's resume for the Town Justice position  
Letter from Karen Ely for appointment to the Library Board  
Court order for restricted access to Court Office  
Letter of recommendation for Justice appointment submitted by the Town of Bergen Republican Committee  
Copy of NYS Snow and Ice Agreement for 2009/2010 contract year *Councilman Miller offered the resolution for Deputy Supervisor to sign the "Agreement to Extend Lump Sum Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement" for the 2009/2010 contract year; Councilman McCartney seconded it and the resolution was carried by vote 3-0.*

*Resolution #4*

*BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town Bergen hereby authorizes the Deputy Supervisor to sign the "Agreement to Extend Indexed Lump Sum Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement" for the 2009/2010 contract year.*

**REPORTS:**

**BUILDING & ZONING:**

Manufactured Housing Park Licenses: Affordable Great Locations & Hidden Meadows Cooperative Corporation: *Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the license applications on the recommendation of Officer Patterson that the Parks are in compliance, Councilman McCartney seconded it and it carried by a vote of 3 -0.*

Mapledale Estates: Mr. Ball has not submitted his Manufactured Home Park license application. *Councilman McCartney made a motion to withhold the Certificates of Occupancy until he comes in compliance, Councilman Miller seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 3-0.*

UNION CONTRACT: Councilman Miller updated the board on the progress of labor negotiations

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Councilman Miller presented the letter that will be sent to all Town & Village residents to inform them of Public Information meeting on January 22, 2008 for the Tulley Building. *Councilman McCartney made a motion to have the letter printed not to exceed \$675, Councilman Miller seconded it and it carried by a vote 3-0.*

TOWN CLERK'S DECEMBER 2007 REPORT *Councilman Miller made a motion to file the Town Clerk's December 2007 report, seconded by Councilman McCartney and it carried by a vote 3-0.* The Supervisors December report will be presented at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Four candidates for the Justice position were interviewed by the Town Board: Rob Swapceinski, Brian Stone, Joe Nenni and Julie Baker. *Councilman McCartney made a motion to appoint Julie Baker as Town Justice there was not second and the motion was defeated.* Deputy Supervisor Cunningham opened it up for another motion. *Councilman Miller made a motion to appoint Robert Swapceinski as Town Justice; Councilman McCartney seconded it and it carried by a vote 3 -0.*

Library Board Appointment *Councilman Miller made a motion to appoint Karen Ely for the Library Board position; Councilman McCartney seconded it and it carried by a vote 3 -0.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There are 3 applicants interested in the Planning & Zoning Board Secretary position; Bob Ridley and Bev Wooton are going to interview the applicants.

**BILLS:** The bills were presented for audit and totaled General A Fund \$33,081.58 vouchers #1-20, General B Fund \$111,257.94 vouchers #1-7, and Highway \$24,223.78 vouchers #1-7. *Councilman McCartney made a motion to pay the January bills, seconded by Councilman Miller and it carried by a vote 3-0.*

**NEXT MEETING:** Public information meeting at the Bergen Fire Hall, Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** was at 10:12 p.m. on a motion by Councilman McCartney, seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by a vote 3 -0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Smith,  
Town Clerk