

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

PRESENT:

Deputy Supervisor Donald Cunningham
Councilman Barry Miller
Councilman Hugh McCartney
Councilwoman Rachael Millspaugh

ALSO PRESENT:

Michele M. Smith, Town Clerk
Lori Nelson, Bookkeeper
Anne Sapienza, Assessor

ABSENT:

Supervisor John Specht

OTHER ATTENDEE:

Bob Fox
Alyson Mercedes Tardy

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Bob Fox from Eldredge, Fox & Porretti discussed a financial review for the town. *Councilman McCartney made a motion to hire Bob Fox; Councilman Miller seconded Councilman Cunningham voted no and Councilwoman Millspaugh abstained. The motion did not carry.*

Library Board Candidate: Alyson Mercedes Tardy expressed interest in the Library Board

MINUTES: *Councilman McCartney made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2009 and Special Meeting minutes of January 14, 2009; Councilwoman Millspaugh seconded it and it carried by a vote 4-0.*

COMMUNICATIONS:

Town Planning Board Agenda for 1/29/09

Minutes from CAB Meeting 11/18/08

Annual Report form Town Historian Peggy Denton

Letter of recommendation from Karen Ely for appointment of Kelly Hollenbeck to Library Board

E-mail notification from Tim Hens regarding CHIPS aid

Proposal for audit service from Freed Maxick & Battaglia

Letter of interest for Library Board from Alyson

Sample resolution for "Safety Inspector" and remaining salary

Copy advertisement for bids on Court & Offices at Fire Department

Public Hearing Notice to Amend Interchange Zoning & Zoning Law

REPORTS:

UNION CONTRACT: Councilman Miller had nothing to report.

ASSESSOR: Anne Sapienza let the Board know that New York State is no longer reimbursing for Assessment for schooling and the town could be responsible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Library Board interviews No action was taken on the Library Board member to accommodate Official appointment of Andrew Fink as Clerk/Typist

Public Hearing Date For Interchange & Zoning Law for second meeting in March *Councilman McCartney made a motion to table the scheduling of the Public Hearing; Councilman Miller seconded and it carried by vote 4-0.*

Fire District Councilman McCartney attended a meeting in Riga to form a Fire District for the Village of Churchville and the Town of Riga.

Revisiting the speed limit at Route 19 at Route 33 Councilman Miller would like Steve Hawley's office to work on this ongoing problem.

Clerk Appointment *Councilman Miller made a motion to appoint Andrew Fink as Clerk/Typist; Councilwoman Millspaugh seconded it and it carried by a vote 4-0.*

Zoning/Code Enforcement *With the death of Safety Inspector Bill Sovocool on January 23, 2009 Councilman McCartney offered resolution to name William Tower Safety Inspector; seconded by Councilwoman Millspaugh and it carried by a vote 3-0. Councilman Miller abstained*

RESOLUTION #4 - 2009

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bergen names Mr. William Tower as the sole Safety Inspector for the remainder of the 2009 year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2009 budgeted item "Safety Inspection" (B3620.1) will allocate the remaining balance of Mr. William Sovocool's salary of \$899.80 to Mr. William Tower.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water District Petition Anne Sapienza questioned why the proposed Water District petition should be in the Town Clerk's office. The board discussed the water district petition.

Court and Town Office Relocation *Councilman McCartney made a motion to advertise for bids for the Town of Bergen Court & Town Office Relocation; Councilwoman Millspaugh seconded it and it carried by a vote 3-0. Councilman Miller abstained*

NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Courtroom with the audit of the bills at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT *was at 9:11 pm on a motion by Councilman McCartney; seconded by Councilwoman Millspaugh and it carried by a vote 4 -0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Smith,
Town Clerk