

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
Robert Patterson, ZEO/CEO
David Roggow, Superintendent
Lori Nelson, Bookkeeper

ABSENT:

John Specht, Supervisor

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Donald Kunego
Kevin Finnell
Robert Swapceinski
Rachael Millspaugh
Kevin Donovan

Jean Stewart
Paul R. List
Myrna E. List
Theresa Alexander

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Myrna E. List President of the Historical Society came to the Town Board to ask if the board is going to honor the resolution dated April 28, 1998 to turn Ruth Chapell-Drews house over to the Historical society so it can be turned into a museum. The house isn't officially the towns until May; the house was vacated August 11, 2007. There is a four year lease with Stone Church for \$1 that hasn't been signed. The church plans on demolishing the building when vacated. The Historical Society wanted to know when they can start moving things in. Bob Patterson said that for the Town's protection an engineer should go through the building for change of use. Myrna offered to give Bob a tour of the house.

MINUTES: *Councilman McCartney made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of February 26, 2008; Councilman Miller seconded it and it carried by a vote 3 -0.*

Councilman Miller made a motion to go into executive session to discuss court matters and personnel at 7:47 pm with Donald Kunego, Kevin Finnell, Robert Swapceinski, Deputy Supervisor Donald Cunningham, Councilman Miller, Councilman McCartney and Town Clerk Michele Smith present; Councilman McCartney seconded it and it carried by a vote 3-0. Councilman Miller made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:20; Councilman McCartney seconded it and it carried 3-0.

Lori Nelson, Bookkeeper briefed the Town Board on a New York State and Local Retirement System ACH/electronic debit, Electronic debit authorizes the Retirement System to take payments directly from the account you specify on the payment date you choose (December 15 or February 1). Lori said it is efficient for the Retirement System not for the Town. The Board agreed to leave the February payment to the retirement system as it is. Lori updated the Board on preparing for the audit that starts March 17th and provided the board members with January and February 2008 statements.

COMMUNICATIONS:

HSBC Employee Banking Benefit Outline
Time Warner National Teacher Award entry
Letter NYS ORPS Director (courtesy of Anne)
Planning Board 01/31/08 Minutes
Planning Board 02/28/08 agenda
Planning Board variance recommended for Liberty Pumps
Planning & Zoning Board 1st quarter attendance report
Letter from Bob Ridley with request for changes to Planning Board
Acknowledgement letter from Selective Insurance for claim
Account close-out letter from former Justice William kolmetz
Meeting invitation from Historian Peggy Denton
Rate notification from Time Warner

Copy of 02/12/84 meeting minutes describing Purchasing Policy

January 2008 Zoning/Code Enforcement Log sheet

Letter of interest for Town Board Vacancy from George Vanderstow, Jr.

Information for Local Government Workshop

Letter from Peggy Swapceinski for Sub-Committee

Time Warner Program notification letter

Draft letter to Assemblyman Hawley – Town Clerk will put it on Town letterhead and send to Hawley's office

Copy Notice of Claim

REPORTS:

BUILDING & ZONING: Norman Ball application was received February 29, 2008 with Health permit by the Town Clerk. *Councilman McCartney made a motion to approve application for manufactured Housing Park License from Norman Ball for Mapledale Estates, seconded by Councilman Miller 3-0.* Bob Stated he will be at a Conference next week. Bob updated the Board on Raul Valdarama property violations. Bob has been in contact with Town Attorney Dan Bryson and will give copies of correspondence to Deputy Supervisor Cunningham. Also the Sutera residence across Townline Road has water problems aggravated by Valderama violations but also has some problems that can be eased by raising the driveway and lowering the pipe would also be helpful. Bob notified the Board that he is entering the NYS Retirement System April 10th, but will continue working for the Towns of Bergen and Stafford. Councilman Miller asked Bob if he could research or give recommendations to bring Chapell-Drews house up to compliance. Bob said he could but he doesn't know how the house is it going to be set up as a museum.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Roggow had nothing to report

UNION CONTRACT: Nothing to report

TOWN CLERK'S FEBRUARY REPORT *Councilman Miller made a motion to file the Town Clerk's February report, seconded by Councilman McCartney and it carried by a vote 3-0.*

OLD BUSINESS:

Tulley Building - Nothing to report

Townline Road property violations- Town Attorney Dan Bryson is progressing toward action in Bergen Town Court

Fire contract – Councilman Miller filled the board in on talks with the Fire Department, the replacement equipment amount was changed to \$13750, and \$1500 was added cover grant administration costs. Councilman McCartney opposes the decrease in the budgeted amount to the fire contract.

Town Board vacancy/appointment – candidates will be contacted for interviews in April

Roof repair estimates - Councilman Miller will have 4 estimates for the next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Establishing and Public Information and Services Fund *Councilman Miller made a motion to do a Budget Amendment to establish a line item A1480.4 – Public Information and Services for the amount of \$1,000.00, Councilman McCartney seconded it and it carried by a vote 3-0.*

Transfer from Contingency Fund *Councilman Miller made a motion to reduce the Contingency Fund A1990.4 by \$1,000.00 to transfer to A1480.4 for Public Information and Services, McCartney seconded it and it carried by a vote 3-0.*

Re-establish spending limits *Councilman Miller made a motion that all non- highway purchases of any department for capital equipment of more than \$250 must first be approved by the Town Board unless the equipment is deemed an emergency or necessary; Councilman McCartney seconded it and it carried by a vote 3-0.*

BILLS: The bills were presented for audit and totaled General A Fund \$19,984.65 vouchers #67-92, General B Fund \$1,447.16 vouchers #16-22, Highway DB \$17,652.72 vouchers #22-39, Post Audit A-3 \$11,558.82 vouchers # 8& 9, Post Audit B-2 \$2,904.99 voucher #2. *Councilman Miller made a motion to pay the March bills, seconded by Councilman McCartney and it carried by a vote 3-0.*

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom.

ADJOURNMENT was at 9:40 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