

MARCH 24, 2009 BERGEN TOWN BOARD REGULAR 2nd MEETING

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
David Roggow, Highway Superintendent
Constance Kaufman, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:

Supervisor John Specht

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Peggy Swapceinski
Bill Maurer
Mike Johnson
Bonnie Martin
Pam Kenward

Kristin Gordon
Joe Nenni
Tom Martin
Shirley Wade
Jenn Van Valkenburg

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PEACHY ROAD WATER DISTRICT Bill Maurer and Joe Nenni submitted a map, plan and petition to form the Water District with 58.4% property value of the district in favor. Joe Nenni applied for a grant and is waiting on the status.

GILLAM GRANT/LIBRARY Peggy Swapceinski Director of the Gillam-Grant Community Center presented information to the Board due to the economic impact on their endowment; they are forced to severely cut on their operating budget. Because the library is the only part of their operating budget that does not generate income, they cannot continue to support the library any more. Several options were presented: Consolidation - Closing the Gillam-Grant location and leave the Village location open, Closing the Village location and the two towns would then lease the space at Gillam-Grant for a public library; Close Both Libraries or become a School District or Special District Library. There is a meeting with NIOGA Monday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library to get more information on the process.

MINUTES: *Councilman McCartney made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2009; Councilwoman Millspaugh seconded it and it carried by a vote 4-0.*

COMMUNICATIONS:

Major Equipment Replacement Schedule from September 2005

Town Justice Court Activity Summary

Letter from Bergen Historical Society

Planning Board Agenda for 3/26/09

Letter from NIOGA Library System

Letter to Dan Fitzpatrick & response from Chatfield Engineers (re: Salt Sheds)

Simbari Design letter of recommendation to award project to Sickles Corp.

Travel Request from Dave Roggow 2009 Highway School

Letter from Library Board President Karen Ely

REPORTS:

HIGHWAY: Dave spoke with Dan Fitzpatrick from Shamrock Farms Fencing and was told extra bracing could be placed on the back wall of shed and would like to receive payment for inventory. *Councilman Miller made a motion to pay Shamrock Farms Fencing \$10,138 for Salt storage shed advance payment for repairs and inventory; Councilwoman Millspaugh seconded it and it carried by a vote 4-0. Councilman Miller made a motion to authorize Shamrock to install bracing on the Salt Storage not to exceed \$1,500 and for Dave to install a berm along the west wall of salt storage shed Councilwoman Millspaugh seconded it and it carried by a vote 4-0. Truck Route Ordinance Town Clerk Smith has the Daily News searching archives for the affidavit of publication for the 1986 Truck ordinance at \$60 an hour. Travel Request Councilman McCartney made a motion to approve Dave Roggow's travel request for 2009 Highway School; Councilman Miller seconded it and it carried by a vote 4-0.*

NYS SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT was received; a copy will be given to Dave Roggow and reviewed

UNION CONTRACT: Councilman Miller had nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall/Court Renovation Review of bids & recommendation letter from Simbari Design, a contract can't be awarded until project funding is arranged. Deputy Supervisor has a conference call March 25th with Bernard Donegan and Dan Bryson for funding. There was discussion on halting the renovation project if space would be available if the library moved to the Gillam-Grant. The board concluded that if the library space becomes available it may be used for records retention and archival and the board determined it should continue with the renovation project at the Fire Hall.

Historical Society Committee a volunteer from the Town Board is needed for a committee to plan the future of Ruth Chapell-Drews house. *Councilman Cunningham made a motion to appoint Councilman McCartney to the committee to plan the future of Ruth Chapell-Drew's house; Councilman Millspaugh seconded it and it carried by a vote 4-0.*

ECONOMIC & RECOVERY FUNDING AID Councilman Miller has received acknowledgment that his online application was received and hasn't heard anything else.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Courtroom with the audit of the bills at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT was a t 9:13 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