

**Town of Bergen Planning Board
Minutes for April 26th, 2012
Bergen Town Hall**

Present: Gary Fink, Norm Pawlak, Bill Robinson, Dominic Camelio, Kathi McLaughlin, Randall Holbrook and John Skomski, Alt.

Not Present: Mark Gerhardy and Scott Householder

Also Present: Dave Mason, Richard Cordaro and Jim Neucomb

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Fink. John Skomski was introduced to the board as the new alternate member. A motion to approve the March 22nd, 2012 minutes was made by Bill Robinson, seconded by Dominic Camelio, voted and carried with Norm Pawlak and Kathi McLaughlin abstaining. Chairman Fink also stated that John Skomski will be counted as a voting member due to the absence of Mark Gerhardy.

Cordaro/Giannone Subdivision. Richard Cordaro attended the meeting to get his maps signed by Gary Fink and to pay the subdivision fees. The subdivision had gone to the county and was approved at their regular board meeting on April 12th 2012. Before filing with the county, Mr. Cordaro has to bring the maps to Real Tax and the Health Department to be signed.

Eugene Lowe Subdivision. Christopher Wilcox returned to the meeting representing Mr. Lowe for his subdivision on West Sweden Road. The subdivision was approved by the county planning board on April 12th, 2012. Chairman Fink signed the maps and fees were collected. Before filing with the county, the maps must be taken to Real Tax and the Health Department for final signatures.

Old/New Business

- Jim Neucomb, general manager of the old Allens Inc., attended the meeting to give an update on the food processing plant. The company had been bought by a Canadian based company called Bonduelle. The purchase took place on March 31st 2012. Bonduelle has seven plants in Canada and several in Europe. The purchase of the Allens plants will be their first venture into the U.S. with their headquarters located in Brockport. Mr. Neucomb stated that as of right now, the plant employs approximately 30 full time workers. Norm and Kathi also pointed out that the odor and drain flies were reduced. Mr. Neucomb seemed to have positive feedback and high hopes for the future of the company. He also mentioned that the Special Use Permits for the plant need to be updated under the new name.

- Gary and Norm attended a Fracking Workshop and gave some explanation to board members as to what they learned.
- **Town Website.** All board members agreed that documenting the processes of obtaining a special use permit, subdivisions, etc. should be posted on the site to give people direction as to what needs to be done. It was also decided that Bill Robinson be titled as “Vice Chairman.”
- Dave Mason informed the board that there is interest in building on a flood zone. He stated that it is the job of the planning board to set the base flood elevation for the community. It was agreed that since nobody had knowledge of how to do this, that the town engineer be brought in to give input.
- **Wayne Sherman Update.** Dave Mason said he had been trying to contact Mr. Sherman but has not been able to reach him after many attempts. He had asked Anne Sapienza for help in tracking him down through a house purchase but has not heard back from her yet.
- Dave also informed the board that the old Wilcox building located on Route 19 is in the process of being torn down.

No further discussion took place.

A motion to adjourn was made by Norm Pawlak, seconded by Dominic Camelio, voted and carried. The meeting ended at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Smith, secretary

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