

TOWN OF BERGEN PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 28, 2009
Bergen Town Hall

Present: Gary Fink John Wise Norm Pawlak Mark Gerhardy
 Bill Robinson Kathi McLaughlin, Alt.

Also Present: Paul Chatfield of Chatfield Engineering, John Specht, Bob Patterson, Sandy Pawlak, and from Allen's Inc. - James Newcomb, Facilities Manager; Jeffrey Clark, Director of Manufacturing; Dan Robbins, Operations Manager and Steve Buerman, Engineer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Fink at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Norm Pawlak to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2009 planning board meeting. Motion seconded by Bill Robinson, voted and approved. In the absence of full membership of the board, the vote of alternate member Kathi McLaughlin will be counted.

Jim Newcomb – Allen's Inc. – Review of Special Use Permit: Jim Newcomb, facilities manager for Allen's Inc. appeared before the Board for review of their special use permit. Present along with Mr. Newcomb were Dan Robbins, Jeffrey Clark, and Steve Buerman. A folder was distributed to each Board member which contained information he was presenting. The handout included a brief history of the company, copy of special use permit dated 5/20/96, maps, diagrams, photos, and continuous wastewater maintenance summary.

Mr. Newcomb explained the repairs that Allen's makes routinely to the east and west lagoons and the spray fields. Presently the west lagoon is being drained for maintenance purposes. New trees have been planted in the buffer zone and grass will be harvested from the waste fields. Dead spots in the fields will be reseeded with grass seed; a new method of aerating the soil will be tried. Larvicide to deter the bug population will be injected into the aeration system starting this summer. Installation of four more aerators will greatly increase aeration capacity.

Mr. Newcomb reported that amount of water used for processing last season was down due to improved usage; however, the amount of water sprayed from the lagoons was about the same as previous year due to the amount of rain water. The plant is operating at maximum capacity. In regards to the drain fly problem, Mr. Newcomb stated that he would check into the possibility of expanding the area treated with spray by airplane.

The board thanked Mr. Newcomb for his report and was asked to provide a copy of the latest SPEDS report to for our records. Secretary will mail a copy to Mr. Chatfield. A review will be scheduled for next year.

It was noted that Agrilink is now Allen's Inc. and the name should be changed on the Special Use Permit application. Bob Patterson recommends that a new form be filled out with the same information for the IP fields that appears on the Special Use Permit issued in 1996. The board would then review at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Elimination of INT-R replace with INT-I The Town Board has made a resolution to eliminate the classification “Interchange Zoning INT-R” and replace it with “Interchange Zoning INT-I” in the Town’s Zoning Law. Based on the environmental assessment the Town Board finds that the project will result in no significant adverse impacts to the environment.

Outcome of suggested changes to *Zoning Schedule A*, previously approved by the Planning Board and submitted to the Town Board for review has not been acted upon. Question was raised as to why changes to *Zoning Schedule A* could not be included with above resolution regarding Interchange Zoning as it is also a zoning change. Mr. Chatfield requested a copy of *Zoning Schedule A* for review to determine if this could be done.

Meeting Room John Specht related that the planning board would continue to meet at the same location after the court room’s move to the fire hall is complete. Anne Sapienza’s office will also remain at the town hall, judge’s podium will be removed from the room and the roof will be repaired.

Former Chairman Bob Ridley As reported by John Specht a letter of recognition for Bob Ridley has been completed. Details of an informal get together are still in the works.

There was no further discussion. Motion to adjourn was made by Norm Pawlak and seconded by Kathi McLaughlin. Voted and carried, adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Holtz

Colleen Holtz, Secretary