

**JUNE 12, 2007   BERGEN TOWN BOARD   REGULAR MEETING**

The Bergen Town Board convened in a regular meeting at 7:31 p.m. in the Town Hall with Supervisor Specht presiding.

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor John Specht  
Councilman Donald Cunningham  
    “ Barry Miller  
Councilwoman Julie Baker

**ALSO:**

Bookkeeper Lori Nelson  
Highway Superintendent David Roggow

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Bill Maurer  
Jeff Maurer  
Joe Nenni

**ABSENT**

Councilman Hugh McCartney

**PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**Jeff Maurer** was in attendance expecting Paul Chatfield to be present to discuss storm water plan for Robins Brook Park, Paul Chatfield had to cancel. Jeff gave a progress reports on the soccer fields at Robins Brook Park and the Fire Hall. The Fire Hall field is 60 – 70% complete with about \$2,200 in fuel from highway garage being used so far for equipment. Jeff also asked about widening the driveway over the creek at Robins Brook Park to get back to soccer fields. Councilman Miller made motion to put a limit of \$2,000 to extend the culvert to widen the driveway to soccer fields at Robins Brook Park it was seconded by Councilman Cunningham and it was carried by a vote of 4-0.

**Bill Maurer** was in attendance for support and if there were any questions on his report on “Well Water – The Real Cost” and “Municipal Water vs. Well Water”. The board was impressed with his report.

**MINUTES:** Councilman Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes of May 22, Councilwoman Baker seconded it with Councilman Miller abstaining it carried by a vote of 3-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Budget Summary through May  
“Well Water – The Real Cost” and Municipal Water vs. Well Water by Bill Maurer  
Highway Superintendent Roggow’s listing of current road striping and request for direction this year The board decided to wait on the cost per mile for striping from the county before making a decision.

**REPORTS:**

Zoning/Code Enforcement officer Patterson was not in attendance; Supervisor Specht said there was a complaint made against Officer Patterson from a residence on Townline Road. The resident has a detention pond on there property and wants to fill it in, Officer Patterson told them they couldn’t, and it will be looked into whether there is documentation about the detention pond on file.

Union Contract Councilman Miller made a motion to authorized Supervisor Specht to sign the contract to engage Ronald J. Mendrick from Harter Secrest & Emery LLP in labor negotiations for the Town of Bergen Councilwoman Baker seconded it and it carried by a vote 4-0.

SUPERVISOR AND TOWN CLERKS REPORTS Councilman Cunningham made motion to place the Supervisor and Town Clerks May reports on file, Councilwoman Baker seconded it and the vote carried by 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Architect's proposal from Bero Architecture, P.C. on joint facility preliminary study Councilman Cunningham made a motion to sign the proposal with Bero Architecture, P.C. on the joint facility study for \$6,200 as long as the study also includes the option of moving the library Councilman Miller seconded it and it carried by a vote 4-0.

Board members suggestions for format of Proposed Water District Informational Meeting The Board agreed the next step in the proposed water district would be a definition of the actual district and if it would be a public referendum or approval as a board. The informational meeting is set for Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bergen Fire Hall at 7:00 PM. A letter will be sent to proposed water district residents about the meeting.

Banking The board has had presentations by HSBC and The Bank of Castile. Councilwoman Baker made a motion to choose HSBC as the Town of Bergen's primary bank Councilman Cunningham seconded it, the motion failed by a vote 0-4. The board agreed to give The Bank of Castile another chance for a presentation to beat or match HSBC rates.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Proposal from Pat Chefalo for Town Clerk's computer request and office networking Councilman Cunningham made a motion for Town Clerk's computer and office networking request it was seconded by Councilman Miller it carried by a vote 4-0.

Town Clerk requesting support in streamlining voucher system Lori Nelson explained how vouchers could be generated by computer which produces an abstract that only needs to be signed instead of every voucher. The vouchers would also be presented to the board with the abstract in case of any questions. Councilman Cunningham made a motion to approve the suggestion for streamlining voucher system by submitting vouchers in an abstract format Councilman Miller seconded it and it carried by a vote 4-0.

**BILLS:** The bills were presented for audit and totaled \$132,132.74 for General Fund Vouchers #179-235, Highway Fund \$9,097.38 Vouchers # 77-91 and Capital Fund \$506.25 Vouchers # 9. Councilwoman Baker made a motion to pay the June bills, seconded by Councilman Cunningham and it carried by a vote of 4-0.

**NEXT MEETING** will be Tuesday June 26, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom.

**ADJOURNMENT** was at 9:36 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Baker, seconded by Councilman Miller and carried a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Smith,  
Town Clerk

