

June 26, 2007

Bergen Town Board

Regular 2nd meeting

The Bergen Town Board convened in a regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall with Supervisor John Specht presiding.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO:

Michele M. Smith, Town Clerk
Highway Superintendent David Roggow
Deputy Highway Superintendent Chad Roggow
Bookkeeper, Lori Nelson

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Mayor, Wayne Bailey
GCEDC, Steve Hyde
Craig Welch, Village Attorney
Legislator, Chuck Zambito

Village Clerk, Stacey Brown
Clark Patterson, Eric Wies
Jeff Smith
Gary Fink

ABSENT:

Councilman Hugh McCartney

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Paul Chatfield presented a summary of the status of various projects that Chatfield Engineers, P.C. is completing.

Bergen Highway Garage over the past month each of the contractors has been working on punch list items. Contracts A (General Construction) Building Innovation Group has completed their contract requirements and punch list items with a total payment due of \$69,286.25. Contract B (Plumbing) Thurston Brothers still have to take care of punch list items \$12,940.00 is being held until all items are completed. Contract D (HVAC) Pipitone Enterprises has completed their contract requirements and punch list items their final payment due is \$3,956.00. Contract D (Electrical) Northeastern Electric have completed on site punch list items, awaiting closeout paperwork and are holding a \$4,447.50 payment until all items are completed.

Peachey Road Water District; CE #05-678: As a follow up to the June 21, 2007 informational meeting Chatfield engineers will be proceeding with preparation of the Boundary map and description and preliminary engineering report. Mr. Chatfield plans on presenting the information at the August 14, 2007 board meeting, after which a public hearing can be held in early September. The board discussed sending a follow up letter that would be sent to district residents for those that decided to opt –out.

Water District #4; CE05-678: Mr. Chatfield will be scheduling a meeting with Anne Sapienza in July to review the project area and identify the properties to be served in each alternative area. The additional areas will be tabulated and alternative cost estimates will be prepared. Once he gets this information he will review options and alternatives with the Town Board.

Bergen Sewer Expansion: Representatives from the Village of Bergen presented a sewer expansion; the Village system has reached capacity. More capacity is needed in the Town of Bergen for economic development growth for Apple Tree Acres Corporate Park. The Village is upgrading existing system and plans to double capacity from 104,000 gpd to 208,000 gpd with a \$2 million capital project with possible future inter-municipal expansion. The expansion can't disproportionately burden village residents it must be shared across constituency/benefactors (village, school district and town/county). New York Municipal Law allows GCEDC to re-direct new tax revenues generated from economic development projects (pilot payment) for public purposes, Pilot Increment Financing (PIF). The Village is asking for \$14,256 over 10 years which will be generated new economic development projects such as Ad Tech Graphics and Pavilion Gift. *A motion was made by Councilman Miller to approve the re-allocation or pilot funds for AD Tech Graphics and Pavilion Gift expansion to assist the Village in offsetting the costs of upgrading their sewer plant, contingent upon satisfactory an agreement between the Town and Village on an updated gallon per day allowance for the Apple Tree Acres Industrial Park, it was seconded by Councilman Cunningham it carried by a cote of 4-0.*

Legislator Charles Zambito asked if the board had any questions for him since he was there for the sewer presentation. The board updated him on the 2 water districts that are proposed. The board asked him if he could talk to Tim Hens about the Snow & Ice contract with the county; the formula that is used should be more reasonable compared to other areas.

Gary Fink expressed concerns with the Peachy Road and North Lake Rd. water district and the burden on the people that don't want the water; with the cost they will incur. Gary also recommended an increased tapping fee with added revenue going to directly against the project cost & lower debt service charges for those not connecting.

MINUTES: *Councilman Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12; Councilwoman Baker seconded it carried by a vote 4-0.*

COMMUNICATIONS:

Proposal update from HSBC

NYS request for audit of Justice Court – Supervisor Specht will place an ad for proposals for an independent audit. The board also agreed to resume department audits in January 2008.

Road Striping info from Superintendent Roggow *Councilwoman Baker made a motion for Superintendent Roggow to continue road striping on area roads as usual, it was seconded by Councilman Cunningham it carried by a vote 4-0.*

Letter from City of Batavia regarding continuance of ambulance service in Bergen Councilman Miller would like to be involved in the negotiations.

Informational meeting summary by Paul Chatfield

REPORTS:

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Roggow discussed the work on Robins Brook Park; they have moved the fence and brought in millings for parking area east of transfer station. He also asked for permission to mow around Bergen Welcome signs. *Councilman Cunningham made a motion that the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to permit the use of Town Highway equipment & personnel to mow weeds along the State Rights of Way at the Bergen Welcome signs in area; as time allows, it was seconded by Councilwoman Baker, it carried by a vote 4-0.*

UNION CONTRACT: Negotiations were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Estimate to modify public access to Town Clerk's office. *Councilman Miller approved the estimate of \$1200 by Gary Fink to modify Town Clerk's office door, it was seconded by Councilman Cunningham it carried by a vote 4-0.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Law suit against the Town of Bergen Highway Department for an accident on Rt. 490 and the Rt. 33 Bridge. Deputy Highway Superintendent Chad Roggow said it was actually a Village of Bergen Highway truck involved in the accident. Paperwork is being forwarded to Town Attorney and Insurance Carrier.

NEXT MEETING will be Tuesday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m. with the audit of the bills at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT was at 10:05 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Miller seconded by Councilman Cunningham and carried by a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Smith
Town Clerk