

September 25, 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 Hugh McCartney
 " Barry Miller

ALSO:

Jean Stewart, Deputy Town Clerk
David Roggow, Highway Superintendent

ABSENT:

Councilman Donald Cunningham
Michele M. Smith, Town Clerk

Other Attendees:

Peggy Denton
Craig Holland
Rob Ellsworth
Alex Wolcott
Jeff Maurer

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Museum: Peggy Denton suggested uses of Harford Barn, the Ruth Chapell-Drews Home, and the combining physically of the two buildings as the possible museum for our collections. Items to be considered in all of these options include structural evaluation, insurance coverage, adequate lighting, handicap accessibility, and humidity and temperature controls for some items. A decision should not be hurried since the future use of the museum should be planned for the long term. When the decision is made on the museum, what will happen to the school where the collections are now housed? It is a historic building as it was built in 1843 (Bergen School No. 8) and was last used as a school in 1957. The Town has been renting the school for its collection for \$1 a year. Could the Town help the church next to the school with expenses for its maintenance?

Robins Brook Park: Jeff Maurer reported that the grounds are totally flat, and the soccer field has been rough graded. The following are still needed: obtain more fill, cut trees, widen road and do drainage work. Next year top soil will be put down. Mr. Maurer stated that an architect has been contacted and things have been collected for phase 2. *In response to need, Councilman Miller made a motion to allow \$2,000 for drainage tile and stone, it was seconded by Councilman McCartney and it carried by a vote 4-0.*

MINUTES: *Councilman McCartney made a motion to approve the minutes of July 24; Councilwoman Baker seconded it carried by a vote 3-0, Councilman Miller abstained. Councilman McCartney made a motion to approve the minutes of September 11; Councilwoman Baker seconded it, it carried by a vote 3-0, Supervisor Specht abstained.*

2008 BUDGET: The fire department requested a 20 percent increase in their budget for next year. Supervisor Specht said the Town could live with an 11 or 12 percent increase. The fire department and the library board will both attend the next meeting. Supervisor Specht explained that he had included a 3 percent raise for everyone and asked the Board members to check the work sheets for salaries and anything else the members may question.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP: This group has requested the use of the Transfer Station to hand our forms and to collect new sleeping bags and/or donations for charity. *On the assumption there is no additional cost to the Town, Councilman Miller made a motion to allow the Presbyterian youth group to use the Transfer Station on October 13, 20 and November 3, Councilwoman Baker seconded it and it carried by a vote 4-0.*

REPORTS:

Courts: Supervisor Specht reported that the Unified Court System Eighth Judicial District has ordered that Justice Donald R. Kunego will handle all matters that come before the court until Justice Kolmetz is able to resume his duties. (Justice Kolmetz is ill at this point)

County: The Genesee County Office of Emergency Management Services is seeking a solution for the declining of emergency services in the county. To this end, a kick-off meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11 at the Fire Training Center. Councilman Miller may attend that meeting.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Roggow included an inventory of Highway machinery, tools and equipment, and recommends the purchase of a single-axle medium-duty dump/plow truck. He also stated that about twenty-four people, other than those involved, attended the Town Garage open house. Monroe Piping and Sheet Metal sent someone out to the garage last week and Superintendent Roggow is hoping that visit will help to get the certificate of occupancy for the garage. The end of Evans Road will be discussed at the next meeting.

Building Committee: Supervisor Specht made the architects plans for the Town offices in the Village building available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman McCartney brought up the Townline Road resident's retention pond Supervisor Specht will draft a letter telling the owner to restore the retention pond, unblock the pipe, remove the concrete blocks and taper the banks; he'll have the lawyer make suggestions for the letter. He also stated that deed restrictions need to be in place. Nancy Bailey, the librarian, has requested health insurance. The Town Board gives money to the Library Board which does the hiring and determines the use of the money. Supervisor Specht explained that only Town employees who receive medical insurance are the Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent and Highway employees. After seeing if there is anything in place, Supervisor Specht will compose a policy regarding health insurance to be approved at the next meeting.

A secretary is needed for the Planning and Zoning Boards.

A Change in the banking institutions should be considered.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the trail use and maintenance request of the Sleds of Stafford, Councilman McCartney seconded it and it carried by a vote 4-0.

The Genesee County Sheriff was called about a door-to-door salesman in the area. The Town at this point does not require a permit for door-to-door salesman.

Paul List has resigned effective October 31.

The roof of the Town Hall is in need of repair and the question is how much should be spent when the future use of the building is undetermined.

NEXT MEETING will be Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom, with audit of the bills at 7:15.

ADJOURNMENT was at 9:29 p.m. on a motion by Councilman McCartney, seconded by Councilman Baker and carried by a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Stewart, Deputy Town Clerk