

The Bergen Town Board convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall with Supervisor Cunningham presiding.

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Donald Cunningham  
Councilman Brian Stone  
Councilwoman Belinda Grant  
Ernest Haywood  
Daniel VanValkenburg

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Michele M. Smith, Town Clerk  
Mike Johnson, Highway Superintendent  
Dave Mason, ZEO/CEO  
Anne Sapienza (Arriv. 7:51)

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Barry Miller  
John Murray  
Charlie Redinger  
Tom Tiefel  
Gary Donofrio

**PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**Privilege of the Floor –**

Barry Miller of the Bergen Fire Department, presented a proposal for a sign in front of Fire Hall.  
Town Historian Tom Tiefel gave an update on the Stone Church Museum moving to the barn delayed due to a head stone that was found on the property and needs restoration, he stated the highway crew was a big help. The second floor of the barn needs replacement before the second floor can be used for storage. *Councilman Stone made a motion for the Historian to purchase plywood for the second floor of the barn not to exceed \$125 from the buildings account; seconded by Councilwoman Grant and it carried by a vote 5-0.*

**MINUTES:** *Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the minutes of the Year End Meeting December 30, 2014 and the Organizational meeting January 2, 2015; seconded by Councilwoman Grant and it carried by a vote 5-0.*

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisors Report for December 2014  
Summary Spreadsheets for December 2014  
Town Clerk's Report for December 2014 and Annual Report for 2014  
ZEO/CEO Report for December 2014  
Email notifications & proposal from Level1 PC, Re: Locked/Outdated Router  
Email from Gregg Torrey, Re: Interest in Assessor appointment  
Notification from NYS Dept. of Public Service, Re: Energy Modernization Initiative  
Retainer Letter from Daniel Bryson, Partner, Lacy Katzen LLP

**REPORTS:**

ZEO/CEO: Nothing to report

HIGHWAY: Nothing to report

TOWN CLERK'S DECEMBER 2014 REPORT: *Councilwoman Grant made a motion to file the Town Clerk's December 2014 report; seconded by Councilman Haywood and it carried by a vote 5-0.*

**COMMITTEES:**

BUILDINGS: Tentatively scheduled for January 26th at 5:30 pm

**HIGHWAY & PARKS:** Councilman VanValkenburg is getting familiar with the past and current projects and will schedule a meeting soon.

**VILLAGE RELATIONS:** Nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Board of Assessment Review Appointment** Councilman Haywood made a motion to appoint Gordon Seward to the Board of Assessment Review; seconded by Councilman VanValkenburg and it carried by a vote 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Level1 PC proposal** Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the proposal from Level1 PC for \$610 breakdown from A1220.4 & A1680.4; seconded by Councilwoman Grant and it carried by a vote 5-0.

**Approval for Celebration Expense** Councilwoman Grant made a motion to approve the celebration expense for Justice & Court Clerk Kunego not to exceed \$500 from Justice Fund; seconded by Councilman VanValkenburg and it carried by a vote 5-0.

**Approval of Professional Service Agreement with GAR Associates** Councilman Haywood made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Professional Service Agreement with GAR Associates for Commercial Property Assessment for \$6,800; seconded by Councilman Stone and it carried by a vote 5-0.

**Town Attorney Retainer** Councilwoman Grant made a motion to accept the annual retainer letter for service from Daniel Bryson from Lacy Katzen for \$3,000 for 2015; seconded by Councilman VanValkenburg and it carried by a vote 5-0.

**BILLS:** The bills were presented for audit and totaled General A Fund \$75,694.25; General B Fund \$10,261.84; Highway DB \$65,115.52; Fire District \$74,732.18. Councilman Stone made a motion to pay the January bills; seconded by Councilman Haywood and it carried by a vote 5 -0.

**REGULAR MEETING** – Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Courtroom

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilman Stone made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:51 pm to discuss Assessor appointment to include Assessor Anne Sapienza; seconded by Councilman VanValkenburg and it carried by a vote 5-0. Councilman Stone made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:52 pm; seconded by Councilman VanValkenburg and it carried by a vote 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT** was at 8:53pm on a motion by Councilwoman Grant; seconded by Councilman VanValkenburg and carried by a vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted

*Michele M. Smith*

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Town Clerk