

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

PRESENT:

Supervisor John Specht
Councilman Donald Cunningham
Councilman Hugh McCartney
Councilman Barry Miller (arrived 9:06)
Councilwoman Rachael Millspaugh

ALSO PRESENT:

Michele M. Smith, Town Clerk
Dave Roggow, Highway Superintendent

ATTENDEES:

Michael Valencia
John Murray
Kevin Finnell
Bernadette Thompson
Rob Swapceinski
Don Kunego
Barbara Kunego

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Michael Valencia owner of C & C Archery expressed an interest in the old highway garage to relocate his business. The board wants to check into leasing arrangements, appraisal and zoning of the property.

Justices Kunego & Swapceinski addressed the board on the 2009 budget.

MINUTES: *Councilman McCartney made a motion to approve the minutes of September 29, 2008; Councilwoman Millspaugh seconded it and it carried by a vote 4 -0.*

COMMUNICATIONS:

Budget report thru September 2008
Bob Patterson's September report
2009 Preliminary Budget with latest modifications
Salary increase request from Court Prosecutor Finnell
Court Receipts comparison by Justices
Assemblyman Hawley's letter to Mr. O'Buckley regarding Rt. 262/Byron Road Intersection
Letter of interest in appointment to Library Board
Latest (2nd revision) NYS Retirement Fund projected bill for 2009. Actual bill next month

REPORTS:

TOWN CLERK'S & SUPERVISOR'S AUGUST REPORTS *Councilman McCartney made a motion to file the Town Clerk's and Supervisor's September reports, seconded by Councilman Cunningham and it carried by a vote 5 -0.*

UNION CONTRACT Councilman Miller had nothing new to report on the union contract.

OLD BUSINESS:

TOWN HALL ROOF REPAIR BID SPECS Councilman Miller said that Chatfield engineers should have bid specs prepared for the October 28th meeting.

FURTHER PRELIMINARY BUDGET MODIFICATION Councilman Cunningham stated that the Town Board would like no increase for the 2009 budget.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LETTER OF INTENT *Councilman Cunningham made a motion in anticipation of receiving the letter of intent to lease of a portion of the Fire Hall to give Supervisor Specht permission to sign the letter of intent; Councilwoman Millspaugh seconded it and it carried by a vote 3-0, with Councilmen Miller and McCartney abstaining.*

UPDATE OF TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICY Councilman McCartney made a motion to adopt changes made to the travel and reimbursement policy of December 2006; Councilman Miller seconded it and it carried by a vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2009 BUDGET HEARING Councilman McCartney made a motion to set the 2009 Budget and Fire Department hearings for November 6, 2008 at 7:30 in the courtroom; Councilman Miller seconded it and it carried by a vote 5-0.

OLD WEST SHORE TRACKS Councilman McCartney said that Jim Duval from County Planning contacted him about the old west shore trail on extending the trail to Route 19 with a cost of \$50,000 for the Town of Bergen.

WATER DISTRICT Councilman Cunningham asked if there is any new information from Chatfield Engineers on the Peachey Road water district. Supervisor Specht said there has not been anything to report from Chatfield Engineers.

GRANT WRITER Councilman Miller made a motion to secure the services of a grant writer for shared services grants; Councilman Cunningham seconded it and it carried by a vote 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: The bills were presented for audit and totaled General A Fund \$19,078.30 vouchers #247-285, General B Fund \$107,529.00, vouchers #90-101, Highway DB \$19,942.88 vouchers #113-127, PA-A \$2,661.77 vouchers #28-30, PA-DB \$3,217.32 voucher # 3, PA-A \$369.77 vouchers #31-33. Councilman Millspaugh made a motion to pay the October bills, seconded by Councilman Cunningham and it carried by a vote 5-0.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom

ADJOURNMENT was at 10:18 p.m. on a motion by Councilman McCartney, seconded by Councilwoman Millspaugh and carried by a vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Smith,
Town Clerk