

**Town of Bergen Planning Board  
Minutes for November 22, 2011  
Bergen Town Hall**

**Present:** Gary Fink, Bill Robinson, Norm Pawlak, Dominick Camelio, Kathi McLaughlin, and Belinda Grant Alt.

**Not Present:** Mark Gerhardy and Scott Householder

**Also Present:** Dave Mason and Brad Wall

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fink at 7:00 p.m. A motion to approve the September 2011 minutes with changes was made by Dominick Camelio, seconded by Norm Pawlak, voted and carried. Belinda Grant will be counted as a voting member due to the absence of Mark and Scott.

**Brad Wall – Special Use Permit** Brad Wall is going through the process of obtaining a Special Use Permit for 7885 Clinton St. Rd. The applicant, Devin Jessop, is planning on opening a graphics business in an existing building located on the lot. A new application was filled out by Brad Wall at the meeting and a Public Hearing was set up for December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**Old/New Business**

- There has been ongoing discussion regarding automatic approval of subdivisions as building lots. The thought of most members is that it shouldn't be forced upon the applicant if he/she isn't planning to build. Chairman Fink had spoke to a member of the County Board and they too agreed that it wasn't necessary to make that approval unless there were plans to build. Mr. Pawlak stated that in the past, all subdivisions that met the requirements of a "building lot" were approved as "building lots." The question is do we keep practicing what has always been practiced or do adjustments need to be made to our process? Mr. Pawlak will be calling the County Board to further discuss this with them.

- Dave Mason discussed a permit for a temporary structure located on 7665 Swamp Road. The applicant is Wayne Sherman whose house burnt down on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The permit is for 90 days and will expire on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Dave informed him that he will need to be present at the Planning Board meeting in January to extend his permit.
- Due to Belinda Grant leaving the Planning Board and joining the Town Board, there will be a need for an alternate member to fill her spot.

No further discussion took place.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathi McLaughlin, seconded by Bill Robinson, voted and carried. The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Smith, secretary

Cc: Michelle Smith, Town Clerk