

NOVEMBER 25, 2008 BERGEN TOWN BOARD REGULAR 2nd MEETING

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 Barry Miller
Councilman Hugh McCartney
Councilwoman Rachael Millspaugh

ALSO PRESENT:

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

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Chuck Dodson
Kristen Gordon
Stephen Gordon

Marilyn Britt
Donald Britt
Nancy Bailey

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

MINUTES: *Councilman Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes of November 11, 2008; Councilman Miller seconded it and it carried by a vote 4 -0. Councilwoman Millspaugh abstained.*

COMMUNICATIONS:

Second half of 2008 Mortgage Tax letter & copy of check
Supervisor Specht's analysis of the last 5 years Mortgage Tax payments
Paul Chatfield's meeting summary from his presentation at the November 11th meeting
Valderama drainage issue – Paul Chatfield's letter to Supervisor Specht
Valerama drainage issue – Dan Bryson's letter to Judge Kunego
Freed Maxick & Battaglia's 2007 Audit Report
Town's Corrective Action Plan for audit deficiencies
Lacy Katzen's response to auditor's letter
E-mails from Paul Chatfield and Stu Brown on Peachey Road Water District It was determined that a SEQR should be prepared and adopted by the Town Board prior to opening the public hearing on December 10th.

REPORTS:

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Roggow had nothing to report.
UNION CONTRACT: Councilman Miller had nothing to report.
CSX REFUSAL TO COMPLY with the towns Highway Work Permit process on Dublin and Jerico roads. Dan Bryson sent a letter to CSX to refrain from commencing this project at this time. Superintendent Roggow received faxed application as of this meeting. Daniel Bryson advised Town Supervisor Specht to let them proceed with their work and then file a claim after the fact.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of Draft Lease with Fire Department
Review of mileage reimbursement Councilman Miller made a motion to adjust the mileage rate to \$.425 for the remainder of 2008; Councilwoman Millspaugh seconded it and it carried by vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Travel Requests February Association of Towns Annual Meeting from Town Clerk Smith and Councilmen Cunningham, Miller and Councilwoman Millspaugh. *Councilman Cunningham made a motion to approve the Travel requests of Town Clerk Smith and Councilmen Cunningham, Miller and Councilwoman Millspaugh for the February 15-18, 2009 Association of Towns Annual Meeting; Councilwoman Millspaugh seconded it and it carried by a vote 5-0*

Electrical Inspectors Salaries: *Councilman Cunningham made a motion to establish different salaries for Electrical Inspectors William Sovocool and William Tower; Councilman McCartney seconded it and it carried by a vote 5-0.*

TOWN OF BERGEN
2008 RESOLUTION NO. 13

WHEREAS, Mr. William Sovocool and Mr. William Tower represent the Town of Bergen as equally paid Electrical Inspectors with 2008 annual salary of \$1,180.00 each, and

WHEREAS, electrical inspection work has been shared equally in the past, and

WHEREAS, Mr. William Sovocool now wishes to perform his duties at a reduced level as a step toward his anticipated retirement and suggests a proportionally reduced salary, and

WHEREAS, Mr. William Tower has agreed to an increase workload **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Bergen authorizes the 2009 annual salary for Mr. William Sovocool to be \$981.60 and for Mr. William Tower to be \$1,472.40

Executive Session *Councilman McCartney made a motion to go into executive session at 8:49 to discuss the Fire Contract with the board only in attendance; Councilman Cunningham seconded and it carried by a vote 5-0.*

Councilman Miller made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:21 p.m.; Councilman McCartney seconded it and it carried by a vote 5-0.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting - Tuesday December 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom with the audit of the bills at 7:15 p.m.

December 10, 2008 - Public Hearing for Peachey Road Water District at Bergen Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT *was at 9:22 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Miller; seconded by Councilman Cunningham and it carried by a vote 5 -0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Smith,
Town Clerk