

November 27, 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
Councilman Hugh McCartney
 “ Donald Cunningham
 “ Barry Miller
Councilwoman Julie Baker

ALSO:

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

Other Attendees:

Lori Nelson
Anne Sapienza

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Lori Nelson needs Town Board authorization to transfer money between Town funds *Councilman Miller made a motion to authorize Town Bookkeeper Lori Nelson to transfer money between Town of Bergen funds; Councilman Cunningham seconded it and it carried by a vote 5 -0.*

MINUTES: *Councilman Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13; Councilwoman Baker seconded it and carried by a vote 5 -0.*

COMMUNICATIONS:

Jeff VanSkiver's notice of resignation from Black Creek Watershed Advisory Committee
City of Batavia's proposed 3 year ambulance contract – Will not be approved at tonight's meeting
Document listing changes from present ambulance contract
City of Batavia policy for fire department and ambulance resource management
Request from Judge Kunego for court help
Court order permitting no unauthorized access to justices' office

REPORTS:

UNION CONTRACT: Meeting with union representative 4:00 on the December 6th
BUILDING COMMITTEE: Councilman Cunningham gave a report of the Tulley Building Committee: The committee feels the public needs to be informed, and other options should be considered as both Tulley building schemes still leave the town with inadequate space. The committee further suggested that a new committee be formed to look at other possibilities. Anne Sapienza suggested a public mailing to explain the Town's ongoing space problem and inform the public about the current status of the building owned both by the town and village. Chairman Cunningham recommended the Town Board keep the Tulley Building possibility open as a viable alternative to the defeated building proposition in 2004. The Town Board agreed to continue pursuing the Tulley Building project with the intent to inform town residents and request feedback. The Town Board further agreed to request the Village Board allow us until 01/22/08 and set this date for a public information meeting at the Fire Hall at 7:30 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building Maintenance Councilman Cunningham asked about garbage out by the bar n and patching roof, there are leaks in the courtroom. We will have John Murray check on the problems. Supervisor Specht suggested to the Board that the Town have an engineer look at the structure of the building to see if it can handle weight of trusses, the Board agreed.

Peachey Road Water District Councilman Cunningham asked for an update on the water district mailing. Supervisor Specht said he was working on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Change of Locks on Town Hall Councilman Miller made a motion to change locks in the Town Hall; Councilman Cunningham seconded it and it carried by vote 5-0. Hugh McCartney will be working with Town Clerk to make the changes and decide who gets keys to what offices.

Resolution to request aid for Justice Kunego Councilman Cunningham made a motion to pass the resolution to request that the 8th Judicial District provide a Town Justice to assume the duties of Justice Kolmetz effective January 1, 2008; it was seconded by Councilman McCartney and it carried by a vote 5-0.

TOWN OF BERGEN
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; the Town of Bergen has had only one Town Justice since September 14, 2007 due to Town Justice Kolmetz's illness and inability to hold court sessions, and

WHEREAS; Town Justice Kunego has requested the Bergen Town Board to provide relief for his overload caused by his presiding over Town Court at four (4) sessions per calendar month, and

WHEREAS; it is within the 8th Judicial District's power to provide aid in similar situations, NOW,
THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED; that the Bergen Town Board requests that the 8th Judicial District provide a Town Justice to assume the duties of Justice Kolmetz to be effective in the 2008 calendar year until such time as Justice Kolmetz is capable of resuming his courtroom duties

END OF YEAR MEETING December 29, 2007 at 11:00 AM. in the Court Room.

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING January 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Court Room.

NEXT MEETING Joint meeting with Village Board on Monday, December 3, 2007 at the Bergen Presbyterian Church at 7:00 PM.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING will be Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. with audit of the bills at 7:15 PM in the Courtroom.

ADJOURNMENT was at 9:38 p.m. on a motion by Councilman McCartney; seconded by Councilman Baker and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Smith,
Town Clerk