

**December 10, 2007**

**Bergen Town Board**

**Special Meeting**

The Bergen Town Board and the Village of Bergen Trustees convened for a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Bergen First Presbyterian Church to discuss the Tulley Building.

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor John Specht  
Councilman Hugh McCartney  
“ Donald Cunningham  
“ Barry Miller  
Town Clerk, Michele M. Smith

**ABSENT:**

Councilwoman Julie Baker

**Other Attendees:**

Wayne Bailey	Stacey Brown	Ray McConnell
Ann Marie Barclay	Ginny Adams	Kelly Hallenbeck
Paul Cooper	Robert Bausch	Tally Almquist
Holden DP Miller	Tom Williamson	Dick VonBergen
Jerry Sheridan	Elizabeth Smith	Marilyn Britt
Robert Smith	Anne Sapienza	Glen Lawrence

The Village of Bergen Mayor, Wayne Bailey opened the meeting at 7:07 PM explaining that both the Village and the Town of Bergen’s building committees met with Stu Brown on November 19<sup>th</sup> and after that meeting that Councilman Cunningham notified Anne Marie Barclay that the Town could not go any further and needed at least another 60 days to inform the public at a public meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Recognizing that a permissive referendum would be necessary to borrow funds for a project the Town building committee felt it imperative to allow the public to voice their concerns and support or lack of support for a joint project. Mayor Bailey stated the Village board had discussed this issue and didn’t want to wait any longer they have already been working on the project for 1 ½ years and needed to move on and wanted to know what the Town’s plans were after the public meeting. The Town’s building committee explained that they want to do this project the right way and they need to inform the public about what is going on and send out a mailing to all town residents with pictures and information about the all the properties involved and get feedback from the public. The Town owns 4 properties and needs to figure out what to do with everything not just focus on the Tulley building.

**Comments and Concerns:**

Barry Miller stated that he believes most residents don’t even know that the Village bought the Tulley building.

Is the Town going to be a tenant in the Tulley building?

Possibly the Town will rent space for \$1.

Maintenance of the Building would be proportion to the space of each entity. Joint areas such as the court room would be shared equally.

How are packages going to be put together?

Will the public meeting show scenarios for both the Village and the Town? Virginia Adams felt that if the meeting was opened up to many different ideas it would deviate from the main purpose of seeing if the public is open to the Town moving offices into the Tully building.

What direction will the town proceed after the public meeting?

What grants are available?

Space issues need to be resolved.

Mayor Bailey stated that there would be no increase in taxes to the Village property owners due to this project. The Village does not pay a tax increase because of the project.

It is estimated by Supervisor Specht that The Town would have approximately a 20% tax increase due to the project.

### **Results of meeting**

The Mayor polled the Village Board of Trustees and they agreed to the public meeting as long as the Village and the Town do it jointly and have Anne Marie Barclay and Don Cunningham lead the meeting and explain all the scenarios to the public. The Village also wants the Town to have a specific plan after the public meeting. The public meeting will be held January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Bergen Fire Hall at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Smith,  
Bergen Town Clerk