

APRIL 9, 2013

BERGEN TOWN BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

The Bergen Town Board convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall with Supervisor Cunningham presiding.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Donald Cunningham
Councilman Hugh McCartney
Councilman Joe Nenni
Councilman Brian Stone
Councilwoman Belinda Grant

ALSO PRESENT:

Michele M. Smith, Town Clerk
David Mason, ZEO/CEO
Mike Johnson, Highway Superintendent

OTHER ATTENDEES:

John Murray
Grace Gallivan

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

MINUTES: *Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2013; seconded by Councilman Nenni and it carried by a vote 5 -0.*

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisors Report for February & March 2013
February & March 2013 summary spreadsheet
Town Clerk's Report for March 2013
Letter of interest for Planning Board appointment from Anne Sapienza
Letter from Assemblyman Steve Hawley
Letter & Payment Application #3 details for Peachey Road Water District
Sample Resolution for support of NYS Assembly Bills A.88 & A.824
Zoning & Code Enforcement Log Sheet for March 2013
Email request from Library Director for carpet cleaning

REPORTS:

HIGHWAY/TRANSFER STATION: The Highway crew is gearing up for spring work; Jeff has met requirements for NYS Inspection.

ZEO/CEO: Dublin Road property was cleaned up over the weekend. Seven Eleven project – Planning Board is looking into DOT recommendations.

SUPERVISOR'S FEBRUARY & MARCH 2013 AND TOWN CLERK'S MARCH 2013 REPORT: *Councilman Nenni made a motion to file the Town Clerk's March 2013 report; seconded by Councilman McCartney and it carried by a vote 5-0.*

COMMITTEES:

BUILDINGS: *Councilman Stone made a motion to accept the changes to Building maintenance Job Description; seconded by Councilman Nenni and it carried by a vote 5 -0.* The pole light in the Town Hall parking lot is being looked into by the Fire Department. John Murray will get a quote for carpet cleaning and waxing of tile floor at 13 S. Lake Ave. Exterior lights have been changed at the Town Hall parking lot.

HIGHWAY/PARKS: The committee met April 2nd discussion on: baseball field work, Peggy Swapcienski is looking into grants, fencing the perimeter of Robins Brook Park, tour of Drew's Nature Center; next meeting is scheduled for May 7th at 7:00 pm at Gillam-Grant.

VILLAGE RELATIONS: Meeting cancelled April 2nd due to Joint meeting March 26th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Peachey Road Water District – work progressed to Creamery Road along with boring under creek; project meeting scheduled for April 12th at 9:00 am.

NEW BUSINESS:

Village Emergency Response Plan Supervisor Cunningham stated that some editing needs to be done and sent to the County to review before it is adopted by the Town.

Newsletter Bulk mailing the next newsletter was discussed. *Councilman Stone made a motion to send out the next newsletter in bulk; seconded by Councilman McCartney and it carried by a vote 5-0.* The bulk permit will be looked into.

Peachey Rd. Water District Payment Application #3 *Councilman McCartney made a motion for the Peachey Road Water District payment application #3 for \$219,744.60 to Mar-Wal Construction included in the April bills; seconded by Councilwoman Grant and carried by a vote 5-0.*

Planning Board Appointment *Councilman Nenni made a motion for Alt. John Skomski to be made a full Planning Board member; seconded by Councilwoman Grant and it carried by a vote 5 -0. Councilman Stone made a motion to appoint Anne Sapienza as Alternate to the Planning Board member; seconded by Councilman Nenni and it carried by a vote 4-1.*

Vacant Structure Resolution *Councilman Nenni offered Resolution #10-2013 in support of NYS Assembly Bills A.88 & A.824; seconded by Councilman Stone and it carried by a vote 5-0.*

**RESOLUTION #10-2013
SUPPORT FOR New York STATE CONTACT
INFORMATION FOR VACANT STRUCTURES**

WHEREAS, vacant, abandoned and foreclosed home and structures have proliferated throughout New York State over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, vacant structures that are not maintained for months at a time degrade and depreciate the value of the vacant structure as well as the value of surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, lending institutions that hold mortgages on said vacant structures do not always provide the contact information of a responsible party; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A.88 and Assembly Bill A.824, currently pending, would make it mandatory for lending institutions to provide contact information of responsible parties regarding vacant structures and require good faith in obtaining a foreclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT that the Bergen Town Board hereby supports the passage of said bills; and it be

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of said resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senator Michael Ranzenhofer, Assemblyman Steven Hawley and Assemblyman Michael Kearns.

BILLS: The bills were presented for audit and totaled General A Fund \$31,798.59 vouchers #86-121, General B Fund \$1,251.74 vouchers #27-32; Highway DB \$8,018.33 vouchers #26-37; H5-Peachey Rd. Water \$235,196.60 vouchers #5-7; Town Hall Relocation \$990.00 voucher #1; PA-A4 \$6,779.88 vouchers #6 & 7; PA-DB1 \$304.59 voucher #1 . *Councilman Nenni made a motion to pay the April bills; seconded by Councilman McCartney and it carried by a vote 5-0.*

REGULAR MEETING – Tuesday, March 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Courtroom

ADJOURNMENT was at 8:07 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Nenni; seconded by Councilwoman Grant and carried by a vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted

Michele M. Smith

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Town Clerk