

APRIL 28, 2015 BERGEN TOWN BOARD REGULAR 2nd 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 Brian Stone
Councilwoman Belinda Grant
Ernest Haywood
Daniel VanValkenburg

ALSO PRESENT:

Susan Brownell, Deputy Town Clerk
Mike Johnson, Highway Superintendant
David Mason, ZEO/CEO

ABSENT:

Michele Smith, Town Clerk

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Jodi Laird	Debbie Laird
P. Robert Fox	Tina Wilcox
Mary Volpe	John Volpe
Barry Miller	Gary Donofrio

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR:

EMS Chief Barry Miller presented options for Fire Department sign with an estimate cost between \$17,000 - \$18,000 with the Fire Department would be in control of the sign and is asking the town to share a portion of the cost. NYS DOT says that businesses would not be allowed to rent to advertise, local churches would be allowed to use it one time a year to advertise an event. The sign at the Library should be finished soon.

Bob Fox of EFP Rotenberg summarized the 2014 Financial Report. He says that the town will soon be receiving this in a monthly report.

MINUTES: Changes to be made to April 14, 2015 minutes under Executive Session are "history of town employees" from "history of a town employee". *Councilman Stone made a motion to change and approve the minutes of April 14, 2015; seconded by Councilwoman Grant and carried by a vote 4-0. Councilman Haywood abstained*

COMMUNICATIONS:

Email notification of AUD submission from NYS OSC.

Mercy EMS Report for March 2015

Municipal Shelter Inspection Report from NYS Ag. & Markets

Dog Control Officer Inspection Report from NYS Ag. & Markets

Copy of letter from Bergen Historical Society President to Town Historian Re: Harford Museum

Land Use request from Sleds of Stafford for 2015-2016 Season

FROM THE FLOOR:

John Volpe from Attica, NY addressed concerns about a Bergen business that is spreading raw sewage in a field. He asked if we had a zoning law for land application of raw sewage (untreated) and Dave said he could not find one. There is no accumulative testing done on fields that have raw sewage spread on them. Over time, these fields can turn into "brown fields" where the DEC deems them so polluted that they cannot be used for anything. Mr. Volpe said that Stafford has a law against the spreading of raw sewage, but it is not a perfect law. He has been in contact with Steve Hawley as well. John's phone number is 585-591-9272 if there are any questions.

BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS FOR ADDITION TO THE AGENDA:

Assessor Mailbox Councilman Stone proposed an exterior locked mailbox to be placed at 13 South Lake Avenue for the Assessor. He would like to spend \$256.48 at Wayfair.com to purchase the mailbox. *Councilman Haywood made a motion to approve the purchase of the mailbox that the Highway Department would install at 13 South Lake Ave.; seconded by Councilwoman Grant and carried by a vote 5-0.*

Comprehensive Plan Supervisor Cunningham suggested that the Town do a mailing of black and white postcards advertising the upcoming dates for the Town and Village of Bergen 2015 Comprehensive Plan Meetings. *Councilwoman Grant made a motion to authorize the expense to mail the postcards not to exceed \$500; seconded by Councilman VanValkenburg and carried by a vote 5-0.*

Town of Leroy Grant Supervisor Cunningham reported that the town of Leroy applied for "America's Best Community Grant" through Frontier Communications. He supported them by sending a letter. He learned today that Leroy made it through the "first round".

United Way Day of Caring is set for May 13th and Supervisor Cunningham will be out of town. Councilman Stone agreed to supervise that day.

REPORTS:

HIGHWAY/SOLID WASTE: Mike will be purchasing 3 - 4 square yards of mulch for the United Way Day of Caring. The old trailer will go up for auction 5/1/15 and the new trailer has been ordered. All highway Department employees are going to the DEC to the Hogweed Training.

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Thursday, 4/30/15 is the public hearing for International Auto Auction at the Town Planning Board Meeting. Liberty Pumps - Stage 3 plans. Councilman Stone has received numerous complaints about a pool at 7665 Swamp Road Property.

COMMITTEES:

BUILDINGS: Meeting scheduled for 5/11/15

PARKS: Meeting scheduled for 5/5/15

VILLAGE RELATIONS: Joint Committee meeting 5/26/15 at 6:30 pm in the Courtroom.

OLD BUSINESS:

Assessor Interviews Candidates Saturday 5/2/15 starting at 8:00 am.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sleds of Stafford Request Councilman Stone suggested tabling this for a later date.

NEXT MEETING:

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom with the audit of the bills at 6:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT was at 8:36 pm on a motion by Councilman Stone; seconded by Councilman VanValkenburg and carried by a vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Brownell

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Deputy Town Clerk