

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 JOINT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BERGEN AND BERGEN TOWN BOARD

The Bergen Town Board convened in a regular session at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall with Supervisor Cunningham and Mayor Barclay presiding.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Donald Cunningham
Councilman Brian Stone
Councilwoman Belinda Grant
Councilman Ernest Haywood
Councilman Daniel VanValkenburg

ALSO PRESENT:

Michele M. Smith, Town Clerk
Mike Johnson, Highway Superintendant
Dave Mason, ZEO/CEO
Rhonda Saulsbury, Assessor

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Mayor Anna Marie Barclay
Deputy Mayor Kevin Donovan
Trustee Paul Cooper
Trustee Emily VanEenwyk
Trustee Robert Fedele
Jim Pascarella
Robert Bausch

Cortney Gale, Village Administrator
John Murray
Joe Nenni
Grace Gallivan
Vicky Almquist
Eric Wies

PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

REGULAR TOWN BOARD SESSION began at 6:33 pm

MINUTES: *Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the September 8, 2015 minutes; seconded by Councilman VanValkenburg and it carried by a vote 4 -0. Councilman Haywood abstained*

COMMUNICATIONS:

Notice from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Re: Notice of Complete Application for Mill Seat Landfill Mercy EMS Report for August 2015
Invitation to YMCA "Partner Agencies Breakfast
Notice of Disability Education & Awareness Training for Municipalities
Letter from Cornell Cooperative Ext. inviting sponsorship of Town Clerk, Michele Smith to Leadership Genesee 2016

REPORTS:

HIGHWAY/SOLID WASTE: Mike met with NYDOT they are cutting the Snow & Ice Contract 30% bringing it to \$.3678 a mile; options are go to time & material, lump sum or to give back the roads to the State. New Loader: \$190,000 John Deere & Milton Cat are State bid and same trade-in value of \$130,000, \$136,500 guarantee at Teitworth auction.

ZEO/CEO: Nothing to report

COMMITTEES:

BUILDING COMMITTEE: RFP for windows and door bid opening is set for October 6th at 4:00 pm.

PARKS COMMITTEE: Nothing to Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Time Warner Franchise Agreement Services with Cohen Law Group, Attorney Dan Cohen reviewed latest agreement and explained minimal fees, minimal protection, minimal customer service, Supervisor Cunningham encourages engaging Cohen Law Group. *Councilman Haywood made a motion to authorize Supervisor to sign the service agreement with Cohen Law Group for the Time Warner Franchise Agreement; seconded by Councilman Stone and it carried by a vote 5-0.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Leadership Genesee Sponsorship Councilman Stone made a motion to sponsor Town Clerk, Michele Smith to attend 2016 Leadership Genesee for \$2,100; seconded by Councilman Grant and it carried by a vote 5-0.

Budget Workshop Councilman Stone made a motion to set the Budget Workshop for Saturday, October 10th at 9:00 am in the Courtroom; seconded by Councilman VanValkenburg and it carried by a vote 5-0.

Library Fundraiser Councilman Stone thanked the Barley and Beer Committee on a great job raising \$15,000.

NEXT MEETING: Budget Workshop Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 9:00 am in the Courtroom

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Courtroom with the audit of the bills at 6:45 p.m.

TOWN SESSION ADJOURNMENT at 7:09 pm on a motion by Councilman Grant; seconded by Councilman Haywood and it carried by a vote 5 -0.

JOINT SESSION BEGAN at 7:10 pm

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Bergen Fire Department Budget Eric Wies, President – calls are up 15%; 2016 Budget request increase of \$9,398.55 for the Town.

America's Best Communities Mayor Barclay gave an update - Field to Fork event raised \$10,600; Camoin will issue a report in November

Comprehensive Plan Committee Update Vicky Almquist gave an update- Labella has produced a rough draft, the committee plans on having this phase done by the end of the year.

Town Updates Supervisor Cunningham gave an update - Budget process, new Assessor, Parks, Library Grant – driveway, parking lot, windows and door replacement.

Village Updates Mayor Barclay gave an update - Road survey; Electric building complete, LED lights; Church Street property-moving community garden; Parks – 1/3 mile track, Disc Golf course- under brush, bridges, summer recreation program; Drainage study.

Assessor Rhonda Saulsbury was introduced and gave an update - 100% equalization rate; countywide statistics; GAR Associates meeting; 2016 Farm land values; exemption renewals.

Genesee County Legislator Robert Bausch gave an update - County nursing home has been sold for \$15,200,000; water volume issue in the county; new Airport terminal – higher demand for gas, hanger space, north side fence to be moved too close to runway; reorganize county – losing employees from nursing home, bed tax strong, Public relations from America's Best Communities- Shelly Stein Library Fundraiser; new County Clerk and County Justice; communications.

JOINT Session ended at 8:17 pm

VILLAGE SESSION began at 8:17 pm Village Session ended at 8:21 pm

VILLAGE/TOWN JOINT SESSION ADJOURNMENT at 8:21 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Smith

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Town Clerk