

**Town Board Meeting
Town of Bergen
July 12, 2016**

I Audit of the bills 6:45pm, Call to Order 7:00pm.

Prayer Almighty God, grant us wisdom that we may remember as we work, that we are servants of our constituency and all our decisions should be in the best interests of the Town and its citizens, entirely unblemished by any thoughts of personal benefit. Bless us with tolerance and understanding for opinions differing from our own and help us keep an open mind in gathering information before voting on all issues. Help us overcome any ignorance of our duties and enable us to learn more of the intricacies of the roles we have assumed. May we rest assured to know You are with us and will guide us through all we do. Amen.

Pledge to the flag

II Privilege of the Floor - Felipe Oltramari, Genesee Co. Director of Planning to discuss Genesee Co. Smart Growth Plan Triannual Review & Report. (Village representatives invited to attend)

III Approval of Meeting Minutes for – June 28, 2016

IV Communications:

1. Supervisors Report for June 2016
2. Summary Spreadsheets for June 2016
3. Town Clerks Report for June 2016
4. ZEO/CEO Report for June 2016
5. Notice of Tentative Equalization Rate from NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance ORPTS
6. Email from Karen Fisher, Re: West Shore Trail complaint
7. Email notice from Assemblyman Steve Hawley, Re: Bridge Rehabilitation Program

V Board Members' items for addition to the agenda

VI Reports:

-Zoning / Code Enforcement

-Highway

-Committees

- Buildings, Grounds & Facilities.

-Discuss proposal from Triple O Mechanical

-Discuss remaining grant funds

-Parks

-Local History & Museum

-Policies & Personnel

VII Old Business:

- Set date for Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing

VIII New Business:

- Discuss West Shore Trail complaint and response.

IX Reports & Bills:

- Action to file Town Clerks & Supervisors Report.

- Detailed budget reports provided separately due to size

- Approve payment of the bills.

X Next Meeting Day: Next Meeting: Tuesday 07/26/16, 7 pm in the Courtroom.

XII Adjournment:

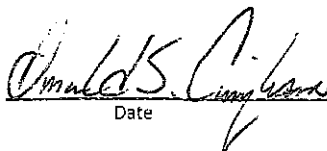
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TOWN OF BERGEN
MONTHLY REPORT OF SUPERVISOR
 June 2016

FUND #	No.	FUND	5/31/2016			6/30/2016	
			BALANCES	Increases	Decreases	BALANCES	
A	GENERAL TOWNWIDE	200	CASH - CHECKING	220,644.93	14,212.45	13,931.48	220,925.90
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	427,305.40	26,288.99	53,088.76	400,505.63
		231	CASH - CASH RESERVE	-	-	-	-
		TOTAL		647,950.33	40,501.44	67,020.24	621,431.53
B	GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	200	CASH - CHECKING	4,416.91	4,926.22	4,926.22	4,416.91
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	420,302.33	2,292.00	7,612.79	414,981.54
		TOTAL		424,719.24	7,218.22	12,539.01	419,398.45
DB	HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	200	CASH - CHECKING	102,058.39	71,564.25	71,564.25	102,058.39
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	265,302.52	-	87,970.73	177,331.79
		TOTAL		367,360.91	71,564.25	159,534.98	279,390.18
SM	FIRE DISTRICT	200	CASH - CHECKING	-	-	-	-
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	2,982.04	-	-	2,982.04
		TOTAL		2,982.04	-	-	2,982.04
SWA	DEBT SERVICE 2	200	CASH - CHECKING	-	-	-	-
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	118,578.80	60,800.00	80,000.00	99,378.80
		TOTAL		118,578.80	60,800.00	80,000.00	99,378.80
SWB	DEBT SERVICE 3	200	CASH - CHECKING	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	3,683.56	53,028.00	19,510.00	37,201.56
		TOTAL		3,683.56	55,528.00	22,010.00	37,201.56
VA	TOWN HALL RELOCATION	200	CASH - CHECKING	-	-	-	-
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	105,815.49	-	60,800.00	45,015.49
		TOTAL		105,815.49	-	60,800.00	45,015.49
VB	PEACHEY RD WATER DISTRICT	200	CASH - CHECKING	-	-	-	-
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	87,903.76	-	53,028.00	34,875.76
		TOTAL		87,903.76	-	53,028.00	34,875.76
TA	TRUST & AGENCY	200	CASH - CHECKING	40,332.61	36,805.70	40,914.66	36,223.65
		TOTAL		40,332.61	36,805.70	40,914.66	36,223.65
L	LIBRARY	200	CASH - CHECKING	186,036.50	8,489.12	7,003.16	187,522.46
		201	CASH - SAVINGS	(41,908.65)	0.69	7,003.16	(48,911.12)
		231	CASH - MONEY MARKET	20,798.91	-	-	20,798.91
		TOTAL		164,926.76	8,489.81	14,006.32	159,410.25
TOTAL ALL FUNDS				1,964,253.50	280,907.42	509,853.21	1,735,307.71

Pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all moneys received and disbursed by me during the month of:

June 2016


 Date 07/11/16 Date

Month: June 2016
Town Of Bergen Bank Reconciliation

FUND	A	B	DS	SM	SWA	SWB	L	TA	VA	VB
	Townwide	Outside Village	Hwy Outside Village	Fire District	Water District	Peachey Water District	Library	Payroll/Rec	Town Hall/Reloc	Peachey Water District
OPENING BAL										
Cash Accts										
Operating (FNB 5098)	\$ 327,120.23	\$ 4,416.91	\$ 102,058.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Payroll (FNB 5110)	\$ 40,332.61							\$ 40,332.61		
Savings (FNB 5016)	\$ 1,989,956.25	\$ 420,302.33	\$ 285,302.52	\$ 2,982.04	\$ 118,578.80	\$ 3,683.56	\$ (41,908.85)	\$ -	\$ 105,815.49	\$ 87,903.76
Rec/Park Res										
Library Checking	\$ 186,036.50						\$ 186,036.50			
Library Money Market	\$ 20,798.91						\$ 20,798.91			
Total All	\$ 1,964,253.50	\$ 424,719.24	\$ 387,360.91	\$ 2,982.04	\$ 118,578.80	\$ 3,683.56	\$ 164,926.76	\$ 40,332.61	\$ 105,815.49	\$ 87,903.76
SAVINGS										
Deposits										
Town Clerk	\$ 854.39	\$ 474.39	\$ 380.00							
Justice	\$ 12,185.00									
Interest & Penalties	\$ -			\$ -						
Mortgage Tax	\$ 13,246.78									
Refund from Thomas Reuter	\$ 280.50									
Solid Waste Tonnage		\$ 912.00								
Donation for Park		\$ 1,000.00								
Genesee City S&I										
Serv to Other Govt										
Library Contract										
Other/Reclass Taxes										
Total Deposits	\$ 25,476.67	\$ 2,292.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,026.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (60,300.00)	\$ (53,026.00)
Interest	\$ 51.16									
Trans to Operating	\$ 100,205.08	\$ 4,926.22	\$ 71,564.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,003.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trans to Payroll	\$ 35,805.70	\$ 2,666.57	\$ 16,406.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Serv Payment	\$ 118,122.50	\$ 21,112.50			\$ 80,000.00	\$ 17,010.00				
Interfund Transfer	\$ -	\$ -								
ACCT BAL	\$ 1,163,950.80	\$ 414,981.54	\$ 177,331.79	\$ 2,982.04	\$ 99,378.80	\$ 37,201.56	\$ (48,911.81)	\$ -	\$ 45,015.49	\$ 34,875.76
OPERATING										
TRANSFERS IN										
VCID C#12870	\$ 100,205.08	\$ 4,926.22	\$ 71,564.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,003.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
reclass ERS payment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DISBURSMENTS										
Abstract 6	\$ 92,985.81	\$ 4,526.22	\$ 66,768.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,003.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Year End Abstract	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pre pay	\$ 6,938.30	\$ 2,143.95	\$ 4,795.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Disb	\$ 99,924.11	\$ 4,926.22	\$ 71,564.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,003.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ACCT BAL	\$ 327,120.23	\$ 4,416.91	\$ 102,058.39	\$ 2,982.04	\$ 118,578.80	\$ 3,683.56	\$ 164,926.76	\$ 40,332.61	\$ 105,815.49	\$ 87,903.76

COLLECTION

PAYROLL		Month: June 2016				TA
		A	B	DB	VA	VB
		40,332.61			40,332.61	
DEP & TRANSFERS						
Pay 1	\$ 15,416.65	\$ 6,078.40	\$ 1,144.17	\$ 8,194.03		
Pay 2	\$ 21,369.05	\$ 11,634.25	\$ 1,542.40	\$ 8,212.40		
Pay 3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Transfer Diff	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Dep & Trans	\$ 36,805.70	\$ 17,712.65	\$ 2,686.57	\$ 16,406.48		\$ 36,805.70
DISBURSEMENTS						
Pay 1 Net Pay						
Pay 2 Net Pay						
Pay 3 Net Pay						
NYS retirement						
Payroll Tax Liabilities						
Aflac						
Union						
NYS Def Comp						
Payroll billing credit						
Total Disb	\$ 40,914.66					\$ 40,914.66
ACCT BAL	\$ 36,223.65					\$ 36,223.65
Library CHECKING	\$ 187,522.46					\$ 187,522.46
SC & Other	\$ -					
INTEREST	\$ 9.25					\$ 9.25
DEPOSITS	\$ 1,476.71					\$ 1,476.71
ACCT BAL	\$ 187,522.46					\$ 187,522.46
Library Money Market	\$ 20,799.60					\$ 20,799.60
TRANSFERS	\$ -					
INTEREST	\$ 0.69					\$ 0.69
DEPOSITS	\$ -					
ACCT BAL	\$ 20,799.60					\$ 20,799.60
CLOSING BAL						
FUND		A	B	DB	VA	VB
CASH Balance		Townwide	Outside Village	Hwy Outside Village	Fire District	Water District
Operating (FNB 5098)	\$ 327,497.20	\$ 220,925.90	\$ 4,416.91	\$ 102,058.39	\$ -	\$ -
Payroll (FNB 5110)	\$ 36,223.65					\$ 36,223.65
Savings (FNB 5016)	\$ 1,163,360.80	\$ 400,505.63	\$ 414,951.54	\$ 177,331.79	\$ 2,982.04	\$ 37,201.56
RecPark Res	\$ -					
Library Crk (BOC 1789)	\$ 187,522.46					
Library MM (FNB 6908)	\$ 20,799.60					
Total All	\$ 1,735,307.71	\$ 621,431.53	\$ 419,398.45	\$ 279,390.18	\$ 2,982.04	\$ 37,201.56
	1,735,307.71					45,015.49
						34,875.76

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
	Marriage License	Marriage License	1	17.50
			Sub-Total:	\$17.50
A1255	Clerk Fees	Certified Copies	17	170.00
	Conservation	Conservation	4	5.52
			Sub-Total:	\$175.52
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	15	75.00
		Female, Unspayed	1	18.00
		Male, Neutered	14	70.00
		Male, Unneutered	3	54.00
	Senior Discount	Senior Discount	1	-3.00
			Sub-Total:	\$214.00
B2110	Building & Zoning	Building Permit	7	525.00
		Variance	1	50.00
		Zoning	2	90.00
			Sub-Total:	\$665.00
B2115	Building & Zoning	Public Hearing	1	50.00
			Sub-Total:	\$50.00
B2130	Solid Waste	Garbage Bag	580	1,180.00
		Transfer Sta. 10.00	16	160.00
		Transfer Sta. 5.00	1	5.00
			Sub-Total:	\$1,325.00

Total Local Shares Remitted: \$2,447.02

Amount paid to: N Y State Department Of Health	22.50
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	41.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation	94.48

Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$2,605.00

Total Non-Local Revenues: \$157.98

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Michele M. Smith, Town Clerk, Town of Bergen during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor

Date

Michele M. Smith

Town Clerk

Date

Cash Receipts Report

06/30/2016
6:09:23AM

From: 06/01/2016 To: 06/30/2016

For User: All

(4)

Payment Date: 06/07/2016

Module: Permit

Transaction: BP-0010-2016

Type: Permit App

Payor: Jeffery C Wheeler

Payment Amount: \$75.00

Payment Type:

Payment #:

Payment Detail:

Check #298

00132

\$75.00

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Swimming Pool Insp	\$45.00
Zoning Permit	\$30.00

Permit Group Totals: \$75.00

06/07/2016 Group Totals: \$75.00

Payment Date: 06/14/2016

Module: Permit

Transaction: BP-0011-2016

Type: Permit App

Payor: C I R electrical

Payment Amount: \$60.00

Payment Type:

Payment #:

Payment Detail:

Check #114618

00133

\$60.00

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Solar Panels	\$60.00

Permit Group Totals: \$60.00

06/14/2016 Group Totals: \$60.00

Payment Date: 06/15/2016

Module: Permit

Transaction: BP-0012-2016

Type: Permit App

Payor: Gerald E Birge

Payment Amount: \$45.00

Payment Type:

Payment #:

Payment Detail:

Check #1897

00134

\$45.00

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Acc Structure	\$45.00

Permit Group Totals: \$45.00

06/15/2016 Group Totals: \$45.00

Payment Date: 06/20/2016

Module: Permit

Transaction: BP-0013-2016

Type: Permit App

Payor: thompson builds

Payment Amount: \$285.00

Payment Type:

Payment #:

Payment Detail:

Check #5426

00135

\$285.00

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Zoning Permit	\$60.00
1-2 Family Dwelling	\$225.00

Permit Group Totals: \$285.00

06/20/2016 Group Totals: \$285.00

Payment Date: 06/21/2016

Module: Permit

Payment Date: 06/21/2016

Module: Permit

Transaction: BP-0007-2015

Type: Permit App

Payor: Luis A Altache

Payment Amount: \$40.00

Payment Type:

Payment #:

Payment Detail:

Check #192

00136

\$40.00

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Permit Renewal	\$40.00

Permit Group Totals: \$40.00

06/21/2016 Group Totals: \$40.00

Payment Date: 06/29/2016

Module: Permit

Transaction: BP-0014-2016

Type: Permit App

Payor: John Pfalzer

Payment Amount: \$85.00

Payment Type:

Payment #:

Payment Detail:

Check #1010

00137

\$85.00

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Zoning Permit	\$30.00
Acc Structure	\$55.00

Transaction: BP-0015-2016

Type: Permit App

Payor: Kenneth R Sheard

Payment Amount: \$125.00

Payment Type:

Payment #:

Payment Detail:

Check #339

00138

\$125.00

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Public Hearing Fee	\$50.00
Application-Variance	\$50.00
Swimming Pool Insp	\$25.00

Permit Group Totals: \$210.00

06/29/2016 Group Totals: \$210.00

Totals:	
Check	\$715.00
Grand Total:	\$715.00

Town of Bergen Permit Monthly Report

From : June 01, 2016 To : June 30, 2016

<u>Document #</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Property Location</u> <u>SBL</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June						
BP-0007-2015	6/28/2016	Luis Altache	Res-Acc Structure	7725 West Bergen Rd 16-1-75	\$0.00	\$40.00
BP-0010-2016	6/7/2016	Jeffery Wheeler	Res-Swimming Pool	7101 Old State Rd 16-1-49.22	\$0.00	\$75.00
BP-0011-2016	6/14/2016	Rick Hubbard	Res-Solar Panels	7601 Clinton St Rd 17-1-54.1	\$0.00	\$60.00
BP-0012-2016	6/15/2016	Gerald Birge	Res-Acc Structure	7565 West Bergen Rd 16-1-15.111	\$0.00	\$45.00
BP-0013-2016	6/20/2016	James Oehler	Res. 1-2 Family Dwelling	7470 Clinton St Rd 14-1-18.112	\$0.00	\$285.00
BP-0014-2016	6/29/2016	Scott Householder	Res-Acc Structure	7210 Lyman Rd 16-1-79	\$0.00	\$85.00
BP-0015-2016	6/29/2016	Kenneth Sheard	Res-Swimming Pool	7571 South Lake Rd 17-1-23.2	\$0.00	\$125.00
June Total :					\$0.00	\$715.00
Reporting Period Total :					\$0.00	\$715.00
Year-to-Date :					\$0.00	\$1,405.00

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Notice of Tentative State Equalization Rate
 for the 2016 Assessment Roll

Mr. Donald Cunningham, Supervisor
 Town of Bergen
 P.O. Box 249
 Bergen, NY 14416 0249

County of Genesee
 Town of Bergen

Tentative Equalization Rate: * 100.00 *

HEARING DATE:
 7/18/16 10:00 AM

HEARING PLACE: Office of Real Property Tax
 Services
 WA Harriman State Campus
 Albany, New York

On 6/17/2016 the State Office of Real Property Tax Services established a tentative 2016 State equalization rate of 100.00 for your municipality. This equalization rate was computed using data from your municipality's tentative assessment roll. If final assessment roll data produces a significantly different rate, we will recompute the equalization rate and notify you.

The Office of Real Property Tax Services applauds your efforts to comply with the statutory standard of assessment by completing a reassessment in 2016. The tentative equalization rate is the same as the "local stated level of assessment (LOA)" declared by the assessor and displayed on your tax bills. The tentative equalization rate indicates the level at which a municipality is assessing property in relation to its full market value, as measured by the Office of Real Property Tax Services. The tentative equalization rate clearly supports your LOA.

A copy of the data reports showing the computation of the tentative State equalization rate is being sent to your assessor. If class equalization rates have been established for your assessing unit, they are provided on the attached list.

The full value standard of the tentative 2016 State equalization rate is the total full value as of July 1, 2015. The percentage change in the estimate of full value between the 2015 State equalization rate and the 2016 State equalization rate due to the change in full value standard for your municipality is 8.1%. The percentage change for the other municipalities in your county is shown on the enclosed report.

A written complaint and all evidence which you wish to submit in support of that complaint must be mailed or hand delivered to Darlene A. Maloney, Assistant to the State Board, at the Albany office of the State Board at the above address at least five days before the hearing date set forth above. The complaint must be made on the RP-6085 complaint form and signed by the chief executive officer or legal representative. Please refer to Subpart 8186-15 of the rules and the State Equalization Rate and Complaint Process booklet when preparing supporting documentation if you file a complaint. The complaint booklet is available on the Taxation and Finance website at http://www.tax.ny.gov/research/property/assess/rate_doc.htm or you may contact your ORPTS regional office or Brian Moon or Kim Lee in Equalization Support Services in Albany at (518) 474-5666.

THE COMPLAINT FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION DEADLINE IS: 7/13/2016

The hearing itself is not an adjudicatory proceeding. You will, however, have the opportunity to explain the written materials previously submitted, and/or to offer oral statements in support of your complaint. As the duly authorized representative of the State Board, the hearing officer will communicate your comments, in summary form, to the Board. Staff will review the written documentation you submitted in support of your complaint, to determine whether to recommend to the Board that changes be made in the calculation of the State equalization rate.

The State Board will meet on August 25, 2016 in Albany. We will notify you of the recommendation and the exact time and location of the Board meeting.

cc: Ms. Rhonda Saulsbury, Appointed Assessor
 Town of Bergen
 3833 West Main Street
 Batavia, NY 14020

06/27/16
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Municipal Code	Municipal Name	(A) 2015 State Equalization Rate	(B) 2016 State Equalization Rate and Status	(C) Percentage Change in Estimate of Full Value
182000	Town of Alabama	100.00	99.00 Tentative	1.01%
182200	Town of Alexander	99.00	100.00 Tentative	18.62%
182600	Town of Bergen	99.00	100.00 Tentative	8.11%
183400	Town of Elba	100.00	100.00 Tentative	0.00%
184400	Town of Stafford	100.00	100.00 Tentative	0.00%
189901	Genesee County C.A.P. #1 Town of Bethany Town of Darien Town of Pembroke	100.00	97.00 Tentative	3.09%
189902	Genesee County C.A.P. #2 City of Batavia Town of Batavia	100.00	100.00 Tentative	5.50%
189903	Genesee County C.A.P. #3 Town of Le Roy Town of Pavilion	100.00	100.00 Tentative	7.33%
189904	Genesee County C.A.P. #4 Town of Byron Town of Oakfield	100.00	100.00 Tentative	0.00%

Column C is the percentage change in the estimate of full value between the 2015 State equalization rate and the 2016 State equalization rate due to the change in full value standard.

This percentage change is important because county and school taxes are apportioned according to a municipality's share of the full value of the county or the school. A municipality will be apportioned a larger share of the tax levy if its full value increases by a larger percentage than others, or if its full value decreases less than the decrease for other municipalities in the county or school.

The information shown in columns B and C is subject to change as the other tentative rates are established in the county and as rates are finalized after the completion of rate complaint processing. You will be sent a complete report when we have established 2016 State equalization rates for all municipalities in your county.



Donald Cunningham

From: Bergen Town Clerk [bergenclerk@bergenny.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 7:56 AM
To: 'Mike Johnson'; 'Belinda Grant'; bstone@bergenny.org; Ernie Haywood; 'Mark Anderson'; supervisor@bergenny.org
Subject: West Shore Trail complaint

Name

Karen Fisher

Email

kfisher730@frontiernet.net

Phone

(585) 748-4150

Message

Dear Town Board,

I am writing to you to let you know that I am highly dissatisfied with the way the old West Shore Tracks are being utilized. Currently there are extremely loud ATVs driving back and forth, revving their engines, creating a huge dust cloud, and ruining my quality of life. This has been going on for hours. I have tried to address this situation with you in the past, and it did get much better for a period of time, but here we are again with the same issues. My family has lived in Bergen for over 70 years and my Granddaughter is the 5th generation to call Bergen home. I urge you to take some action. These are not the kids next door or neighbors. They are people from outside our community coming here to be disruptive. Please consider closing the tracks to wheeled vehicles being used by non non-permit visitors. I would be more than happy to pay a fee to use them as I do have an ATV myself. It should be noted that we do not experience any issues with snowmobiles. Please take action to make Bergen a great place to live and raise a family instead of being somewhere to get away from.

Respectfully,
Karen L. Fisher

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Donald Cunningham

From: Assemblyman Steve Hawley [hawleys@assembly.state.ny.us]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 9:04 AM
To: Eileen Banker; Steve Hawley
Subject: [Fwd: GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES \$200 MILLION BRIDGE NY PROGRAM TO REHABILITATE AND REPLACE BRIDGES THROUGHOUT THE STATE]

FYI

----- Original Message -----

Subject: GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES \$200 MILLION BRIDGE NY PROGRAM TO REHABILITATE AND REPLACE BRIDGES THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Date: Tue, 5 Jul 2016 18:50:50 +0000

From: esd.sm.nys-fingerlakes <nys-fingerlakes@esd.ny.gov>

To: esd.sm.nys-fingerlakes <nys-fingerlakes@esd.ny.gov>

References: <OF1303D4DF.F845D40A-ON85257FE7.00639444-85257FE7.00639444@chamber.state.ny.us>



For Immediate Release: 7/5/2016

GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO

GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES \$200 MILLION BRIDGE NY PROGRAM TO REHABILITATE AND REPLACE BRIDGES THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the availability of \$200 million in enhanced assistance for local governments over the next two years to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts statewide. This funding, provided through the Governor's BRIDGE NY initiative, is being administered by the New York State Department of Transportation as part of its \$21.1 billion five-year Capital Plan. The BRIDGE NY program provides emphasis on projects that address poor structural conditions; mitigate weight restrictions or long detours; facilitate economic development or increase competitiveness; and/or reduce the risk of flooding.

"Modernizing and improving transportation infrastructure is a vital component of enhancing New York's economic competitiveness," **Governor Cuomo said.** "By helping local governments make investments to ensure the safety and reliability of their bridges, the BRIDGE NY program will literally strengthen our communities and bolster their viability."

The \$200 million in BRIDGE NY funding is available to all municipalities authorized to receive and administer State and federal transportation funding. Awards will be made through a competitive process and will support all phases of project development including design, right-of-way and construction. Evaluations will be based on the resiliency of the structure, the current bridge and culvert structural conditions, and the significance and importance of the bridge based on traffic

volumes, detour considerations, the number and types of businesses served and the overall impact on commerce. ①

Applications for BRIDGE NY funding will be accepted through September 9, 2016. Applications may be found at: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/bridgeny>.

Department of Transportation Commissioner Matthew J. Driscoll said, "As a former mayor and councilor, I recognize that local bridges matter. Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, the State is taking the steps necessary to ensure that our diverse economic regions continue to grow and compete nationally and internationally."

Tracy J. Eldridge, President of the New York State County Highway Superintendents Association said "Governor Cuomo and our state legislators are to be commended for their response to the critical needs of the statewide transportation system and for initiating these new programs, PAVE NY and now BRIDGE NY. Our association has been a strong advocate for an increased multi-year funding commitment from the state for the local transportation system, one that specifically includes culvert rehabilitation and replacement. With these BRIDGE NY funds available, my colleagues and I look forward to continuing to work with the Governor and the Department of Transportation to improve the condition, safety and functionality of our aging and ailing local bridge and culvert infrastructure for the benefit of our communities and the traveling public."

Jeffrey Griswold, President of the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways, and Town of Preble Highway Superintendent, Cortland County said, "Local roads are a crucial part of the state's infrastructure. As much as half of all vehicle miles traveled in New York State are on local roads. On behalf of the more than 900 town Superintendents of Highways I want to extend our sincere appreciation to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo for his leadership in providing \$100 million this year, and in each of the next three years through the BRIDGE NY program. These funds will help us repair and maintain the more than 8,000 local bridges and thousands of culverts throughout the state. Providing these much-needed funds for local roads and bridges not only allows us to provide a safe reliable system but also sustains jobs – both public and private sectors - in highway related industries and professions."

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