

**Special Meeting followed by the
Regular Meeting
Of the Village of Bergen
Board of Trustees
March 11, 2009 at the Village Hall**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to Order by Mayor Wayne Bailey at 6:02 p.m. with the following present:

Trustee Robert Bausch
Trustee Virginia Adams arrived 6:30 pm
Trustee Paul Cooper
Trustee Anna Marie Barclay

Absent: Stacey Brown

Also present at 7:00 pm were: Tally Almquist, Joe Chimino, Tom Williamson, Jeanie Sloat and Dawn Fisher.

BUDGET REVIEW

The tentative General and Sewer budgets were provided for Board members. The Mayor inquired about the Electric budget. Joe Chimino responded that a base Electric budget should be ready for the next Board meeting on March 25.

Budget Discussion:

- The Board would like to verify whether the vehicle fuel charges, as discussed at the last budget work session, in the Sewer budget 16400 were moved to the General budget. These numbers did not look to be changed.
- The Mayor discussed whether the Parks budget could handle the improvements being planned for Carpenter Park. It was agreed that the current numbers are sufficient.
- The Community Action day Expenses line item 79894.1 in the General budget should be removed.
- The Board discussed the Gilliam Grant Community Center funding for seniors, line item 76204.1 Adult

- Recreation – Contractual and whether this line item should be reduced. No changes were made.
- The Board discussed whether the Village should reduce taxes in this budget. The discussion was a 5% reduction or 3% reduction. The Mayor asked that this matter be tabled until next meeting.
 - The Board talked about sending a letter to residents speaking to that fact that the Village took great care in trying to keep a tight hold on the budget and how the Village understands in these economic times how important it is to remain diligent about this matter.
 - Trustee Barclay and Trustee Adams will contact Stacey Brown upon her return to review the budget information with her.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion to approve the bills was made by Trustee Barclay and seconded by Trustee Bausch. The motion carried by the following vote:

Trustee Robert Bausch – aye
Trustee Anna Marie Barclay – aye
Trustee Paul Cooper – aye

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for February 25th, 2009 was made by Trustee Cooper and seconded by Trustee Barclay. The motion carried by the following vote:

Trustee Robert Bausch – aye
Trustee Anna Marie Barclay – aye
Trustee Paul Cooper – aye

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Report

DPW SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Sewer

- Average flows since March 1st were 150,818 gallons.

- No mechanical problems to report at this time

Electric

National Grid has been working diligently on 201 transmission line rebuild. They seek an easement from the Village to move existing line 38 feet to the west on Village property so they can get that part of the line off federal wetlands. They have furnished an easement for Board approval.

Attend the MEAU meeting where National Grid was discussed. National Grid was set to have a 75% increase. MEAU was able to get National Grid down to a 35% increase with the money to be used for upgrades to transmission lines. MEAU saved millions of dollars. The Village should be receiving a rebate for October, November and December.

AMR System – All but 18 A-base meters have been changed out. Due to the physical size of the Itron meters, they will not fit these 18 remaining services. We will have to read these manually until such time that the services are upgraded.

Our Electric crew has completed work at the Church St. and Hunter St. intersection. Men have resumed work on the North Lake rebuild.

DPW

With the absence of snow because of the favorable weather conditions, all manpower has gone to the Tulley Building.

Tulley Building

- Insulation is being installed and approximately 70% has been completed.
- Electric and plumbing installation continues. In all the work is progressing very well.
- Heating and cooling bids are due by March 17th when they will be opened at the Village Office for review and Board approval.
- Advise the Board to consider tearing out the front door and adjacent section because of extreme condensation.

- This could be done in April, replacing the front door and the T111.
- Thompson Dilcher has been hired to fix the wall and modify the door onto the roof. The cost is not to exceed \$2800.

CEO/ZEO REPORT

- Work continues on the plumbing at the Tulley Building.
- Plumbing should be roughed in by mid-March.
- There are concerns on how the drainage in the apartment should be addressed.
- The plumbing has been installed so that drains can be cut in very easily.
- Drain installation may need to be hired out based upon the fact that I do not have experience to do anything other than a drain.
- Discussion on the options for drainage, research will need to be completed.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The Town Historian has something planned for every month going forward. She will want to come before the Board.

A motion to accept officer's reports was made by Trustee Barclay and seconded by Trustee Cooper. The motion carried by the following vote:

Trustee Robert Bausch – aye
Trustee Anna Marie Barclay – aye
Trustee Virginia Adams – aye
Trustee Paul Cooper – aye

NEW BUSINESS

As stated in the DPW Supervisor's report, National Grid is currently working on the 201 line. They have presented the Board an easement for approval. They would like to run the new line 38 feet to the west, parallel to the original line to

get off the federal wetlands. All new poles to West Sweden will be put in. The original easement is from 1961.

The Board inquired whether Joe Chimino had any problems with the easement and its proximity to the Sewer plant. Joe replied that he did not, the expansion of the Sewer plant is going north.

The Board also inquired whether the Village Engineer, Eric Wies had reviewed the easement. The Mayor had a previous conversation with him in reference to the easement, but will take the easement paperwork to the Village Engineer for review.

APPROVAL OF NATIONAL GRID EASEMENT

A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the National Grid easements after the documents have been reviewed and approved by the Village Engineer was made by Trustee Barclay and seconded by Trustee Bausch. The motion carried by the following vote:

Trustee Robert Bausch – aye
Trustee Anna Marie Barclay – aye
Trustee Virginia Adams – aye
Trustee Paul Cooper – aye

Privilege of the floor

Grow in Kids Child Care Center presented a skit about their Community Action Day on March 23, 2009 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The group will be gathering garbage in the Village and will be sponsored by individuals who will pay based upon the amount of garbage collected. The money raised will be going towards buying first aid kits for the Spring/Summer Gilliam Grant Community Center sport programs. There will be 25 kids out collecting.

The Mayor offered to supply the group with Village trash bags for the day and thanked them for their efforts.

Trustee Concerns:

Trustee Adams:

- Will be meeting with Cindy Jessop from Waste Management to discuss getting money for projects on March 23 at 11:00 am.

Trustee Cooper:

Tulley Building Plaque

- Priced out the Tulley Building plaque with an additional company whose price was approximately \$110 lower.
- Felt the first company had better quality product.
- No discounts are given for government entities.
- Recommend using International Bronze Manufacturing for the plaque.

APPROVAL OF TULLEY BUILDING PLAQUE

A motion to authorize Trustee Cooper to purchase a plaque for placement in the Tulley Building from International Bronze Manufacturing for \$979 was made by Trustee Adams and seconded by Trustee Barclay. The motion carried by the following vote:

Trustee Robert Bausch – aye
Trustee Anna Marie Barclay – aye
Trustee Virginia Adams – aye
Trustee Paul Cooper – aye

Trustee Barclay:

Triangle Club

- Triangle Club 100th Anniversary is coming up. The Club will be meeting on Saturday, March 21 to vote on whether the club will disband or not. The Triangle Club should be recognized for their 100 years of community service.

Art for the Tulley Building

- Contacted Ms. Crowley at Byron-Bergen School regarding art for the Tulley Building.
- Contacted Go Art to discuss having artists from the Genesee County area display art for a period of time at the Tulley Building. Will hear back from them once they get the word out to local artists.

Carpenter Park

- Met with Ray MacConnell and Cindy Favata to discuss the fountain and the brick.
- Discussed the fountain and the bricks.
- The fountain dimensions were discussed and the relationship to the medallion at the park.
- Ray had ideas on how to use the fountain, possibly as a planter.
- Fred Johnson will help with the fountain installation and will keep the Board updated on pricing.
- Cindy would like to buy new bricks as opposed to removing bricks from the park that could create a safety issue.

Local laws, ordinances and resolutions

- The documents have been difficult to work with and are disorganized.
- The documents need to be preserved, many are brittle and falling apart.
- Documents are carefully being scanned one at a time so that the Village has an electronic file on each.
- Would like to have the Ordinance book rebound and have special paper put between each page to preserve. Will get pricing for the Board.
- Will contact the County Historian to gather additional information and contacts.

Mayor's Report:

- The Mayor asked that a letter and certificate with the Village seal be presented to the Triangle Club at their May luncheon for their 100 years of service.
- The Mayor asked that he is provided with measurement information for review before the fountain is installed at Carpenter Park.
- The Mayor received an invitation for the Tobacco Control Program Recognition Breakfast. The breakfast will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 8:30 am at Terry Hills if anyone would like to attend.
- The Mayor stated that the Board needs to decide whether or not the Village is going to proceed with the

sale of the Village property adjacent to the Sewer plant.

SALE OF VILLAGE LAND

A motion to sell the property adjacent to and south of the Village of Bergen Sewer Plant, boundaries to be determined, was made by Trustee Adams and seconded by Trustee Barclay. The motion did not pass by the following vote:

Trustee Robert Bausch – nay
Trustee Anna Marie Barclay – nay
Trustee Virginia Adams – nay
Trustee Paul Cooper – aye

A motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Trustee Bausch and seconded by Trustee Cooper. The motion carried by the following vote:

Trustee Robert Bausch – aye
Trustee Anna Marie Barclay – aye
Trustee Virginia Adams – aye
Trustee Paul Cooper – aye

8:15 pm

A motion to exit executive session was made by Trustee Bausch and seconded by Trustee Cooper. The motion carried by the following vote:

Trustee Robert Bausch – aye
Trustee Anna Marie Barclay – aye
Trustee Virginia Adams – aye
Trustee Paul Cooper – aye

9:38 pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Barclay and seconded by Trustee Adams. The motion carried by the following vote:

Trustee Robert Bausch – aye
Trustee Anna Marie Barclay – aye
Trustee Virginia Adams – aye
Trustee Paul Cooper – aye

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

René Vurraro
Villlage of Bergen
Planning Board Secretary

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