Public Hearing, Regular Meeting and Re-Organizational Meeting Of the Board of Trustees Of the Village of Bergen at 6:30pm on April 12th, 2023

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:15pm by Mayor Chimino with the following present:

Trustee Todd Cargill Trustee Michael Fleming Trustee Emily Marble Trustee Paul Robinson

Also present: Village Administrator Cortney Gale, Grace Gallivan, Duane Janas, Barbara Zinter, Rene' Vurraro, Sally Capurso, John Zinter, Doug Smith, and Vickie Almquist.

Grace Gallivan inquired about the rational between the 4% wage increase after the 3% increase last year. She stated that many people are not happy with the wage increase.

Barbara Zinter asked what the total amount in dollars for the additional wage increase is (2%-4%) for the General budget. She also asked if taxes were going up.

Trustee Marble asked what the increase in all three budgets was. She stated she has been asked how the increase will affect future budgets when the economy is different and with the Union contract expiring next year.

Rene' Vurraro pointed out the number of different ways employees go above and beyond to save the Village money and how everyone provides great customer service.

Doug Smith stated that he was present to voice his concerns over the wage increase but after hearing that there would be no tax increase and only an additional \$4,057 cost to the General Fund he is all for it and that everyone is doing a great job.

Mayor Chimino closed the Public Hearing at 6:43pm.

REGULAR MEETING

Approval of Bills

A motion to approve the bills was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Cargill. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 8th, 2023 was made by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Fleming. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

<u>Mayor</u>

Grants

- **ARPA-**American Rescue Plan Act (Hickory Park Restrooms Restoration Project). Renovation of facilities continues and will be completed in the spring of 2023. Paving of the park trail is scheduled for May15-17 again thanks to the Town of Bergen Highway Dept. for their assistance with this project.
- **Consolidated Funding Application**. We have received \$5000.00 from a Genesee County program to be used for grant writing services. We have hired Clark-Patterson-Lee to draft and submit a park grant on the village's behalf regarding the CFA.
- **Preserve NY Grant-** A grant has been drafted and submitted by the village to seek funding to expand the Historic District in the Village of Bergen. This grant could potentially fund 80% of the project. Funding opportunities such as the NYS Historic Homeownership Tax Credit program and the State and Federal Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Credit programs would become available to homeowners and commercial building owners who meet the requirements of the program.

Miscellaneous

- The Tree and Park committee met on April 5th. The committee continues to work diligently towards achieving the goals for the future of not only Hickory Park but for all the parks in the village. The committee has planned a workday at Hickory Park on April 15th for general cleanup. Special thanks to Rene Vurraro, Marianne Fleming, Todd Cargill, and John Schuck for your dedication to this committee.
- Attended the Bergen Fire Department monthly meeting on April 3rd the owner of the Firing Pin was in attendance and addressed the body with a heartfelt thank you to the department for their quick and professional response in containing the structure fire and thus preventing a total loss of the building.
- Have again begun utilizing Genesee Justice personnel to date have 110.5 hours of free labor to the village.
- Attended a Town supervisors and Mayors meeting on March 28th at the Town of Batavia.

DPW

- Working on Park restrooms as time permits outside of regular work duties.
- Brush pickup is heavy with recent wind events.
- Restoration to lawns from plow damage will be forthcoming.

Sewer

- No mechanical problems to report at sewer plant.
- UV Disinfection treatment system is scheduled for startup on 5-27 at the wastewater treatment facility. Work on lift stations is scheduled to begin in the next two weeks.3

Electric

- Testing of rubber goods per OSHA regulations was completed in April.
- Conference call on March 30th with National Grid regarding their executing the option of acquiring the 34.5 KV West Sweden Rd. Transmission line. This 20-year lease is due to expire in July 2023 with National Grid having the legal right to obtain and take ownership of the line. We also discussed the need for an interconnection agreement tying our infrastructure to their facilities outside our substation.

Administrator

Sewer

- I notified CPL that they were selected as the engineers for the Engineering Study Grant for infiltration and input the information into the NYS Contract Reporter as is required.
- Sewer Plant operator Chris Fay, Mayor Chimino and I met on April 5th with Zach Anderson from CPL and Pete Ochal from STC Construction for a construction progress meeting. The UV system is in place and will be operational before the May 1st deadline.
- I gathered and sent information to the State (EFC) to be reimbursed for sewer plant upgrade costs.
- Kyle from Albion continues to come to train with Chris as our back up sewer operator until Eric McGrain becomes licensed. Eric will be finishing up his Lab course in May.
- Hank Parker Tents have installed their septic tank and line per our requirements after long discussions.

DPW

- I completed the Title VI Information request form for the state for our streets.
- On March 16th I attended a meeting with the DPW staff and Park Committee to review information for the Parks Master Plan.
- With a light winter we did not use much salt this year. I ordered two loads in March and will order another two to three loads to fill the barn as prices will most likely increase for next year and we have the funds in the budget.

Electric

- Mayor Chimino and I had a conference call on March 30th with National Grid regarding the West Sweden Line. We are working on getting the information together for the sale. We need to look into title insurance, a current survey, and if there were any permits issued.
- The Fixed Rate Transmission Congestion Charge went down significantly last year (\$188.51) but spiked again this year to \$9,413.35 each. We historically purchase two.
- I completed and submitted the Municipal Report of Special Franchises.
- Dish Network is putting equipment on the ground within the cell tower lease area. They will require a building permit and a new electric service. The addition will provide additional revenue to the village.

Office

- Mayor Chimino and I had a conference call on March 16th with the Landmark Society to go over our grant submission. I submitted the grant application on March 27th.
- We received almost a hundred surveys for Hickory Park. Rene' created a second survey for the rest of the parks. The Park Committee met on April 5th and invited the public to give input.
- I submitted the annual Tax Cap Form to the State and will file the Constitutional Tax Limit form as soon as the budget is passed.
- Unpaid sewer bills will be sent to the county for collection on May 1st. Letters were sent to all customers who have arrears.
- Barb is working on the annual payroll certification for Genesee County Self-Insured Worker's Compensation.

Miscellaneous

- The March 20th election went well. I would like to thank the election inspectors for their hard work.
- We receive a yearly "Financial Stress" rating from the State, again this year we received a "No Designation" which indicates good financial conditions.
- Community Action Day is April 24th, the 7th grade from Byron-Bergen Central School will be coming to Hickory Park at 9am.

Code Enforcement Officer

2020 Permits

38 North Lake Ave – Inspection and permit extension. 3rd extension 4/23

2021 Permits

19 Buffalo Street – Fence, 2 permits given for 2 different properties.

2022 Permits

83 South Lake Ave – Remodel to Apartments
28 North Lake Ave – Remodel, new permit 5/4/22
41 North Lake Ave – Fence
12 South Lake – Separation wall
38 Canterbury Lane – Addition with basement
41 South Lake Ave – Fence and driveway
14 Church Street – Fire Restoration (remodel)
8073 Clinton Street Road – Temporary Tent for Firework Sales
14 E Buffalo Road - Fence
62 South Lake Ave – Verizon
25 Clinton Street – Pre built shed

Approval of Officer Reports

A motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Cargill to accept the Officer Reports. The motion was passed unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Duane Janas asked if there was a Village curfew and mentioned that there was a break in at the laundromat.

Trustee Concerns

Trustee Marble – Asked about plans for Brickwork on Tulley Building and if there would be any ARPA funds left after the bathrooms are remodeled and the track paved. She also asked about the Park Committee and the Parks Master Plan.

Trustee Cargill – Asked if there is an ordinance on junk vehicles.

Trustee Robinson - stated that there was a gas shutoff cover that needs repair in front of 16 N. Lake.

New Business

2023-2024 Budget Vote

A motion was made by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Fleming to pass the 2023-2024 General, Sewer and Electric Budgets. The motion was passed unanimously vote.

Appointment of Officers

- Administrator with Clerk/Treasurer duties: Cortney W. Gale
- Deputy Clerk: Barbara Zinter
- Deputy Treasurer: Rene Vurraro
- Fire Marshal, CEO/ZEO: Gary Cecere
- Village Historian: Vicky Truax
- Deputy Mayor: Michael Fleming
- Millseat Landfill Citizen Action Board: Paul Robinson
- Official Newspaper: Batavia Daily News
- Official Depositories: Bank of Castile, NYCLASS
- Village of Bergen Attorney: Boylan Law Office, LLP & Hodgson Russ, LLP
- Village of Bergen Engineer: Clark Patterson Lee Associates
- Village of Bergen Accountants: BST & Co.
- Village Election Inspectors: Constance Fiedler, Virginia Adams, Louis Hibert, Karen Manners, or any other trained inspector.
- Village of Bergen Insurance Provider: Lawley Genesee
- Village of Bergen Bond Council: Hodgson Russ, LLP
- Planning Board Member 5 Year Term: Kate Milliman
- Planning Board Member 3 Year Term: John Schuck
- Planning Board Alternates 1 Year Term: Vicki Almquist
- Zoning Board Member 5 Year Term: John Lanphear
- Zoning Board Alternates 1 Year Term: Heather Painting & Frank Rowsick

Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings:

The regular meeting of the Village Planning Board will be the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village boardroom. At the discretion of the Chairperson, the meeting may not be held due to lack of business before the Planning Board. The regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village boardroom and will be held only when there is business before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Park Committee/Tree Board

Tree Board and Park Committee will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm; the boards will consist of the same 5 individuals appointed by the Board of Trustees. The board is charged with developing and managing a comprehensive tree management program, being responsible for the care and management of the village trees, encouraging and promoting community involvement in public health, safety, general welfare through plant maintenance, and promoting Village parks and activities.

Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics:

The Village appoints the Town Clerk as Registrar of Vital Statistics. The Village also appoints any deputies the Town Clerk may have installed in office.

Sewer Arrears Relevied:

Any unpaid sewer arrears as of April 30th, 2023 will be relevied on the June 1, 2022 tax bills.

Mileage Rate:

The Mileage Rate will adjust to .65 cents per mile.

Legal Notices:

All legal notices will be posted on the inside bulletin boards at the Village Office and Byron-Bergen Public Library as well as the Community Bulletin board in the Village Post Office. They will also be published in the official newspaper if necessary.

Bidding and Purchasing:

County and State bids will be used and accepted in lieu of competitive bidding, for complete procedures see the Village Procurement Policy.

Audit and Appropriations:

Pursuant to Village Law 5-524(5)&(6) the board of trustees may authorize the following claims for payment in advance of audit; payroll expenses, payments of principal and interest on lawful outstanding debt public, utility services, amounts being due upon lawful contracts, postage, freight and express charges of the Village of Bergen. All claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit and the claimant and officer incurring or approving same shall be jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed by the Board.

Compensation of Representatives and Officials:

- Representative to CAB shall receive \$25.00 per meeting
- Planning Board Chairperson shall receive \$45.00 per meeting
- Planning Board Members shall receive \$40.00 per meeting
- Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson shall receive \$45.00 per meeting
- Zoning Board of Appeals Members shall receive \$40.00 per meeting
- Election inspectors shall receive **\$100.00** per day (noon 9pm)

Holiday Observances

2023

January 2	New Year's Day
February 20	President's Day
April 7	Good Friday
May 29	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 4	Labor Day
November 10	Veterans Day
November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving
December 22 & 25	Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
December 29	New Year's Eve
2024	
January 1	New Year's Day
February 19	President's Day
March 29	Good Friday
May 27	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 2	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 28 & 29	Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25	Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
December 31	New Year's Eve

Rules of Order:

The Village of Bergen Board of Trustees has elected to not abide by Robert's Rules of Order; instead it will adopt the following Rules of Order for meetings of the Board of Trustees.

PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meetings:

The Board of Trustees shall hold a regular meeting the 2nd Wednesdays of each month. Such regular meeting shall commence at 6:30 p.m. and be conducted in the boardroom in the Tulley Building. The Board of Trustees shall determine any deviation of the foregoing paragraph.

Special Meetings:

Special meetings of The Board of Trustees are all those Board meetings other than regular meetings. The Mayor or two or more Trustees acting together upon notice to the entire Board may call a special meeting. Notice shall be given by telephone, in person, or in writing at least 24 hours in advance unless an emergency exists.

Quorum:

A quorum shall be required to conduct business. A quorum of the (5) member board of trustees shall be (3) three. In the absence of a quorum, a lesser number may adjourn and compel the attendance of the absent members.

Executive Sessions:

Executive sessions shall be held in accordance with the NYS Public Officers Law 105. All executive sessions shall be commenced in a public meeting.

Agendas:

- The Administrator, at the direction of the Mayor, shall prepare the agenda. The Mayor or any Trustee may have an item placed on the agenda.
- The public may make a written request stating the specific matter to be addressed to the Mayor to have a matter placed on the agenda.
- The Mayor will advise the Administrator whether to place such matters on the agenda.
- When possible, items for the agenda shall be given to the Administrator at least 24 hours before the meeting; However, items may be placed on the agenda at any time upon the discretion of the Mayor.
- The agenda will be prepared and emailed to board members no later than 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting.
- If necessary, a supplement agenda shall be distributed at the beginning of the meeting.
- Items may be placed on the agenda at anytime, including during the meeting by a majority vote of the board.

Voting:

- Pursuant to Village Law each member of the Board shall have one vote. The Mayor may vote on any matter but must vote in case of a tie.
- A majority of the totally authorized voting power is necessary to pass a matter unless otherwise specified by State law.
- An abstention, silence or absence shall be considered a negative vote for the purposes of determining the final vote on a matter.

• A vote upon any question shall be taken by ayes and nays, the names of the members present and their votes shall be entered in the minutes or reflected as unanimous vote.

Minutes:

- Minutes shall be taken by the Administrator, or any other person designated by the Mayor.
- Minutes shall consist of a record or summary of all motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matter formally voted upon and the vote thereon.
- Minutes shall be taken at executive session of any action that is taken by formal vote which consist of a record or summary of the final determination of such action, and the date and vote thereon; provided, however, that such summary need not include any matter which is not required to be made public by the NYS Freedom of Information Law.

Minutes shall also include the following:

- Name of the Board
- Date and time of meeting
- Notation of presence or absence of Board members and time of arrival or departure if different from time of call to order and adjournment
- Name and title of other village officials and employees present and will approximate number of attendees
- Time of adjournment
- Signature of Administrator or person who took the minutes if not the Administrator

Minutes shall not contain a summary of the discussion leading to action taken or include verbatim comments unless a majority of the Board shall resolve the Administrator to do so. Minutes shall be approved at the next board meeting. Amendments to the minutes shall require Board approval.

Order of Business:

- Call to order
- Roll Call
- Approval of Bills
- Approval of Minutes
- Report of officers and committees
- Trustee Concerns
- New Business
- Old Business
- Privilege of the Floor
- Adjournment

General Rules of Procedure:

- The Mayor shall preside over meetings. In the Mayor's absence the Deputy Mayor shall preside.
- The Village Board will abide by the Open Meeting Law. Robert's Rules of Order will not govern the Board of Trustees' meeting.
- The presiding officer may debate, move and take other action that may be taken by other members of the Board.
- Board members are not required to rise but must be recognized by the presiding officer before making motions and speaking.
- Motions require a second.
- A member once recognized shall not be interrupted when speaking unless it is to call him/her to order.

- If a member, while speaking, were called to order, they should cease speaking until the question of order is determined, and, if in order, he shall be permitted to proceed.
- There is no limit to the number of times a member may speak on a question.
- Motions to close or limit debate may be entertained but shall require a majority vote.

Guidelines for Public Comment:

- The public shall be allowed to speak only during the Privilege of the Floor period of the meeting or at such other time as a majority of the Board shall allow.
- Speakers may only address items on the agenda unless otherwise determined by the presiding officer.
- The presiding officer must recognize speakers.
- Speakers must limit their remarks to five (5) minutes on a given topic, or as shall be otherwise determined by the presiding officer to keep the meeting orderly and allow time to attend to all matters on the agenda.
- Speakers may not yield any remaining time they may have to another speaker.
- Board members may, with the permission of the Mayor, interrupt a speaker during their remarks, for the purpose of clarification or information.
- All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any individual member thereof.
- Speakers shall observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste.
- Interested parties or their representatives may address the Board by written communications. The Administrator clerk/treasurer shall present all such communications to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Adjournment:

Meetings shall be adjourned by motion.

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure:

The foregoing procedures may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Board.

ADVANCE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

WHEREAS the board of trustees has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, payroll expense, debt service, lawful contracts, postage, freight and express charges; and

WHEREAS all such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit; and

WHEREAS the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claim are jointly and severally liable for any amount the board of trustees disallows.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the board of trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight, and express charges. All such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit and the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claims are jointly and severally liable for any amount the board of trustees disallows.

Section 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

RESOLUTION FOR ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS AND CONFERENCES

WHEREAS there is to be held during the coming official year a) the New York Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting and Training School; b) the New York Conference of Mayors and Fall Training School for Fiscal Officers and Municipal Clerks; c) the New York State Conference of Mayors Public Works School; d) Government Finance Officers Training School; e) MEUA Annual Conference for Municipal Employees and DPW Employees, and **WHEREAS** attendance by certain municipal officials and employees at one or more of these meetings, conferences or schools benefits the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the following officers and employees are authorized to attend said meetings, conferences or schools:

- Administrator
- Deputy Clerk
- Deputy Treasurer
- Mayor
- Board Members
- CEO/ZEO

Section 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

RESOLUTION FOR MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

WHEREAS the board of trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to Village Officers and employees who use their personal automobiles while performing their official Village duties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the board of trustees will approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of .65 cents per mile.

Section 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICAL DEPOSITOR

WHEREAS the board of trustees has determined that Village Law § 4-412(3)(2) requires the designation of banks or trust companies for the deposit of all village monies; 7.6 NYCOM Handbook for Village Officials (2013) • Chapter 7 • The Organizational Meeting

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the board of trustees designates the Bank of Castile and New York Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System (NYCLASS) as depository of all moneys received by the village treasurer, clerk, and receiver of taxes.

Section 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

A motion was made by Trustee Marble and seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the Re-Organizational Meeting Documents. The motion was passed unanimously vote.

Sewer Project Change Order Request

A motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Cargill to approve the Sewer Project Change Order Request to push back completion dates due to the inability to procure materials. The motion was passed unanimously vote.

Resolution 5 of 2023 – Engineering Grant

RESOLUTION FOR

1. AUTHORIZATION FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN DOCUMENTS 2. AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION OF LOCAL MATCH

FOR VILLAGE OF BERGEN ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT #121301

WHEREAS, the Village of Bergen has proposed to complete the Collection System Study Phase 2; and WHEREAS, the cost of completing the Collection System Study Phase 2 is estimated at \$60,000; and WHEREAS, the Village of Bergen has received an Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) Award commitment in the amount of \$50,000 to pay for a portion of the cost of completing the Collection System Study Phase 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project and to fulfill the Village of Bergen obligations under the Grant Agreement.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Bergen authorizes and appropriates a minimum 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Collection System Study Phase 2 under the EPG program, this local match must be at least 20% of the EPG grant award of \$50,000. The source of the local match, and any amount in excess of the required match, shall be through the use of in-kind services. The maximum local match shall not exceed \$10,000 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$60,000. The Mayor may increase this local match through the use of in-kind services without further approval from the Village Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Fleming and seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve Resolution 5 of 2023. The motion was passed unanimously vote.

Resolution 6 of 2023 – Delegate to MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bergen, New York, held on April 12th, 2023, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bergen, New York, is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called on May 31, and June 1, 2023 to be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Destiny USA, 311 Hiawatha Blvd W, Syracuse, NY 13204 and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Joseph Chimino be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Bergen, New York.

A motion was made by Trustee Cargill and seconded by Trustee Marble to approve Resolution 6 of 2023. The motion was passed unanimously vote.

Resolution 7 of 2024 – Delegate to NYMPA Annual Meeting

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bergen, New York, held on April 13th, 2023 , the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bergen, New York, is a municipal member of the New York Municipal Power Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Meeting of the Agency will be held May 31st, 2023 in Syracuse, New York, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of New York Municipal Power Agency, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Chimino be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Bergen, New York.

A motion was made by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Fleming to approve Resolution 7 of 2023. The motion was passed unanimously vote.

Old Business

Hickory Park Update

Mayor Chimino gave an update on the bathroom remodel and track repaying. He also stated that Park Committee has recommended that the softball field in the northeast corner of the park be removed.

A motion was made by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Cargill to approve the removal of the softball field. The motion was passed unanimously vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Fleming to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale Village Administrator