

**Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
Of the Village of Bergen at
6:15 pm on April 8th, 2026**

The public hearing and regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Fleming at 6:15pm with the following present:

- Trustee Todd Cargill
- Trustee Michael Fleming
- Trustee Bernadette Thompson

Trustee Robert Capurso was absent

Also present: Village Administrator Cortney Gale, Jerry Sheridan, Carolyn Smith and Mark Hafner

Public Hearing

Mayor Fleming opened the public hearing at 6:15pm to hear input on the 2026-2027 General, Electric and Sewer budgets.

A motion was made by Trustee Thompson and seconded by Trustee Cargill to close the public hearing after all input was heard. The motion was carried unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 6:40pm

Regular Meeting

Approval of Bills

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 9th, 2026 was made by Trustee Cargill and seconded by Trustee Chimino. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 11th, 2026 was made by Trustee Thompson and seconded by Trustee Chimino. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mayor

Grants

- NYSERDA PON 5737 Grant \$200,000... Awarded and is currently being administered.
- Village and Town are jointly resubmitting an application to the CFA for grant funding of a joint comprehensive plan study. The cost to resubmit this grant application is \$1500.00 and will be split between the Village and Town.
- The Fast New York Grant, that was awarded to the village in the amount of 1.26 million dollars for electric infrastructure, continues to be administered to assure grant compliance.

- Northern Border Regional Council (NBRC) Following the \$1,000,000 federal grant that the Village received we are still pursuing a Community Development Block Grant t (CDBG).
- Governor Hochul has announced opening of NY PLAYS Grant Opportunities to Expand Playgrounds across NYS. The village has used funding from the County to have Labella Associates submit a park grant on our behalf.
- ESD Housing Grant-Met with Genesee County Economic Development Center on February 6th to discuss future development of land located in the village. GCEDC is working on development avenues for the village.

Miscellaneous

- PLM continues to oversee our substation replacement project. Sitework will be scheduled as equipment arrives and weather permits. Northline LLC is the contractor who was awarded the bid for this portion of the project.
- Attended the “Strengthening Genesee County Fire and EMS Services” presentation with Deputy Mayor Joe Chimino on 3/31/26. A presentation by the Genesee County Emergency Management team and fire service members of Genesee County. This presentation outlined the status of volunteer fire companies along with EMS in the county. With fewer volunteers willing to become members it is becoming increasingly difficult to handle the number of calls for emergency services, especially during the day shift when many volunteers are not available due to their full-time jobs. A couple of proposed staffing models for Monday-Friday fire coverage were presented. Next steps and organizational plans were discussed.
- With summer around the corner three of four bands have been lined up for summer concerts. Concerts will be June 24th, July 9th, July 29th, and 8/26. We look forward to hearing them perform in our new pavilion.
- Electric rates continue come down in price per kilowatt hour. Warmer weather will help.
- NYPA Hydro rates will be increased April 1st
- I’m looking forward to the start of my new term as Mayor. I will be focusing on the completion of the electric sub-station, electric rate fluctuations and management, continued improvements to Hickory Park, and taking a deep look into the existing sewer system and community awareness.

Administrator

Sewer Department

- Quarterly updates for the \$1,000,000 Northern Borders Regional Commission grant were completed.
- We are continuing to work with chemical companies and Village Engineer Eric Wies to receive quotes that compare apples to apples and find the lowest price.
- The heavy rain last week increased the flow at the plant significantly. Chris Fay reports that it processed over 211,000 gallons, more came in but was diverted to the ditch so not to overwhelm the plant.
- We received a considerably higher water bill than usual which indicates we may have another water leak. Speaking of leaks, there is a leak in the roof of the MPR Building that needs repair.

Department of Public Works (DPW)

- DPW has taken the plow and salter off the Western Star and plow and weights out of the sidewalk plow. They will keep the F-550 together until later in the month.
- I will order mulch and topsoil at the end of the month from Scotts Miracle Gro; they provide it to us at no cost. DPW is repairing and painting the flower boxes. Rene’ Vurraro will go shopping for flowers before Mother’s Day.

Electric Department

- The Linemen are changing over transformers to our new voltage; this process requires power to be out for up to an hour. We are notifying residents as they work street by street. Churchville, Holley, Castile and Spencerport are helping.
- Next week the Linemen will be running fiber cable in anticipation of installing new cameras in Hickory Park.
- On April 6th we provided mutual aid to Silver Springs. They needed help with an underground electric project.

Office

- The Park Grant we received for the new pavilion has been difficult as the State requires proof of ownership of the park. We've owned the property since 1898. I've sent everything we and the county have on the property, but it isn't sufficient. I asked the village attorney to order a Title Search.
- Unfortunately, I advertised the wrong date for when the Office for the Aging would be here. They came April 2 not April 9. We put it out on Facebook and made calls. They may still come out on the 9th as well.
- The village election went well; I would like to thank the Election Inspectors for their work. Congratulations to Mike, Joe and Bernadette.

Miscellaneous

- I worked with Municipal Solutions to apply for three Community Project Funding through NYS Congressional Earmarks. We were turned down for one but are hopeful for the other two.
- Our Lead Counselor for the Summer Rec Program is unable to run the program this year but is helping to set everything up. We are searching for a person to replace her this summer; she should be back next year.

Code Enforcement Officer

2025 Permits

- 33 Munger St – Addition
- 1 McCabe Court – Shed
- 50 South Lake – New Steps
- 42 Rochester Street – Half Wall
- 29 Canterbury Lane – Prefab Shed
- 27 Canterbury Lane – Kitchen Remodel
- 11 Buffalo Rd – Wood Fireplace

2026 Permits

- 37 Canterbury – Remodel unfinished room in basement
- 8073 Clinton St Rd – Fireworks Tent

Approval of Officer Reports

A motion was made by Trustee Thompson and seconded by Trustee Cargill to approve the officer reports. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Trustee Concerns

Trustee Thompson asked about drainage on Munger Street and ATVs driving around the Village

Trustee Chimino stated that potholes on Route 19 in the Village were filled and that a meeting should be set up with Genesee County Sheriff's Department as we do every year.

New Business

Resolution 4 of 2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE
OF NIAGARA PROJECT WHOLESALE POWER AND ENERGY
WITH THE NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Village of Bergen, a member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State (“MEUA”) and a preference power customer of the New York Power Authority (“NYPA”), receives electricity from the Niagara Power Project operated by NYPA, and

WHEREAS, the MEUA, in response to receiving notice of NYPA’s intention to increase its customer rates for said preference power to cover its increasing costs, has negotiated, on behalf of its members, certain amendments to the existing long-term agreement with NYPA that governs the terms and conditions upon which said preference power is delivered, said amendments being embodied in the Agreement for the Sale of Niagara Project Wholesale Power and Energy that has been presented to this board for consideration (“Agreement”).

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bergen that it is in the best interest of the Village of Bergen to approve the negotiated amendments, and as such, said amendments and the Agreement are hereby approved, and it is hereby further

RESOLVED that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute said Agreement for the Sale of Niagara Project Wholesale Power and Energy on behalf of the Village of Bergen.

A motion was made by Trustee Chimino and seconded by Trustee Cargill to approve Resolution 4 of 2026. The motion was carried unanimously.

Park Master Plan Update

A motion was made by Trustee Cargill and seconded by Trustee Chimino to approve the updates to the Park Master Plan as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

2026-2027 Budgets

A special meeting will be held on April 22nd to vote on the 2026-2027 General, Electric and Sewer budgets.

Privilege of the Floor

Carolyn Smith discussed issues she has with Village Electric

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cortney W. Gale
Village Administrator