**March 12, 2024 BERGEN TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

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The Bergen Town Board convened in a regular session at 6:45 pm audit of the bills; convened in a regular session in the Town Hall with Supervisor Haywood presiding.

**PRESENT:**  **ALSO PRESENT:**

Supervisor Ernie Haywood Teresa Robinson, Town Clerk

Councilperson Belinda Grant Joel Pocock, Highway Superintendent

Councilperson James Starowitz

Councilperson Karen Ely

Councilperson Mark Swanson

**ABSENT:**

**OTHER ATTENDENCE:**  Kevin Bruton, Bergen Fire Dept. Chief

**PRAYER:**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRENCE OF DONALD HART:**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Fire Chief Kevin Bruton spoke about having a crew at the Fire Hall for the day of the Eclipse.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:** Board Meeting 2/12/2024; *Councilperson Starowitz made a motion to approve the Town Board Minutes of February 12, 2024; seconded by Councilperson Grant*

Ayes: Haywood, Grant, Ely, Swanson, Starowitz

Nays: None

Abstained: None

APPROVED by: Unanimous vote (5-0)

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Supervisor Report for January 2024 & Feb. 2024

Summary Spreadsheets for January 2024 and Feb. 2024

Town Clerks Report for Feb. 2024

ZEO/CEO Report for Feb. 2024

Mercy EMS report for Jan. 2024

Charter Communications, 2/23/2024 and 02/27/2024

Final Draft – Technology Disaster Recovery Policy

Resolution for Approval of Acquisition of an Easement by MCWA – 8240 Buffalo Rd and 0 South Lake Road

**BOARD MEMBERS’ ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA:** Nothing to report

**REPORTS:**

SUPERVISOR: April 6th is the Bergen Fire Dept. Banquet – certificates will be prepared – will make a Resolution at the next board meeting on April 9.

Dispose of the old phones (9) - Councilperson Grant made a motion to dispose of the old phones; seconded by councilperson Starowitz.

Ayes: Haywood, Grant, Starowitz, Ely, Swanson

Nays: None

APPROVED by: Unanimous vote (5-0)

TOWN CLERK: Met with Humphrey Electric & Security regarding the security system – he is putting together a proposal for upgrades to the system. The new phone system is in with Spectrum.

BOARD MEMBERS: Councilperson Grant shared the email form GCEDC annual Meeting on April 26, 2024 at Batavia Downs

HIGHWAY: Took care of drainage issues on Drew’s Nature Trail, the signs for the trail are being worked on. United Ways Day of Caring is May 23 – Would like to have 2 crews of volunteers, one crew at the Town Hall overseen by the Town Clerk and the second crew overseen by Highway Supervisor cleaning up along the roadside of Swamp Rd. Would like to plant new trees at the Town Hall and Library, plant flowers, and place mulch.

COMMITTEES:

Buildings, Grounds, and Facilities (Cemeteries): Nothing to report

Parks: Bathroom Update – Councilperson Swanson presented information for a prefab bathroom – separate cost for the foundation, electric, and water. Supervisor Haywood will check about tapping into the Monroe Co. water for the location. The committee will get back to the Board with their recommendations.

Local History & Museum: Nothing to report

Policy & Personnel: Nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Approval of Resolution for Approval of an Easement by MCWA -8240 Buffalo Road and 0 South Lake Road: Councilperson Grant made a motion for the Approval of an Easement by MCWA – 8240 Buffalo Road and 0 South Lake Road; seconded by Councilperson Swanson.

Ayes: Haywood, Grant, Starowitz, Swanson

Nays: None

Abstained: Ely

APPROVED by: vote (4-0)

Action to file the Town Clerk’s Report for Feb., 2024: Councilperson Starowitz made a motion to file the Town Clerk’s report for Feb. 2024; seconded by Councilperson Starowitz.

Ayes: Haywood, Grant, Starowitz, Ely, Swanson

Nays: None

APPROVED by: Unanimous vote (5-0)

Action to File the Supervisor’s Report for Jan., 2024 and Feb., 2024: Councilperson Starowitz made a motion to file the Supervisor’s Report for Jan. and Feb. 2024; seconded by Councilperson Grant.

Ayes: Haywood, Grant, Starowitz, Ely, Swanson

Nays: None

APPROVED by: Unanimous vote (5-0)

Approval to pay the bills and authorizing the board to pay the bills and authorizing the bookkeeper to transfer of funds necessary to the checking account to pay the bills:Councilperson Starowitz made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Councilperson Grant.

Ayes: Haywood, Grant, Starowitz, Ely, Swanson

Nays: None

APPROVED by: Unanimous vote (5-0)

Supervisor Haywood received an email from Bergen resident regarding Evans Road; gate blocking the turn around area.

**MEETING AND OTHER UPCOMING DATES** – Town Board Meeting: Regular meeting of the board 4/09/2024 6:45 audit of the bills, regular meeting at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** Was at 8:12 pm on a motion made by councilperson Starowitz*;* seconded by councilperson Grant*;*

Ayes: Haywood, Grant, Starowitz, Ely, Swanson

Nays: None

APPROVED by: Unanimous vote (5-0)

Respectfully submitted

**Teresa Robinson**

Teresa Robinson, Town Clerk