# REGULAR MEETING BAINBRIDGE TOWN BOARD JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

Present: Dolores Nabinger Supervisor

Jennifer Sienko Councilwoman
James Maddalone Councilman
David DeClue Councilman
Kelly Hromada-Johnson Councilwoman

Gary Richman Highway Superintendent

Recording Secretary: Aric McKown Town Clerk

Supervisor Nabinger called Regular Meeting to order at 7:05PM.

# **RESOLUTION #1**

Motion was made by Councilman DeClue, second by Councilman Maddalone, to approve the minutes of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Meeting, provided the minutes read, 'the new sign at Clinton Park is in the planning stages' (Resolution #3),'the cost of the new stairs at town pool is \$4,040.00', 'the special activities day at playground program is provided by grant money from BOOKS from Senator Ashkar through Bainbridge Free Library' and 'train climbing apparatus is from the Bainbridge Rotary'.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilman Maddalone; No: Councilman DeClue; Motion Carried.

The following claims as set forth on abstract #6 for 2017 were audited by Town Board:

General Town Wide#- \$18,185.25 General Town Outside#- \$140.00 Bennettsville Lights#- \$31.49 Highway Town Wide#- \$1,032.20 Highway Town Outside#- \$6,962.94

## **RESOLUTION #2**

Motion was made by Councilman DeClue, second by Councilwoman Sienko, authorizing clerk to issue warrant to Supervisor for payment of audited claims; Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilman Maddalone, Councilman DeClue; No: none; Motion Carried.

Guest(s): John Payne of the Bainbridge Chamber thanked Clinton Park Superintendent Gary Richman for his time and efforts at the Clinton Park in repairing the grounds following the canoe regatta and commented on the success of the Regatta this year. Mr. Payne also mentioned the camping area at the Clinton Park and that improving the gravel road would provide better access to the camping area. He said the money that was given to the town could be used towards the improvements at Clinton Park and with Bainbridge Comprehensive Plan coming up, the town would be eligible for grants. Mr. Payne spoke about the Clinton Park Reserve money and how having it hurts the town, if it doesn't get spent.

Conversation was held among the town board about the projects that have been done at Clinton Park and how money from the Clinton Park Reserves had been used towards those projects.

John Payne stated that the Bainbridge Chamber is financially responsible for the damages incurred on the Clinton Park grounds and will be settling up with town.

Supervisor Nabinger reminded Town Clerk McKown to bill the Chamber in the amount of \$2,000.00 for use of water, electric and propane during the regatta at Clinton Park.

Councilman DeClue highlighted on the Bainbridge Comprehensive Plan and how he plans to present an action plan and vision for the future. This plan is made up of two categories, quality of life and the economy. DeClue will mail this plan to the town board before July's town board meeting.

Ed Gorton of the Bainbridge Development Corporation spoke about the excitement behind creating this plan and that it's very well developed. He also asked about a special meeting to discuss the plan in detail and make any modifications if needed.

Dog Control Officer, Assessor and Sanitation Officer's reports were received and filed. There was no report received from the Recreation Director. Councilman Maddalone complimented Bill Sherrick on his job as Dog Control Officer.

#### **TOWN POOL**

Pool Superintendent Richman said the pool is open and the new steps have been installed. Richman added the ladders have been painted and the slide is fixed.

## **CLINTON PARK**

Clinton Park Superintendent Richman stated the park grounds were in good shape for the car show and everything went well at the car show. He concluded that Clinton Park will be getting busy with the dog show, weddings and many other events

Clinton Park Superintendent Richman said that he had gotten a quote for seed to replace the grass from McDowell & Walker, stating it would cost between \$500-\$600 per acre. Richman suggested the possibility of having a local farmer put down the seed at Clinton Park. Councilman DeClue suggested presenting a bill for seed to the Bainbridge Chamber now, instead of waiting until the fall.

Supervisor Nabinger talked about a conversation that had been brought up at a recent Chamber meeting, with David Price's camping area and improving the camping area at Clinton Park, and how there could be a possible conflict of interest with the two camping areas. She stated that the town would stay in touch with the Chamber regarding the gravel road at Clinton Park, providing an estimate for the ground repairs and the bill of \$2,000.00 for electric, water and propane.

Councilwoman Sienko brought up the eroding river bank. The board expressed their concerns about how they could brace the river bank from further erosion.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent Richman and his department have been busy with paving and fixing the town roads. He also mentioned the Salt Shed roof is now on and he plans to have Senator Ashkar comes up for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Supervisor Nabinger informed the board that Lance Madsen has left his position as groundskeeper for Clinton Park. Nabinger asked that a motion be made to hire Tim Harmon as the new groundskeeper at Clinton Park.

#### **RESOLUTION #3**

Motion was made by Maddalone, second by Sienko, to hire Tim Harmon now as the new groundskeeper at Clinton Park for the season, due to the immediate need to have the position filled, but to advertise the position in the spring.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilman Maddalone, Councilman DeClue, Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Sienko; No: none; Motion Carried.

#### TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk McKown presented Assessor Koppenaal's submission of a local law for accepting the enhanced STAR applications at a later time for senior citizens before the grievance day.

Councilman DeClue suggested making a motion to introduce this local law for consideration.

## **RESOLUTION #4**

Motion was made by Councilman DeClue, second by Councilman Maddalone, to introduce local law #1 of 2017.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilman DeClue, Councilman Maddalone, Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Sienko; No: none; Motion Carried.

Councilwoman Sienko stated no 'new' status on insurance.

Councilman Maddalone said John Haddad would be the new contractor to do the work on the front of the town hall. He also mentioned that he is looking to get this done in a timely manner and that Haddad said he'd be able to get it done in the time frame asked. Maddalone inquired on fuel bids and when they come out.

Councilwoman Johnson brought up the broken swing at Payne Park and the possibility of putting in a drainage pipe at the playground to get rid of the water. Pool Superintendent Richman commented that he mixes mulch in with the water, to help with the water.

Supervisor Nabinger mentioned the Connor Glassett swing at Clinton Park, and all the complements she has received on it. She gave a status update on Mr. Meres and how a ticket was served to him, but it unaware of his court status. Nabinger informed the board of a lawsuit that the town, village, fire department and Chenango County has been presented with, due to a delivery man slipping and falling in the rear parking lot of the fire department. The lawsuit is being handled by the insurance attorney. The Chenango County attorney is calling the lawsuit a 'Nuisance Claim'. The town board held some discussion on the matter. Highway Superintendent Richman said there needs to be a contract in place for next year.

Nabinger asked that we do a motion for resolution that an audit was conducted by the town board at the regular meeting in April 2017, on the court books.

#### **RESOLUTION #5**

A motion for resolution was made by Councilman Maddalone, second by Councilwoman Johnson, that the town board conducted an audit of the court's books at the regular meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilman Maddalone, Councilman DeClue, Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Sienko; No: none; Motion Carried.

Supervisor Nabinger confirmed that the town's electric is no longer with Champion Energy Services. Nabinger indicated no new status on the Hugh A. Kearney Memorial Bridge. She asked about the meeting minutes getting to the town's website.

# **RESOLUTION #6**

Motion was made by Councilman Maddalone, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to go into executive session.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilman Maddalone, Councilman DeClue, Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Sienko; No: none; Motion Carried.

Motion to Adjourn @ 9:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Aric McKown Town Clerk