REGULAR MEETING BAINBRIDGE TOWN BOARD JULY 11TH, 2017

Present: Jennifer Sienko Councilwoman

James Maddalone Councilman
David DeClue Councilman
Kelly Hromada-Johnson Councilwoman

Gary Richman Highway Superintendent

Recording Secretary: Aric McKown Town Clerk

Absent: Dolores Nabinger Supervisor

Deputy Supervisor Maddalone called Regular Meeting to order at 7:00PM.

RESOLUTION #1

Motion was made by Councilman DeClue, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to approve the minutes of June 13th Regular Meeting, following the suggestion of Councilwoman Johnson to combine paragraphs 5 &7 into the same paragraph under Clinton Park on pg.2 of the June 13th Regular Meeting minutes, and 'Clinton Park Superintendent Richman said that he had gotten a quote for seed to replace at Clinton Park from McDowell & Walker, stating it might cost between \$500-\$600 per acre, with the possibility of costing more. The board decided to defer those repairs for now.

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

The following claims as set forth on abstract #7 for 2017 were audited by Town Board:

General Town Wide# 891-925 for \$12,597.67 General Town Outside# 54-55 for \$150.00

Bennettsville Lights# 28 for \$29.26

Highway Town Wide# 306-312 for \$645.96

Highway Town Outside# 185-192 for \$43,988.09

RESOLUTION #2

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

Guest(s): Phil Wade of the Jericho Arts spoke about the chairlift that takes patrons to the upstairs of the theater and the possibility of fixing it because of the difficulty it presents for those getting on it. Wade had gotten quotes for two separate lifts to make things easier, at a cost of \$9000. He mentioned looking into grants through the help of the Bainbridge Rotary and some funding from the JAC to help cover these costs, but had asked the board to support this project because the town hall building is big part of the Bainbridge community. Wade asked for any objections or questions.

Deputy Supervisor Maddalone expressed the importance of this project and Wade answered the board's questions on how the new lifts would work.

Councilman DeClue said he was in favor of this project and wondered what contributions would be made and from whom.

RESOLUTION #3

A motion was made by Councilman DeClue, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to approve the concept of the new lift and ask that the JAC continue to look into quotes and funding.

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

Mr. Fekete at 171 County Road 38 in Bainbridge spoke to the board about his concerns with his neighbors. Fekete mentioned his neighbor's dog urinating on his property and the spraying of roundup near his gardens.

Deputy Supervisor Maddalone asked Town Clerk McKown to provide Mr. Fekete with the phone number for the Chenango County Health Department and the Bainbridge Dog Control Officer to address his concerns.

Rich Paul of the Bainbridge Development Corporation gave an executive summary of a management plan being created by the BDC to help create a better economy and quality of life here in Bainbridge. Paul stated that the shape of the town is in 'good shape'. He said this plan would take into account the demographics of the town, explaining why the young people and seniors are leaving the area, and how we can keep people here.

Paul talked about how Clinton Park is a big attraction and huge asset for Bainbridge. He concluded he wants to come in and give a more detail pitch on this plan.

The Dog Control Officer, Sanitation Officer, Recreation Director and Assessor's reports were received and filed.

DCO Sherrick stated there are only 3 unlicensed dogs left.

Assessor Koppenaal informed the town board that the Pilot agreement for CHIPS has been signed and he's waiting to hear back on the results. He updated the board on the status of the Jennison Plant and how it's still in litigation. Koppenaal talked about his proposal for a local law that would allow him to accept STAR applications for senior citizens after March 1st and extend the deadline up until May.

RESOLUTION #4

Motion was made by Councilman DeClue, second by Councilwoman Johnson, to go to public hearing to adopt this local law allowing Assessor Koppenaal to accept the STAR applications for senior citizens after March 1st.

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

POOL

Pool Superintendent Richman said the pool is going good, aside from a few incidents.

CLINTON PARK

Clinton Park Superintendent Richman commented that the 2017 Dog Show and Rock in the Park were successes and the attendance was good at both events.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent Richman said his department has been keeping busy paving roads and weed whacking. He mentioned he still has not heard anything from Albany about a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Salt Shed. Richman reminded the board about needing to go out to bid for fuel oil and LP Gas and asked the board for permission to hire Trevor Halaquist as a helper for the summer season, while Highway Department employee Ken Bentley is out of work on disability.

RESOLUTION #5

Motion was made by Councilman DeClue, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to hire Trevor Halaquist as a seasonal helper for the Highway Department. Ayes: Councilman Maddalone, Councilman DeClue, Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Sienko; No: none; Motion Carried.

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk McKown spoke to the town board about the New York State Retirement and how all employees of the town should be offered the retirement and have the right to decline it, if they don't want it. McKown provided the board with paperwork to fill out to either accept or decline the New York State Retirement.

Deputy Clerk Cooper talked about the new credit card machine for the town clerk's office. Cooper went over the details of the credit card processing, what fees would be applied and the kinds of payments accepted. She said the company that the clerk's office is using for the credit card processing, is also being used by the Village of Greene and the Village of Oxford.

Councilwoman Johnson informed the town board that she will not being running again for another term as town board council.

Councilwoman Sienko asked Highway Superintendent Richman to let her know about the ribbon cutting ceremony with Senator Ashkar for the Salt Shed so she could advertise it on the town's Facebook page. She also commented on using Clinton Park brochures to advertise the park.

Deputy Supervisor Maddalone informed the board that naming of the Hugh A. Kearney Bridge has been approved by New York State.

RESOLUTION #6

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sienko, second by Councilman DeClue, to go out to bid for fuel oil and LP Gas.

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

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:45PM

Respectively Submitted,

Aric McKown Town Clerk