**REGULAR MEETING**

**BAINBRIDGE TOWN BOARD**

**JUNE 8th, 2021**

Present: Dolores Nabinger Supervisor

Bob Evans Councilman

Gordie Daniels Councilman

Michael Kauffman Councilman

Jennifer Sienko Councilwoman

Gary Richman Highway Superintendent

Recording Secretary: Aric McKown Town Clerk

**Guest(s):** Phil Wade, Bill & Cathy Sherrick, Recreation Director Dale Palmer.

Supervisor Nabinger called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30PM.

**RESOLUTION # 1**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sienko, second by Councilman Kauffman, to approve the minutes from the May 11th, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilman Evans, Councilman Daniels, Councilman Kauffman; No: none; Motion Carried.

The following claims as set forth on abstract #6 for 2021 were audited by the Town Board:

General Town Wide#118-150 for $14,138.52

General Town Outside#9-10 for $167.52

Bennettsville Lights#6 for $15.64

Highway Town Wide#48-52 for $436.96

Highway Town Outside#22-27 for $38,783.41

**RESOLUTION #2**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilwoman Sienko, authorizing clerk to issue warrant to Supervisor for payment of audited claims;

Ayes:Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilman Evans, Councilman Daniels; Councilman Kauffman; No: none; Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION #3**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilman Kauffman, to receive and file the financial reports from April 2021.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilman Evans, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilman Daniels, Councilman Kauffman: No: None: Motion Carried.

**Guests Questions & Concerns:**

Owen Walley of the Boy Scouts attended the town board meeting to ask permission to place a geocache at General Clinton Park, for his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Walley explained how the geocaching worked and how it involves an object being placed for people to find, much like a treasure hunt. He said he planned to place it so that it wouldn't be in the way of the anyone or anything.

**RESOLUTION #4**

Motion was made by Councilman Kauffman, second by Councilman Daniels, to allow Owen Walley to put a geocache in at General Clinton Park.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilman Evans, Councilman Daniels, Councilman Kauffman; No: None; Motion Carried.

Dog Control Officer Sherrick announced the town had passed their annual dog control inspection.

**VILLAGE**

Mayor Wade reported the village had put their insurance contract out for bid, and had found another underwriter who had gotten the village a better premium. He spoke about the conceptual design for the pathway to General Clinton Park, but is still waiting for a draft from the engineers Barton & Loguidice, before they can proceed. Wade talked about the importance of funding through a TAP grant for the project to happen. He also brought up funding for the water engineering study and the importance of getting that done. Wade talked about the busy season the village crew is having and updated everyone on the status of the NYS Rt 206 project.

Wade reminded the town board that the Old Time Band would be using the band shell at General Clinton Park for rehearsals, and hoped to hold some concerts in the park this summer.

**JAC**

Phil Wade of the Jericho Arts Council said they would be replacing the seats in the balcony of the theater with the help of the Bainbridge Lions Club, during the months of July and August. There is no public performances planned for the Fall, except for a OWP play to be broadcast online. He hopes to have a show line up in the Spring.

Councilwoman Sienko asked about the 'Protected Site' signs down by the Post Office. Mayor Wade explained the signs and fencing had been put up because of the road work being done on NYS Rt 206, and at one time there had been some Native American artifacts discovered in those areas. The town board held discussion on the matter.

**SUMMER RECREATION**

Recreation Director Palmer informed the town board about a recent pool inspection with the County Health Department and how the county doesn't have a definitive plan for the summer recreation, in terms of COVID guidelines. Palmer said signs would go up to offer some direction, but expected the restrictions to be lifted soon, and didn't foresee any problems moving forward. He commented that the Town of Sidney and the Town of Afton would not be opening their pools this year, and thought we might see an influx of residents from those towns. The town board held conversation about the PPE needed for the pool and lesson sign ups with Palmer.

Pool Superintendent Richman reported there was a leak in the pool, but wasn't sure where the leak was. He talked about the amount of residents we might see from Sidney and mentioned the idea of billing the Town of Sidney for their residents visiting the town pool. The matter was discussed by the town board and Recreation Director Palmer.

Palmer suggested the idea of a town charge card for purchasing

supplies for the summer youth program. He asked the town board to think about that idea.

**RESOLUTION #5**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sienko, second by Councilman Kauffman, to receive and file the reports from the Dog Control Officer, Sanitation, and Asessor.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilman Evans, Councilman Evans, Councilman Daniels, Councilman Kauffman; No: None; Motion Carried.

**POOL**

Pool Superintendent Richman commented on the great job our lifeguards are doing already. He talked about the procedure for finding the leak in the pool and an incident with the outside restroom toilet being clogged.

**CLINTON PARK**

Park Superintendent Richman reported the signs are up at General General Clinton Park and Payne Park, campers are at the park and the grounds are being mowed twice a week.

**TOWN HALL**

Highway Superintendent Richman brought up the 'musty smell' in the town hall basement. The town board discussed solutions for helping the matter with dehumidifiers and fans, with our grant money.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent Richman said his department has been busy paving on Kelly Road and Dingman Hill Road, digging culverts and mowing the cemeteries. Richman stated he has a lot of summer work, and no help with both Charlie Beebe and Mike Fuller being out with family and health issues. He informed the town board that he told student Garrett Ives he could start work for the summer, during the next 7 weeks, but needed the town board to make a motion approving the summer hire.

**RESOLUTION #6**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sienko, second by Councilman Daniels, to approve the highway department's summer help.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilman Evans, Councilman Daniels, Councilman Kauffman; No: None; Motion Carried.

Highway Superintendent Richman held conversation with the town board about hiring an MEO Worker for the highway department, because he needs the help and he'll be losing a couple more of his men in the next year or so, due to retirement. Richman stated he would be retiring at end of the year and discussed his hiring options. He announced that Matt Clark would run for election to replace Gary as Highway Superintendent.

The town board made the decision to change the existing position of Highway Superintendent to 'Working Highway Superintendent' on January 1, 2021, and talked about keeping Richman on to help with Clinton Park and the Town Pool.

Supervisor Nabinger expressed the importance of hiring another MEO Worker, because of the need for help and a couple of our guys approaching retirement. The town board held discussion about their hiring options.

**RESOLUTION #7**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilman Daniels, to hire another MEO Worker.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilman Evans, Councilman Daniels, Councilman Kauffman; No: None; Motion Carried.

Supervisor Nabinger suggested having Superintendent Richman reach out to Corbin Cirigliano to see if he's interested in the MEO Worker position and getting his CDL license.

Highway Superintendent Richman informed the town board of the new lights recently installed at the highway garage and how there is a light out on the bridge. He said the new truck should be done by the end of June.

**TOWN CLERK**

Town Clerk McKown said he was approached by Cathy Phillips who wanted to do a dedication bench at General Clinton Park, and wanted to know what steps had to be done to do that. Supervisor Nabinger invited Mrs. Phillips to attend a town board or write a letter, requesting permission to place a bench at the park.

McKown shared the new letterhead with the town board and commented on how nice it turned out.

He gave an update on the Speed Reduction on County Rd 39, by reading a letter of correspondence from the NYS Department of Transportation, stating the Traffic Safety & Mobility Office would perform a review of the area to assess the current situation and outline opportunities for improvement, and then notify us of those results.

Councilman Daniels asked Supervisor Nabinger about speaking to Coughlin & Gerhart on the safety policies to be reviewed and updated for the Highway Department. The town board had a conversation about this matter.

Councilwoman Sienko inquired on the status of the basketball courts. Highway Superintendent Richman said he hasn't had time to finish this project, but said he should be able to get to it in a month.

Supervisor Nabinger brought up the emergency plan and said she still has some changes to make to the plan before it can be approved by the town board.

She reminded everyone of the Sexual Harassment Training that's due by June 30th.

Nabinger asked about an update with the Spectrum Franchise and Town Clerk McKown replied that he hasn't heard anything back after the revisions that Councilman Evans requested.

Supervisor Nabinger asked if we had a quote to replace the lights in the Town Clerk's Office. Superintendent Richman said he hasn't spoken to Joe Rico about doing the job, and Town Clerk McKown offered to help make contact with Joe Rico.

Nabinger gave an overview of the American Rescue Plan and informed the town board that the town should be receiving money in the amount of $704,100.00 by July 15th, 2021 with a date of July 31st, 2024 to spend it by. The town board held a discussion on the matter.

Supervisor Nabinger brought up the Ameripride bill that had recently been sent to collections. She said the bill had been $344.98, but was able to settle on an amount with a representative from Ameripride at an amount of $258.73. Nabinger asked the town board's thoughts on the matter.

**RESOLUTION #8**

Motion was made by Councilman Kauffman, second by Councilman Daniels, to pay the Ameripride bill at an amount of $258.73, and to add it to this month's bills.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilman Evans, Councilman Daniels, Councilman Kauffman; No: None; Motion Carried.

Nabinger asked for a motion to reappoint Mark Davis for another term with the Town Planning Board, from 06/30/21 to 06/30/2026.

**RESOLUTION #9**

Motion was made by Councilman Daniels, second by Councilman Kauffman, to reappoint Mark Davis to the Town Planning Board for the term 06/30/2021 to 06/30/2026.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilman Evans, Councilman Daniels, Councilman Kauffman; No: None; Motion Carried.

Supervisor Nabinger asked Dog Control Officer Sherrick about the dog kennel at the village garage and if was still usable. Sherrick said it was, but needed to be more readily available.

**RESOLUTION #10**

Motion by Councilman Kauffman, second by Councilwoman Sienko, that the meeting be and hereby is adjourned at 8:00PM.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Sienko, Councilman Evans, Councilman Daniels, Councilman Kauffman; No: None; Motion Carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Aric McKown

Town Clerk