

**REGULAR MEETING
BAINBRIDGE TOWN BOARD
APRIL 10TH, 2018**

Present: Dolores Nabinger	Supervisor
Jennifer Sienko	Councilwoman
David DeClue	Councilman
Deborah Hromada	Councilwoman
Kelly Hromada-Johnson	Councilwoman
Gary Richman	Highway Superintendent
Recording Secretary: Aric McKown	Town Clerk

Supervisor Nabinger called the Regular Meeting to order @ 7PM, and started the meeting with the opening of the bids for the Town Hall Project. The bids were opened and announced by Town Clerk McKown. These were those bids:

Eastmann Associates- \$246,836.00

Richard Wakeman- \$197,077.00

The town board talked about the results of the bids and how these amounts aren't in the town's budget. The town board agreed to not take action on the bids submitted at this time. Supervisor Nabinger talked about creating a priority list and added that a fire alarm system, bathrooms and air conditioning unit should be included. Nabinger asked Principle Engineering to take the bids and create a prioritized list of the things that the town could afford to do.

Supervisor Nabinger asked for an approval of the March Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Hromada stated that were some corrections of these minutes. Those corrections were: to add the list of changes in Resolution #1 in the February Regular Minutes, to mention how and who would cover the costs of the new batting cage and explain the policy involved when renting out the large pavilion and how it will not interfere with the use of the batting cage, modifying the resolution about the Bainbridge Rotary's planting of shade trees and not replacing the playground slide, but helping with it's costs. Highway Department's plowing of 74 times, the Intermunicipal Agreement and Supervisor Nabinger's motion to sign the agreement and send a check for \$300, the phrasing of Chenango County's resolution 'against the move' of the VA Clinic, and Supervisor Nabinger's abstaining the proposal of the charging \$50 to use the town hall's back meeting

room, adding the Facetime with Senator Akshar on Facebook, the explanation of 'self-profit' for use of the town hall meeting room, and the providing the date of the Bainbridge Clean Up Day.

Supervisor Nabinger concluded that based on the changes that the board would not approve the March Regular Meeting minutes at this time.

Guest(s): Larry Decker and Susan Frye of the Dog Show presented the board with a financial report and explained their reason for being at the meeting. Mr. Decker stated that the Dog Show has lost money over the years due to a lack of participation & increased costs of expenses and asked the town to renegotiate their fee for the use of the grounds at Clinton Park. Decker went over the expenses of each club, as the town board reviewed their financial reports.

Supervisor Nabinger stated the financial reports did not reflect the amount that the Dog Show paid for the use of the Clinton Park grounds. Mr. Decker talked about advertising the Dog Show more and asked the town's help in getting the word out to increase attendance.

Nabinger suggested that the board table this for a few days to figure out the town's expenses during the time of the Dog Show and that Mr. Decker bring a newly revised financial report down to the town clerk's office as soon as he could.

Supervisor Nabinger invited the Dog Show officers to come back for the May Regular Meeting and revisit this.

Phil Wade of the Jericho Arts Club mentioned they would like to fly a banner during the days when the theater has events, and asked for the town's support.

RESOLUTION #1

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hromada, seconded by Councilman DeClue, to approve the flying of the banner for JAC events.

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

ASSESSOR

The Assessor's report was received by the town board and discussion was held about the information on the report. Supervisor Nabinger mentioned that the school attorney and town attorney entered a motion for a 'summary judgement' regarding the Jennison Station. Councilman DeClue explained that summary judgements are based on fact and how these things are never resolved. Nabinger indicated that progress is being made and moving forward, but asked Councilman DeClue to speak with High School Superintendent Ryan on these current proceedings.

RECREATION

Supervisor Nabinger addressed Recreation Director Palmer on her findings of the pay wages for lifeguards in the local area and how pay increases happen with lifeguards based on their certifications. Nabinger stated that the Sidney Town Pool pays their lifeguards the same pay wage as we do.

Palmer stated that lifeguards with the Water Safety Instruction do make more money. He stated that he currently has 8 committed lifeguards, and that he should have 11 lifeguards total with 3 to 4 subs. Palmer said paying more money, doesn't guarantee more interest for lifeguards. But he said there needs to be some kind of increase in pay to help things along.

The town board held discussion and decided on what the increases in pay for lifeguards would look like. Starting lifeguards pay is \$10.40/hr, 1st year lifeguards pay is \$11.40/hr, 2nd year lifeguards pay is \$12.40/hr, 3rd year and over lifeguards pay is \$13.40/hr, and head lifeguards pay is \$15.00/hr.

Recreation Director Palmer stated he will start the season with the lifeguards he has and cut back the hours that the pool is open. Councilwoman Johnson suggested tabling this for another month. Pool Superintendent Richman stated it costs money to keep these gates open.

Nabinger asked Recreation Director Palmer about the costs of swimming lessons and the playground program. Palmer said for swimming lessons, he proposes to charge \$20 for non-residents and \$15 for residents. He spoke to the board about the Playground program and how the Bainbridge-Guilford School cafeteria will continue to provide breakfast and lunch meals to the Episcopal Church for the children.

Palmer proposed that they charge \$10 per child this year, instead of \$5, and that the Bainbridge Library will continue to offer programs for the children on Tuesdays during the Playground Program.

RESOLUTION #2

Motion was made by Councilman DeClue, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to approve charging \$15/Residents, \$20/Non-Residents for swimming lessons and \$10 per child for the Playground Program.

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

The town board decided to table the pay wages for our lifeguards. They talked about the different organizations like the library and the Lions Clubs that are very supportive of the town pool and Playground Program.

Pool Superintendent Richman informed the board that he got a cost of \$2,398 for 2 vinyl lifeguard chairs for the town pool. The board held some discussion on this and decided to table this and revisit it at a later date.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Richman informed the board that his department has been busy cleaning up the roads for spring and has plowed 83 times this winter.

TOWN HALL

Superintendent Richman made the board aware that the town would need to replace the toilet on the 3rd floor, due to a water leak.

CLINTON PARK

Park Superintendent Richman stated he would be opening the gates at Clinton Park this week and has had many inquiries from people on when Clinton Park would open.

Assessor, Dog Control Officer and Sanitation Officer reports were received and filed.

TOWN CLERK

Deputy Clerk Cooper asked about the communication being extended to the people using the town hall for self-profit and who is responsible for this communication. Supervisor Nabinger said she would be talking about this later in the meeting, once the board had a clear definition of what 'self-profit' meant for the purpose of using the town hall.

The following claims as set forth on abstract #4 for 2018 were audited by Town Board:

General Town Wide# 1135-1156 for \$15,178.73

General Town Outside# 68 for \$90.00

Bennettsville Lights# 37 for \$31.05

Highway Town Wide#421-433 for \$3,635.76

Highway Town Outside# 251-254 for \$7016.87

RESOLUTION #2

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

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

Councilwoman Johnson brought up the Comprehensive Plan, and her decision to the table the discussion on the plan until her and Councilman DeClue have had a chance to talk about this further. Johnson said that there were gaps and corrections that were not made, and so she was not able to fully edit the plan.

Councilman DeClue asked for a hearing to be scheduled at the June Regular Meeting for the Comprehensive Plan, so that would it be available to the public for comment.

Councilman DeClue asked about the issue of the town's Code Enforcement and if anyone has spoken to Steve Fox. Supervisor Nabinger stated she had spoken to Steve Fox and our attorneys Coughlin & Gerhart on Code Enforcement. She explained that Mr. Fox informed her all the things that the county wouldn't do like junkyards, housing exotic animals, and the parking of motor vehicles on town highways. Mr. Fox stated that someone from the board could be appointed to handle those types of things.

Nabinger said Coughlin & Gerhart suggested doing an intermunicipal agreement with the police to enforce certain codes, by issuing tickets.

Councilwoman Hromada said the town 'slipped up' by not going back and updating the regulations on Code Enforcement. Councilman DeClue stated that these regulations need to be rewritten.

Supervisor Nabinger made the suggestion to have to Councilman DeClue pick another board member to go through the list of these regulations and prepare them for next month's meeting. Councilman DeClue chose Councilwoman Hromada to help with this task.

Councilman DeClue brought up the proposal of a resolution against moving the VA Clinic, and sending it to the paper. DeClue said that he would draft a letter and get it to Town Clerk McKown, informing whoever's involved that the town board adopted a resolution against the moving of the VA Clinic.

Councilman DeClue asked about the 2017 Annual Financial Report and when it would be submitted. Nabinger stated that this would be done by the end of May. DeClue brought up his sister, Christine Cumming of the Bainbridge Garden Club and how the Garden Club would like permission to improve the walking trails at the wetlands, by planting shrubs. He asked about how his sister would get this permission.

Councilwoman Hromada informed DeClue that his sister would have to get that permission through Bainbridge Sportman's Club, but that it was already discussed at last night's Garden Club.

Councilman DeClue inquired about the town's position on creating a dog park at Clinton Park. Nabinger spoke about this topic and how it had come up in past years. Eagle Scout Austin Bauerle wanted to put in a dog park at Clinton Park years ago and the idea was turned down. The dog park was eventually installed at the Country Care Vet down in Afton.

Councilwoman Johnson suggested revisiting putting in a dog park at Clinton Park. Councilwoman Hromada mentioned she would go back and review the minutes to see what happened during that time, before talking to the insurance company on the dog park. Councilman DeClue talked about his experiences in Florida with the dog parks in RV camping sites.

The town board agreed to do some more research on this and then come back to it next month.

Councilwoman Hromada informed the board that she had been down to the Town Clerk's office to take a look at past meeting minutes and there were things that the board would have to update.

Councilwoman Sienko brought up the May 5th Clean Up Day, and that she would need a copy of that ad to put on the town's Facebook page. Town Clerk McKown said he would get Sienko a copy of that ad.

Supervisor Nabinger said the 'tentative' date for the Hugh A. Kearney Memorial Bridge dedication would be May 25th @ 11AM. Nabinger informed the board of the Tenney Press Conference at the town hall on April 23rd from 2-3:30PM. She asked about the \$25 fee and if it would apply to her. Nabinger discussed whether or not the Press Conference should be held at the VA Clinic.

Councilman DeClue concluded that Tenney should pay the \$25 if she comes to the town hall.

Supervisor Nabinger talked about 'Self-Profit' and its definition. The board agreed that this would entail anyone coming into the town hall and making money.

Councilwoman Hromada expressed her feelings on the town hall meeting room being used for birthday parties, anniversary parties, etc., and how the meeting room is not respected when it's being used. Hromada offered to help draft a letter,

to have the Town Clerk McKown send out to those self-profiting businesses like Country Optics and Fidelis Care.

Nabinger mentioned she had contacted Thoma about our grant writing. Thoma asked to come to next month's meeting to address this with the town board.

Councilwoman Hromada commented on the Comprehensive Plan, and the importance of getting this done first. She said after this is completed, then we can start looking at what we need in this community and get things accomplished.

Motion to Adjourn @ 9:20PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Aric McKown
Bainbridge Town Clerk

