**REGULAR MEETING**

**BAINBRIDGE TOWN BOARD**

**MAY 10, 2022**

Present: Dolores Nabinger Supervisor

Bob Evans Councilman

Gordie Daniels Councilman

Michael Kauffman Councilman

Melissa Fuller Councilwoman

Matt Clark Highway Superintendent

Recording Secretary: Aric McKown Town Clerk

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

**Guest(s):** Phil & Violet Wade, Bob McKertich, Jarrett Cannistra, Dale Palmer, Park & Pool Superintendent Gary Richman,

**RESOLUTION # 1**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilwoman Fuller, to approve the minutes from the April 12th, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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

The following claims as set forth on abstract #4 for 2022 were audited by Town Board:

General Town Wide#109-136 for $21,123.01

General Town Outside#9 for $50.00

Bennettsville Lights#5 for $16.83

Highway Town Wide#35-44 for $1,142.90

Highway Town Outside#21-25 for $24,842.46

**RESOLUTION #2**

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

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

**RESOLUTION #3**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilman Kauffman, to receive and file March 2022 Financial Report.

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

**Guest(s) Questions & Concerns:**

Jeff Anderson of the Lions Club and Bainbridge Community Foundation, thanked Highway Superintendent Clark for picking up the pile of trash on Old Gifford Rd.

He shared a preliminary idea with the town board, about establishing on 9-hole disc golf course at General Clinton Park. Anderson provided a mapped-out section of the park that showed the location of holes that wouldn’t be in the way of any events. He said there’s already disc golf courses at Cole Park and Gilbert Lake, and the sport continues to grow in popularity. Anderson talked about how the game is played, the quality of the product and installation, and how it would help enhance the park. He said there is no maintenance involved and it wouldn’t get in the way of the mowing. The price for each pole and basket is $600.00.

Anderson was certain he could provide the labor for the installation and is hopeful for sponsors in the community to help with the purchase of the poles and baskets.

Anderson fielded questions from the town board on the sport and talked about the app involved that helps keeps score of the game. He asked the town board to consider this idea.

The town board expressed their support of the idea and gave Anderson their approval with moving forward with this idea. Anderson said he would get some quotes, more information on the scoring apps and course design. He told the town board he would follow up in a month.

**JERICHO ARTS COUNCIL**

Phil Wade of the JAC said performances have resumed in the theater and have been doing well. There is a free concert being held on June 19th at 3pm and is sponsored by Coughlin & Gerhart and the Jericho Arts Council. He reported there is no report for 2021, because there were no activities in 2021.

Wade talked about the new lighting that had been installed backstage by Joe Rico He reminded everyone of the Commerce Chenango presentation on May 19th at 6:30pm and the possible location change to Mulligan’s Bar & Grill.

**VILLAGE**

Mayor Wade reported the village crew has been busy with the ‘clean up’ from the recent snowstorm. He mentioned the initiation of the water system engineering study and talked about the FEMA grant money the village would apply for to be used for a generator at the water plant. Mayor Wade said the village will start their budget year on June 1st and talked about the house fire at Police Chief Caratelli’s house.

Bob McKertich gave an overview on the process of the public hearing for the proposed local law on ‘Renewable Energy Systems’ and the instructions for filling out and answering the questions on the SEQR forms. McKertich fielded questions from the town board on this matter.

Recreation Director Palmer provided his reports for the Summer Recreation Staff and Pay Rates 2022.

Supervisor Nabinger asked the town board for a motion to approve the 2022 Recreation Employees.

Playground Program:

Playground Program Director-Stephanie Brown

Playground Counselors- Sara Cannistra, Erica Frost, Makenna Clark, Taylor Parsons

Playground Counselor Substitutes-Alexis Brown & Summer Wasiura

Town Pool Lifeguards:

Jenna Nordberg(HG) Ryan Porter(HG)

Nolan Hawkins Anthony Morris

Peyton Mosher Danny Morris

Garrett O’Hara Jill Cannistra

Ethne Degan Kamryn French

Town Pool Lifeguard Substitutes:

Julia Renwick and Samuel Bagley

**RESOLUTION #4**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilman Kauffman, to approve the 2022 Recreation Employees.

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

Palmer said the Sidney Pool will not be opening this year and has all the lifeguards he needs because of this. He announced a CPR training class will be held at the Bainbridge town pool on June 4th, 5th, 11th & 12th, and will be taught by instructors from Afton.

Supervisor Nabinger talked about the different programs being held at the library this year.

Recreation Director Palmer went over the rate of pay for the 2022 Recreation Employees with town board.

Playground Director- $2,000.00

Playground Counselors- $13.20 per hour

Lifeguards:

Year 1- $13.20 per hour

Year 2- $14.20 per hour

Year 3- $15.20 per hour

Year 4 & above- $16.20 per hour

\*Head Lifeguards receive an additional $1 per hour their first year as a Head Lifeguard, $1.50 per hour their second year and $2 per hour for their third year and above\*

**RESOLUTION #5**

Motion was made by Councilman Kauffman, second by Councilman Daniels, to accept the 2022 Rate of Pay.

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

**RESOLUTION #6**

Motion was made by Councilman Kauffman, second by Councilman Daniels, to open the public hearing on Local Law #3 2022, Entitled ‘Renewable Energy Systems’.

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

Supervisor Nabinger opened the floor for public comment during the public hearing.

Coughlin & Gerhart attorney Bob McKertich fielded questions from the public on the different types of renewable energy systems, the installations, safety precautions, height and setback requirements, the removal of these products at the time of expiration, and the restrictions and concern of renewable energy systems on agricultural land.

**RESOLUTION #7**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilman Kauffman, to close the public hearing on Local Law #3 2022, Entitled ‘Renewable Energy Systems’.

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

Supervisor Nabinger reviewed the information and answered the questions on the SEQR form with the town board. The town board answered ‘No’ to all questions on this form.

**RESOLUTION #8**

Motion was made by Councilman Kauffman, second by Councilman Daniels, for a negative declaration under SEQR with respect to the Renewable Energy Law.

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

Supervisor Nabinger asked the town board for a motion to adopt the following resolution approving Local Law No. 3-2022.

**WHEREAS,** notice was given that the Town Board scheduled a public hearing for May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2022 entitled ‘A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED ‘RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS’; and

**WHEREAS,** notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town and posted on the Town Clerk’s signboard; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chenango County Panning Department reviewed the Local Law pursuant to GML section 239-m and has issued a report thereon; and

**WHEREAS,** said public hearing was held on the 10th day of May, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, it has been determined by the Town Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law constitutes an Unlisted Action, as defined under regulations. The Town Board has considered the possible environmental impacts of the Local Law. The adoption of said Local Law will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and the Town Board adopts a negative declaration with respect to the Local Law; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Bainbridge hereby adopts said local law as Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2022 entitled ‘A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED ‘RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS’; and it is further

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and give due notice of the adaption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State; and it is further

**RESOLUTION** that this resolution will take effect upon filing with the Department of State.

**RESOLUTION #9**

Motion was made by Councilman Kauffman, second by Councilwoman Fuller, to approve Local Law No. 3 2022, entitled ‘Renewable Energy Systems’.

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

The town board held conversation with Planning Board Chairman Jarrett Cannistra and Mayor Wade on the potential interest from solar companies and concerns regarding the Renewable Energy Systems. Wade stated the village has not done a local law yet on renewable energy systems.

The town board confirmed with Coughlin & Gerhart attorney Bob McKertich that the Spectrum Franchise agreement should be all set, with the changes that were made by his associate Keegan Coughlin.

**RESOLUTION #10**

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

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

**HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Clark reported everything has been cleaned up from the last storm and the plow equipment has been taken off the trucks. He talked about the recent roadwork being done and some minor repairs with the grader. Clark added his department has been helping the Town of Guilford with some paving and will ask electrician Joe Rico to wire in a plug at the highway garage for the generator.

Clark spoke on his communication with Tenco/ Steel Sales and Henderson about new plow equipment. He was given prices from both companies, on the plow equipment. Here are those prices:

Tenco/Steel Sales-$155,000.00

Henderson-$170,000.00

The total costs for the Tenco Plow Equipment & Body would be $296,000.00

and the total costs for the Henderson Plow Equipment & Body would be $311,000.00.

Highway Superintendent Clark said it might be 2 years before we received the new truck and plow equipment. He talked about the quality of product from both Tenco and Henderson but felt the Tenco product was the best way to go.

**RESOLUTION #11**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilman Kauffman, to move forward with the plow equipment at $155,000.00 from Tenco.

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

**TOWN HALL**

Highway Superintendent Clark said he hooked a dehumidifier up in the basement of the town hall and ran a hose into the sump pump drain in the furnace room, to avoid having to empty the dehumidifier.

Clark brought up hiring summer help this year and mentioned hiring Garrett Ives for the summer help position. Ives was last year’s summer help at the highway garage and was a very good worker. The summer help would be from middle of May until the middle of August.

The town board held discussion on this position, amount of pay and his wages with being a returning employee.

**RESOLUTION #12**

Motion was made by Councilman Kauffman, second by Councilman Evans, to hire Garrett Ives as temporary summer worker, paying him last year’s wage and adding $1.00 per hour.

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

**POOL**

Pool Superintendent Richman reported the repairs at the pump house are coming along, but we’re still waiting for an air trap. He said he plans to fill the pool within a week to 10 days.

Richman said the price of chlorine will be 3 times more this year from last year, due to a shortage of chlorine and that Shane Nordberg would negotiate the best price. Mayor Wade said the village is working with the town on this.

**CLINTON PARK**

Park Superintendent Richman said the new golf cart came in and Tim Harmon is on vacation. He talked about the mowing he’s been doing, while Harmon has been away, and that Harmon will be back this Thursday.

Richman mentioned the gravel that Highway Superintendent Clark trucked into the park, and how he still needs a couple more loads.

He brought up the 2 seasonal campers that are currently there and how we’re off to slow start this year due to the cost of fuel. Richman said the light on the pole at the entrance of the park is done and suggested doing something to bring in more events at the park. He said we lost the Stafford Memorial Truck Show this year and the numbers for the Family Motor Coach Association are dwindling.

The town board held conversation on the matter.

Richman mentioned the representative from the Garden Tractor Pull has plowed and the Leonard plaque has been ordered.

The town board held conversation with Richman about cleaning the bathrooms at the park and finding some help to clean the bathrooms during the regatta.

**TOWN CLERK**

Town Clerk McKown informed the town board that Roberta Dunker had passed away and we have a new Teamsters representative, Anthony Sesso.

McKown spoke about his recent conversation with Donna Merlino of the Family Motor Coach Association. Merlino said their numbers are low, their future doesn’t look promising, and the size of their event will be much smaller this year.

McKown confirmed with the town board that they were still fine to come in this year, no matter the size of their rally.

He shared a conversation he had with someone who turned down renting the Payne Park pavilion because of the amount of drug activity at that pavilion.

McKown asked the town board’s approval for payment on the AED maintenance bill updating the AED pads to stay in compliance. The town board was fine with paying this bill.

The town board held conversation on the Omnicor bill submitted by Josh Vansteenburg of the Bainbridge Fire District, regarding the travel charge amount on the bill. Supervisor Nabinger said she wanted to look into this further and to make a motion to remove the ‘Omnicor’ bill from being paid this month.

**RESOLUTION #13**

Motion was made by Councilman Kauffman, second by Councilman Daniels, to remove the Omnicor bill in the amount of $372.50 from the May bills.

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

Town Clerk McKown stated the Chamber’s contract for the Canoe Regatta has been signed.

He mentioned his conversation with David Buck of the Onondaga Canoeing and Kayak Club. Buck is leading a project called ‘Setting Water Trail’ with some Native Americans, along the Susquehanna River, and has asked to tent camp at the park. McKown said there would be 10-15 people and they would be using very little water and electric. He suggested not charging this group, like we do with the cub scouts. The town board said we charge $15 per tent to camp at Clinton Park.

Councilman Evans asked about contributing towards the security at the regatta, and said we used to make a motion to approve this. The town board discussed this and confirmed that there’s already a budgeted amount of $1500.00 for this, in the budget.

Evans brought up the WIFI for the park and how there’s some parts the Delhi Telephone Company is unable to get. The DTC has offered to rebid this with higher priced components if the town wants. There were some parts for another entity that were ordered last fall are scheduled for August delivery.

Supervisor Nabinger reminded everyone again of the Commerce Chenango presentation on ‘Strategic Planning’ for May 19th.

She reported the White Goods Day was not as busy as in past years, bringing in $355.00.

Nabinger said we received our 1st quarter sales check in the amount of $88,635.89.

She said all figures have been entered in our AUD Report and now we’re waiting for corrections.

Nabinger informed the town board of people throwing their garbage out of the windows of their vehicles on East Afton Road, near Clayton Road. Highway Superintendent Clark thought this was Town of Afton.

Gary Richman suggested writing Steve Fox at Chenango County Code Enforcement a letter to address the trailer that’s being torn apart down on Kirby Flats. Nabinger asked Councilman Evans to write this letter to Steve Fox on this matter.

Supervisor Nabinger talked about collecting the insurance money from the man who hit the guard rail on Pearl Street Extension on August 9th, 2021 and how she hasn’t had much luck with the matter.

Highway Superintendent Clark confirmed with our insurance agent JR Bogert that our insurance would only pay a claim that was $10,000.00 or more, and this particular incident was only $3,000.00.

Nabinger said Bookkeeper Sherman will no longer be able to pay the NYS Retirement or Deferred Compensation with a paper check, and how it will need to

be done electronically moving forward. She asked the town board for a motion to give Bookkeeper Sherman access to the NYS Retirement and Deferred Compensation for electronic payments.

**RESOLUTION #14**

Motion was made by Councilman Kauffman, second by Councilman Daniels, to give Bookkeeper Sherman access to the NYS Retirement and Deferred Compensation for electronic payments.

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

Supervisor Nabinger brought up renting both the upper pavilion and large pavilion at Clinton Park at the same time. The town board held conversation on the matter and concluded it would be okay to rent those pavilions at the same time.

Nabinger said the CDBG grant is all done on our end and it’s now up to Thoma find the candidates for this grant.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:33PM

Respectively Submitted,

Aric McKown

Town Clerk