**PUBLIC HEARING**

**BAINBRIDGE TOWN BOARD**

**OCTOBER 19, 2023**

Present: Dolores Nabinger Supervisor

 Bob Evans Councilman

 Melissa Fuller (attended late) Councilwoman

 Matt Clark Highway Superintendent

Recording Secretary: Aric McKown Town Clerk

Absent: Michael Kauffman Councilman

 Gordie Daniels Councilman

Supervisor Nabinger called the Budget Hearing to order at 4:00PM.

Guest(s): Mayor Phil Wade, Village Board Trustee Steve Eisenberg.

**RESOLUTION #1**

Motion was made by Supervisor Nabinger, second by Councilman Evans, to open public hearing for the 2024 Budget.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilman Evans; No: None; Motion Carried.

The public was invited to comment on the 2024 Budget.

Village Board Trustee Steve Eisenburg opened a discussion on the village’s contribution amount of $5,000.00 and the increased amount of $7,000.00 towards the town’s youth program contractual.

Councilman Evans stated the contribution had started after the village’s justice system had been handed over to the town. He talked about the importance of municipalities working together and the village working to support the town.

Supervisor Nabinger spoke to the town’s attorney on the matter, and the attorney defined it as ‘municipality cooperation.’

Village Board Trustee Eisenburg stated he was in attendance to be informed and is not opposed to those monies being contributed to the town’s youth program.

Mayor Wade expressed there being a ‘triple tax’ with the increase to the village’s contribution amount and the increase in swimming lessons fees.

The town board held discussion with Mayor Wade and Village Board Trustee Eisenberg on the use of the Bainbridge Police Department while on duty, the importance of having an officer present during ADA days and the village and town cooperating to share these costs.

Village Board Trustee Eisenberg suggested taking the information discussed at tonight's public hearing back to the village board and ‘rehashing’ the village’s increased contribution amount of $7,000.00.

The town board fielded questions from Mayor Wade on certain line items on the proposed 2024 Budget, discussed the tax rate changes, and the potential for tax exemptions with any IDA projects.

**RESOLUTION #2**

Motion was made by Supervisor Nabinger, second by Councilman Evans, to close the public hearing for the 2024 Budget.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilman Evans; No: None; Motion Carried.

The town board expressed interest in wanting to approve the 2024 Budget this evening and was able to contact Councilwoman Fuller, who had just returned from vacation. Fuller later attended to help finalize the amounts in General A Fund and provide a quorum to approve the 2024 Budget.

**RESOLUTION #3**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilwoman Fuller, to approve the 2024 Budget.

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

Motion to Adjourn @ 5:40PM

Respectively Submitted,

Aric McKown

Town Clerk