**REGULAR MEETING**

**BAINBRIDGE TOWN BOARD**

**NOVEMBER 12TH, 2019**

Present: Dolores Nabinger Supervisor

Deborah Hromada Councilwoman

Bob Evans Councilman

Jennifer Sienko Councilwoman

Kelly Hromada-Johnson Councilwoman

Gary Richman Highway Superintendent

Recording Secretary: Aric McKown Town Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION #1**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson, second by Councilman Evans, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 8th, 2019.

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

**RESOLUTION #2**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to approve the minutes of the budget meeting held on September 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

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

**RESOLUTION #3**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilwoman Johnson, to approve the minutes of the budget meeting on October 15th and the public hearing on October 28th.

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

The following claims as set forth on abstract #11 for 2019 were audited by the Town Board:

General Town Wide#270-297 for $9,007.52

General Town Outside#22-23 for $117.00

Bennettsville Lights#10 for $33.49

Highway Town Wide#81-94 for $7,904.45

Highway Town Outside#53-57 for $7,564.43

**RESOLUTION #4**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson, second by Councilwoman Sienko, authorizing clerk to issue warrant to Supervisor for payment of audited claims, and to change the payable amount on the Sentry Alarms bill for $549.75 and the Volo's Auto Parts bill for $221.61 and to hold off on paying the bills for the New York Retirement and the Business Automation Services.

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

The September 2019 financial report was received and filed.

Supervisor Nabinger asked Phil Wade about the amount of filing cabinets in the basement, and asked if there could be some consolidation done with those cabinets.

**Guests Questions & Concerns:**

Wade responded to this by stating, that he might be able to do some consolidating.

He thanked Supervisor Nabinger for finalizing the fishing access site agreement with the DEC, and congratulated the board members that were reelected. Nabinger added that this access site would be added to the DEC listing.

Mayor Wade confirmed with the town board, that were no changes with the Senior Citizen Income levels. He brought up the NYS Rt 206 Rehabilitation Project that's due to start soon, and invited everyone to the village board meeting next Tuesday.

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

The town board held a conversation about continuing to pay former Assessor Richard Koppenaal, with our new Assessor Faline Ward, and concluded that they had only agreed to pay him for the month of September.

**HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Richman stated 'winter is here', and that he's been out a couple times already, salting the roads. He told the town board that his department has been busy working on the trucks and cutting down some trees.

Richman shared with the town board the prices he received, from Ford and Dodge, on a new dump truck for his department. Here are those costs:

Dodge- $68,064.10

Ford- $70,888.86

The town board discussed purchasing the new truck and what would be the better choice. Highway Superintendent Richman said that after the truck is ordered, it wouldn't arrive until May or June of 2020.

**RESOLUTION #5**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilwoman Johnson, to purchase the new dump truck from Dodge.

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

**RESOLUTION #6**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hromada, second by Councilwoman Johnson, to pay for the purchase of the new truck from the Machinery Reserves Fund.

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

Supervisor Nabinger asked about the bond payment for the truck, and that it wasn't in the bills for this month. Town Clerk McKown said that he forgot to add this payment voucher in with the bills. The town board agreed that the money for this payment had already been budgeted, and that the payment could be made.

**RESOLUTION #7**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sienko, second by Councilwoman Hromada, to add this payment of $38,123.00 to the November bills, and pay the truck payment.

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

**POOL**

Pool Superintendent Richman informed the town board that the leak in the pool has been fixed. The leak was found by using a dye and was located on a camera.

**TOWN HALL**

Highway Superintendent Richman told Phil Wade of the Jericho Arts Council that he fixed the weather stripping on the upstairs door by the fire escape. Richman expressed his concern on that door and that it should be replaced. He suggested that the JAC help with the costs of these repairs, because the town board gives the rent check back to the JAC every year.

**CLINTON PARK**

Park Superintendent Richman told the town board that the Lions Club had set up the Christmas decorations in the park.

**RESOLUTION #8**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sienko, second by Councilwoman Johnson, to open the public hearing for the housing grant.

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

Dan Hulse from Thoma came to the public hearing to speak on the housing grant process. He provided a Citizen Participation Plan informational that is to be kept on file in the town clerk's office, and is used for any municipality that goes through the housing grant process. Mr. Hulse opened the floor for any questions on community needs, housing grants, or public infrastructure. He explained to the town board what Thoma has done for the town already on the housing grant, how the housing grant process works, and fielded questions from the town board. Mr. Hulse stated that the standard amount for grant money per household is $25,000.00, and that Thoma wouldn't receive the award money until the Spring. He also mentioned that Thoma helps the homeowner by setting them up with contractors to do the work.

**RESOLUTION #9**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hromada, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to close the public hearing for the housing grant.

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

**TOWN CLERK**

Town Clerk McKown provided the town board with a list of ongoing events at Clinton Park. He presented the annual agreement between the Town of Bainbridge and the Chenango County SPCA to be signed.

**RESOLUTION #10**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson, second by Councilman Evans, to sign the agreement between the Town of Bainbridge and the Chenango County SPCA.

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

Councilwoman Sienko asked Town Clerk McKown if the new rates for the Clinton Park rentals had been updated on the town's website. McKown stated that Deputy Clerk Cooper would be meeting with our website developer Deidre Hall next week to make those changes

Town Clerk McKown talked about a letter that he had received from Sanitation Officer David Lieb, requesting a reimbursement of monies from his social security. After following up with Lieb, he learned that this reimbursement could be disregarded. Councilwoman Hromada stated that social security is something you always pay into.

Councilwoman Johnson noted she has a call into Recreation Director Palmer to get the statistics on the numbers of residents and non-resident swimmers during the swim season.

Councilman Evans questioned a possible 'conflict of interest', while serving as a town board member, and also a board member on the Board of Assessment Review and Fire Commissioner. Supervisor Nabinger said she would speak with Association of Towns, and get back to Evans on this.

Supervisor Nabinger asked Town Clerk McKown to decorate the town hall Christmas tree this year. McKown said he'd be happy to do that.

Nabinger mentioned the audits being done for the court and town clerk's books around the 1st of the year. She informed the town board that the NYSEG credit checks had been received.

Nabinger confirmed with the town board that the town wouldn't pay Assessor Koppenaal a salary for the months of October and November.

She brought up a conversation she had with Deputy Clerk Cooper about putting WIFI in at Clinton Park. The town board held a conversation about the issue of a WIFI connection at the park, and the possibilities of having Cooper be able to create the images on the electronic sign remotely. The town board concluded that this is something that the town can't afford to pay for at this time.

**RESOLUTION #11**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sienko, second by Councilwoman Johnson, to open the public hearing for the 2020 budget.

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

Supervisor Nabinger asked the public for comments and questions.

Mayor Wade asked the town board if they did a Fund Balance Reconciliation. Supervisor Nabinger offered an explanation, as to what had been done with the budget.

Councilman Evans asked about how much the town came under the tax cap. Supervisor Nabinger confirmed that the town stayed under the tax cap by $338.00.

**RESOLUTION #12**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson, second by Councilwoman Hromada, to close the public hearing for the 2020 budget.

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

**RESOLUTION #13**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Hromada, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to adopt the 2020 budget.

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

Supervisor Nabinger talked about solar energy, and how she had recently learned through her husband, that you can save 10% on your electric by using solar energy.

Councilwoman Johnson asked about the 'Toys for Tots' train and when that is. Supervisor Nabinger stated that the train will arrive on December 7th.

Violet Wade shared with the town board that the 'Angel Tree' at Nana's Keepsakes will be available on November 23rd .

Councilman Evans inquired about the status on the defibrillator for the town hall and Clinton Park. Supervisor Nabinger said that that is still pending.

The town board held more conversation about the WIFI at Clinton Park. Councilman Evans suggested taking the conversation back to the Community Foundation for some answers.

Councilwoman Johnson talked about the possibility of charging for the ads on the electronic sign.

Next Regular Meeting will be December 10th, 2019 @ 6:30PM.

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:55PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Aric McKown

Town Clerk