

**REGULAR MEETING
BAINBRIDGE TOWN BOARD
December 9, 2025**

Present:	Bob Evans	Councilman
	Michael Kauffman	Councilman
	Melissa Fuller	Councilwoman
	Gordie Daniels	Councilman
	Matthew Clark	Highway Superintendent
	Dolores Nabinger	Supervisor

Absent:	Aric McKown	Town Clerk
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Guests: Phil & Violet Wade, Cathy & Bill Sherrick, Steven Eisinberg, Vince Taylor, Tim Mayes and Dave DeClue

Supervisor Nabinger called the meeting to order @ 6:30

RESOLUTION # 1

Motion made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilman Kauffman to approve the minutes from the November 11th, 2025 regular meeting.

The following claims as set forth on abstract #12 for 2025 were audited by the Town Board:

General Town Wide # 15,621.74

General Town Outside # 609.06

Bennettsville Lights # 24.80

Highway Town Wide # 12,712.45

Highway Town Outside # 24,798.80

RESOLUTION # 2

Motion made by Councilwoman Fuller second by Council Kauffman authorizing clerk to issue warrant to Supervisor for payment of the audited bills:

Ayes : Councilman Evans, Councilman Kauffman, Councilman Daniels and Councilwoman Fuller

No: none Motion carried

RESOLUTION # 3

Motion made by Councilman Evans second by Councilman Kauffman to receive and file the October financial reports,

Ayes: Councilman Evans, Council Kauffman, Council Daniels, Councilwoman Fuller

No: none Motion carried

Dave DeClue update on County Road 38 house owned by Linda DeShaw:

Dave was able to have Linda DeShaw sign a contract giving the town title on Tuesday December 9, 2025. After signing Linda mentioned that there is a \$2874.27 outstanding water bill. This property is in the town, not the village. This water bill needs to be paid before Dave will proceed any further. Councilwoman Fuller expressed that she was wondering how we could be into this for over a year and this water bill was never mentioned. This would have been a variable piece of information. Supervisor Nabinger suggested that we split the bill with the village.

Councilman Kauffman suggested that we write a letter to the village board asking to waive the water bill. With the understanding that when the town acquires this property and if we are able to make a profit we would then pay the water bill.

Councilman Evans made the point that the village will not get paid from DeShaw unless they sue the property owner. Second if the property were to be sold to a new owner they would not be responsible for the past due water bill. The village is in a no win situation.

After a long discussion the board suggested that we write a letter to the village asking them to waive the delinquent water bill. Supervisor Nabinger will take care of the letter before Tuesday's village meeting.

RESOLUTION # 4

Motion made by Councilman Kauffman that we sign the contract that Dave DeClue has presented to the board (see attached contract) second by Councilman Evans.

Ayes: Councilman Evans, Councilman Kauffman, Councilman Daniels, Councilwoman Fuller

No: None Motion carried

Violet Wade asked what the status on the defibrillator was? Her concern was that they have a show this coming weekend. Supervisor Nabinger said she will follow up with Town Clerk McKown on this matter.

Mayor Wade asked Dog Control Officer Sherrick about the SPCA contract and backing up the village. Dog Control Officer Sherrick has already spoken to Shawn and Scott about continuing backing each other up. The Dog Control Officer explained that he is not ready to have us sign the SPCA contract until he has a few questions answered.

RESOLUTION # 5

Motion made by Councilman Evans second by Councilman Daniels to receive and file Sanitation report, Dog Control report and Assessors report.

Ayes : Councilman Evans, Councilman Kauffman, Councilman Daniels Councilwoman Fuller

No: None Motion carried

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Clark said they have been plowing and fixing equipment. He still has no word on delivery dates for our trucks. As of today we have not received our CHIPS money.

TOWN CLERK N/A

TOWN BOARD

Councilwoman Fuller proposed the following rates for Clinton Park events:

Dog Show from \$9100 to \$10,000

FMCA from \$21.00 unit to \$25.00 unit

Regatta will stay the same rate since 2023 of \$2000.00

Councilwoman Fuller asked if maybe we could collect camping and not the chamber. Both Councilwoman Fuller and Councilman Kauffman are suggesting that we need to get software for camping but for 2026 we will keep the regatta weekend camping the same.

Councilman Fuller believes that the Town Clerk already collected the circus money so no changes there.

Councilman Evans asked about the fact that the Andrews Wet Land Reserve fund has been at the same amount. Supervisor Nabinger explained that they used to give out a scholarship every year but have not in several years.

Councilman Evans asked if we would like to participate in the year round paint collection that was mentioned in the Town and Topics magazine. The board agreed that it would be good. Highway Superintendent Clark will check into it for us. Councilman Evans also asked for an update on the library contract. Supervisor Nabinger said that they will be bringing it to us next month. It is in review with their lawyer right now. Superintendent Clark explained to Councilman Evans that they took the tires off the old pickup and put them on his truck. So now that old truck is ready for the auction. Councilman Evans has been in touch with our website manager about updates on our Clinton Park map. She thought it would be about \$400 to update our map and website. Councilman Kauffman suggested holding off until we look into software programs for camping.

Councilman Kauffman asked if Aric has been in touch to meet the deadline for a [gov.com](https://www.gov.com) web site. Supervisor Nabinger will ask him.

Councilman Evans also brought up the subject of raising our daily camping rates. Councilman Kauffman believes we talked about it but never made a motion. After a board discussion Councilman Evans made a motion to raise daily rates to \$60.00 a night and Passport America, military and Bainbridge residents \$30.00 a night.

RESOLUTION # 6

Motion made by Councilman Evans second by Councilman Kauffman to raise the daily rates to \$60.00 and \$30.00 for Passport America, military and Bainbridge Residents.

Ayes: Councilman Evans, Councilman Kauffman, Councilman Daniels, Councilwoman Fuller

No: Superintendent Nabinger Motion carried

TOWN SUPERVISOR

Supervisor remarked that Councilman Evans has been looking at the Southern Tier grant opportunities. She suggested that we go to Coral Island and speak to them about possible slides that would work for us.

Supervisor Nabinger asked to have a motion to accept the insurance policy from Gates Cole for \$39,191.23.

RESOLUTION # 7

Motion made by Councilman Kauffman second by Councilman Evans to accept the Gates Cole proposed insurance policy for \$39.191.23.

Ayes; Councilman Evans Councilman Kauffman Councilman Dainels Councilwoman Fuller.

No: none motion carried

Next regular and organizational meeting January 13, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM

Respectively Submitted,

Dolores Nabinger
Town Supervisor