**REGULAR MEETING**

**BAINBRIDGE TOWN BOARD**

**MARCH 17TH , 2020**

Present: Dolores Nabinger Supervisor

 Jennifer Sienko Councilwoman

 Bob Evans Councilman

 Kelly Hromada-Johnson Councilwoman

 Recording Secretary: Aric McKown Town Clerk

Absent: Deborah Hromada Councilwoman

 Gary Richman Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Nabinger called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:42PM.

Councilwoman Johnson mentioned there was never a motion made to approve more copies of the publication, 'The Stones from the Walls of Jericho'.

Town Clerk McKown confirmed no motion was made and that the town board only agreed on that approval. Supervisor Nabinger said we would talk about this later in the meeting.

**RESOLUTION #1**

Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to approve the minutes from the February 11th, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

Supervisor Nabinger stated January's financial reports were received and filed.

The town board questioned the bills for the labor law poster and Highway Superintendent Richman's purchase of a laptop.

The following claims as set forth on abstract #3 for 2020 were audited by Town Board:

General Town Wide#373-395 for $11,199.04

General Town Outside#28-29 for $320.00

Bennettsville Lights#14 for $33.69

Highway Town Wide#128-142 for $3,903.62

Highway Town Outside#76-79 for $9,523.75

**RESOLUTION #2**

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

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

Supervisor Nabinger stated January's financial reports were received and filed.

Assessor Ward attended the meeting to update the board on the time she has been spending with the Enhanced Star applications, how the deadline for having these applications in has been extended up until grievance day. Ward expressed the importance of helping our seniors during this time, to keep there homes.

She informed the town board on the building permits she's been working on, dating back to January. Ward also stated she had finished her first class last Friday and that there will be more to take over the next couple of years.

Supervisor Nabinger asked Assessor Ward if she had spoken to Coughlin & Gerhart regarding the grievance of assessment on the Harmony Hill apartments. Ward said she confirmed with Bob McKertich no changes at this time, and that Supervisor Nabinger would need to follow up with McKertich.

Assessor Ward asked about the public's access to the town hall during the Corona Virus, and that she would like to continue working to keep up on her work.

Clerk To Justice Terri Bickford stepped into the meeting to let the town board know that New York State had closed all court activities, and all serious arraignments would be addressed at the county court. She said she's currently working on getting letters out to let people know these changes. Bickford stated that Justice Thurlby, Justice Davis and herself would be spending this time getting caught up.

Supervisor Nabinger announced that we should let the public know on our website that the town hall would be closed to the public, the assessor's office and court is only available by phone only.

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

Nabinger talked about the 'White Goods Day' and that it would be held on the 1st weekend in May 2020, and that if we needed to postpone this date due to the Corona Virus, we could. The town board held a conversation about the details of that day.

Councilwoman Sienko informed the town board that she couldn't find any teachers from the school to paint the town hall. She reminded everyone that if there was any information that needed to posted to the town's Facebook page, to let her know. Sienko talked about the importance of getting real and factual information out to the people at this time. Both herself and Deputy Clerk Cooper are available to do this.

Councilman Evans addressed the town board about the closing of evening hours for the ER at the hospital in Sidney. He said that Highway Superintendent Richman had met with Assemblyman Cliff Crouch about facilitating a meeting with the town and the hospital.

The town board discussed the importance of having the ER open, especially during this time with the Corona Virus. They suggested writing a letter of support to keep the ER open.

Evans provided the town board with a quote and site plan for expanding the WIFI out to other locations at Clinton Park, through the services of the Delhi Telephone Company. He stated the DTC provides only the hardware for this expansion. Evans talked about the benefits of having this installed for the regatta and asked about the Chamber helping with the costs. He talked about the details of this work and the costs involved.

Supervisor Nabinger asked about the coverage of the WIFI, if this were to happen, and if doing this would be okay with Spectrum. The town board discussed what areas would be covered, how to cover these costs, and agreed it was a great idea.

Councilman Evans brought up the shed at the Clinton Park entrance and that the Lions Club had agreed to take this on as a project. Supervisor Nabinger added that her husband Roy Nabinger said he could get the materials through Jess F. Howe for $1800.00. Nabinger asked the town board on their thoughts for moving forward on this project.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that she was not in favor of spending any money this year.

Supervisor Nabinger talked about the benefits of having the shed at Clinton Park and that the labor was free.

**RESOLUTION #3**

Councilman Evans made motion, second by Supervisor Nabinger, to go ahead with building the shed and not to exceed an amount of $1800.00 and to have the Lions Club build it.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilman Evans; No: Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Sienko; Motion Failed.

The town board held a conversation about the shed project and the advantages and disadvantages of doing this at this time.

Supervisor Nabinger brought up the Rotary's letter to the town asking permission to produce more publications of the 'The Stones from the Walls of Jericho', and asked Town Clerk McKown to clarify what that letter was asking.

McKown stated the letter from the Bainbridge Rotary was asking the town's permission to produce more publications.

Councilwoman Johnson informed the town board that the town had not been approved for the housing grant. Supervisor Nabinger read the letter from Thoma , and the town board expressed their disappointment on this decision. Johnson said she would follow up with Rich Cunningham of Thoma.

Councilwoman Johnson talked about her recent meeting with Recreation Director Palmer and Councilman Evans. Councilman Evans spoke to Recreation Director Palmer on the importance of keeping within the budget and scheduling staff. Recreation Director Palmer talked about his challenges with scheduling staff, but assured both Evans and Johnson that he would be staying within the budget. Palmer also said he was in favor of taking Michelle Arnold on as the new Playground Program Director, and feels she would bring a lot to the program.

Councilwoman Johnson said that Recreation Director Palmer would be reaching out to Supervisor Nabinger and Michelle Arnold.

The town board discussed keeping better track of the payroll, residential and non-residential children involved in the youth programs and the location of the playground program.

Councilwoman Sienko asked that she be given the information for the Summer Program to post to our Facebook page, as soon as it's received.

Town Clerk McKown stated he had given the price information for the Summer Programs to Mary Drachler for the Bainbridge Connects paper.

Councilwoman Johnson confirmed with Town Clerk McKown that the court audit paperwork had been sent in.

**STONE BIDS**

Stone Bids for the 2020-2021 season were opened at 7:15PM, and read by Town Clerk McKown.

**STONE BIDS: #1A #1B #1ST (Washed Sand)**

Cobleskill $19.50/ton, $17.05/ton. $17.05/ton

Carver $19.45/ton, $17.30/ton $17.30/ton

Callanan $26.50/ton, $19.00/ton, $24.50/ton

Hanson $27.25/ton, $27.25/ton, $25.85/ton

**RESOLUTION #4**

 Motion was made by Councilman Evans, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to award the bid for #1A, # 1B and #1ST (Washed Stone) stone to Cobleskill Stone for the 2020-2021 season.

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

Supervisor Nabinger asked Town Clerk McKown on how many AED devices we had now. McKown stated that there is one upstairs in the theater and one in the meeting room.

Supervisor Nabinger asked Councilman Evans to speak about his time auditing the Town Clerk's books. Evans was happy to report that the Town Clerk's books have been reconciled.

Nabinger confirmed that the public hearing for the Delhi Telephone Company franchise agreement was set to take place at the April meeting at 7PM. She also mentioned that Spectrum has proposed a franchise agreement for the town as well.

She informed everyone that the Village elections have been postponed until next month. Nabinger talked about her communication with the County and moving the voting location back to the town hall and that it might not happen this year because of time it would take to notify everyone. She stated would not give up on making this happen.

Nabinger told everyone that she had received the tax sale list of properties letter and gave it to Town Clerk McKown to keep in the office.

She brought up the opening of Clinton Park and that we should 'play it by ear'.

Nabinger said she emailed the DEC, to remind them of the sign needed for the boat launch.

She presented the rent check from the Jericho Arts Council for $575.00 made payable to the town, and asked what the town board would like to do with the check.

Councilman Evans mentioned that both Councilwoman Johnson and Councilwoman Sienko had expressed a concern about the budget and wondered why the rent check would be returned to the JAC.

Councilwoman Johnson stated the check has always been returned back to the JAC, and that the JAC has worked to bring people in the door and is a big part of our community.

Evans argued that the rent check has not always been returned back to the JAC and if there was concern about money in the budget, that the check wouldn't be given back.

**RESOLUTION #5**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson, second by Councilwoman Sienko, to give the rent check back to the JAC.

Ayes: Supervisor Nabinger, Councilwoman Johnson, Councilwoman Sienko; No: Councilman Evans; Motion Carried.

Supervisor Nabinger gave an update to the town board on her recent communication with the state on the town hall grant. She said after all this time, she is being told that the state still needs more information to be sent.

Councilwoman Johnson asked if we should be using the received tax money to take care of some of our negative balances in the budget.

The town board reviewed the budget and talked about moving money around to take care of negative balances.

**RESOLUTION #6**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson, second by Councilman Evans, to move $2,387.78 from A1990.4/ Contingencies Fund to A6989.4/ Consultants Fund.

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

Councilwoman Johnson asked about Highway Superintendent Richman's response to the Corona Virus, and making sure his department is following all precautionary guidelines. She talked about the importance of keeping things disinfected.

The town board agreed to post on the building that the Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice, that the Town Clerk's and the Assessor's office will be available by phone ONLY, and that the Town Court is closed until further notice.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:07PM

Respectively Submitted,

Aric McKown

Town Clerk