

VILLAGE OF BAINBRIDGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 21, 2020
AT 6:30 PM IN THE TOWN HALL
15 NORTH MAIN STREET, BAINBRIDGE, NY

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wade called the meeting to order at 6:31

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Wade, Deputy Mayor Campbell, Trustee Eisenberg, Trustee Taylor

EXCUSED: Trustee Mayes

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Caratelli, Superintendent Webb, Clerk/Treasurer Parsons

MINUTES: Trustee Taylor moved to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2020 as presented, second by Trustee Eisenberg

Vote: Ayes – Campbell, Eisenberg, Taylor, Wade
Noes – None
Carried.

REPORTS: Reports were received from Public Safety, DPW, Water & Sewer Clerk and Mayor.

Chief Caratelli spoke about Executive Order 203 in which the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative is mandated. Chief Caratelli submitted a suggested motion concerning the Executive order.

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to form a committee of stakeholders in our community, in order to enter into compliance with the Governors' Executive Order Number 203, entitled, "New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative".

As such, the Mayor shall convene the head of the local police agency, and stakeholders in the community to develop a plan, to improve deployment, strategies, policies, procedures and practices for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness and legitimacy, and

to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color.”

Second by Trustee Taylor.

Vote: Ayes – Campbell, Eisenberg, Taylor, Wade

Noes – None

Carried.

Superintendent Webb said that they have started sidewalks on lower Juliand St. They also plan to replace sidewalks on the east side of North Main. Mayor Wade asked if all the manholes have been located. Superintendent Webb said that there are seven that they have to dig up.

Trustee Eisenberg moved to accept the above reports as presented, second by Trustee Taylor.

Vote: Ayes – Campbell, Eisenberg, Taylor, Wade

Noes – None

Carried.

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Mrs. Violet Wade submitted a use of buildings and grounds permit on behalf of the Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce. They would like to use the Village Green, Gazebo and Main Streets. The End of Summer/Bainbridge Days would be held 9/4/20 3:00 PM through 9/5/20 at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Wade said that we need a more in-depth plan before a decision can be made. Deputy Mayor Campbell said that it is his understanding that you cannot congregate in groups of more than 50 people on Village owned property.

Trustee Taylor said that if they can limit the gathering to 50 people it would be up to the County to make the decision.

Trustee Taylor moved to table this until our next meeting, second by Trustee Eisenberg.

Vote: Ayes – Eisenberg, Taylor, Wade

Noes – Campbell

Carried.

FINANCIALS: The Treasurer's Report for month ending June 30, 2020 was presented to the Board as well as the balance sheet, expenditures and revenues.

CLAIMS: Unaudited claims for July 2020

The unaudited claims for July 2020 were as follows:

General Fund Abstract #2 in the amount of \$21,469.24

Water Fund Abstract #2 in the amount of \$6,086.17

Sewer Fund Abstract #2 in the amount of \$4,693.61

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to approve the unaudited claims for July 2020 as stated above, second by Trustee Taylor.

Vote: Ayes – Campbell, Eisenberg, Taylor, Wade

Noes – None

Carried.

Audited Claims for June 2020

The audited claims for June 2020 were as follows:

General Fund Abstract #1 in the amount of \$80,046.04, Check #'s 20500-20528

Water Fund Abstract #1 in the amount of \$4,796.09, Check #'s 5402-5406

Sewer Fund Abstract #1 in the amount of \$3,140.56, Check #'s 5764 - 5768

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to approve audited claims for June, 2020 as stated above, second by Trustee Taylor

Vote: Ayes – Campbell, Eisenberg, Taylor, Wade

Noes – None

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Inoperative Motor Vehicles

There are two vehicles at this point one at 4 Pearl and one at 24 Bixby Streets.

Street Light Replacement Project

Mayor Wade has signed the contract and we are awaiting a contractor to be assigned through NYSEG

Unsafe Building

Trustee Eisenberg again contacted Mr. Newbauer about the unsafe building on Tyler St.. He has met the requirements per Superintendent Webb. Mayor Wade will send him a letter thanking him for acting on our request.

Trustee Taylor asked about the 24 Kirby Street house. Superintendent Webb said that there is an active building permit on the house so we cannot do anything about it at this time.

There was discussion about how to deal with some of the properties where the buildings are becoming unsafe. Since the County will no longer allow re-levies on the taxes, our code should be changed. Clerk Parsons will contact other municipalities to see what their code says.

Grants Status

Mayor Wade spoke about the CFA's, we don't know if they will be released this year due to Covid-19.

Sanitary system grant is ongoing.

No Parking on Prospect St.

Tabled until a public hearing can be held.

County Tax Foreclosure Property Sale

The County has not set a date for the tax sale due to various Covid-19 executive orders. The redemption date (for paying past due taxes was re-set to July 31, 2020, so the tax sale date should be known after that.

Article 78 Court Date

The Judge dismissed the action brought forth by Sandra Price at 62 North Main Street.

NEW BUSINESS: Sewer Forgiveness for B-G School

The Bainbridge Guilford school wrote a letter asking for forgiveness on the sewer charge for a leak that occurred at the football field when a pipe broke in the fall of 2019 and flooded the practice field.

Trustee Taylor moved to credit the Bainbridge-Guilford School the amount of \$2,257.50 for water that did not enter the sewer and also write a letter asking the school to have a safety in place to ensure this does not happen again, second by Trustee Eisenberg.

Vote: Ayes – Campbell, Eisenberg, Taylor, Wade
Noes – None
Carried.

Status of Unused NYSEG Meter Removal

The Walnut Ave. well house and Walnut Ave baseball field NYSEG meters were removed on 6/18/20. The Newton Town water tank meter was not removed as there is a panel underground connected to this meter.

Audit of 2019-20 Books

Mayor Wade and Deputy Mayor Campbell will meet with Clerk/Treasurer Parsons in August to Audit the books.

Insurance

Mr. Ron Bogert was going to be online for tonight's meeting to explain an extra bill that he submitted for payment. We could not reach him on the conference call.

Clerk Parsons received a call from a lady that said she tripped and fell in front of the Town Hall. She fractured her hand and is looking for payment of her uncovered medical bills. Clerk Parsons contacted our insurance carrier and they are handling the case.

Polling Place Resolution

Deputy Mayor Campbell would like to send a resolution in support of having a local polling place for National and State elections as we have in the past. He said he did not receive notification that there would not be a polling place in Bainbridge for the last primary.

Trustee Taylor said he received a call as well as something in the mail about the polling place not being in Bainbridge for the primary.

Deputy Mayor Campbell RESOIVED,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the elected Trustees and Mayor of the Village of Bainbridge representing the registered voters of this area hereby request that we have a local polling place for National and State elections as we have had in the past

WHEREAS, we should not be required to travel to Norwich to vote

WHEREAS, the requirement to travel discriminates against senior and low-income citizens

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our votes are in effect disenfranchised if we do not have a local polling place.

Resolution was seconded by Trustee Eisenberg.

Vote: Ayes – Campbell, Eisenberg, Wade

Noes – Taylor

Resolution #2020-7 was carried.

A certified copy of this resolution will be sent to the Chenango County Board of Elections as well as the Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors.

DCO Inspection Report

Mayor Wade reported that all DCO services were rated satisfactory in their latest inspection, the full report is on file at the Clerk's Office if anyone would like to look at it.

Continuing Resolution for U-Source Electric Contract

Mayor Wade said that our U-Source rep contacted him and said that energy costs are again declining and asked if we would like to renew our contract now.

Mayor Wade moved to approve the U-Source contract with Constellation Energy for 12 months, second by Deputy Mayor Campbell.

Vote: Ayes – Campbell, Eisenberg, Taylor, Wade
Noes – None
Carried.

Joint Youth Recreation

The Village received an invoice from the Town of Bainbridge for the Joint Youth Recreation support that is customarily paid each year to support youth programs. However, the pool is closed this year and there are no youth programs sponsored by the Town due to Covid-19.

Supervisor Nabinger was present and explained that they are making necessary repairs to the pool and they have paid their Youth Recreation Director his salary for the year as he performed much of the necessary work before they closed the pool. She also said that they are looking at loss in revenue due to Covid-19.

Mayor Wade said that the Village is looking at the same decrease in revenues due to Covid-19 but offered to give a portion of the normal donation.

Mayor Wade moved to pay the Town of Bainbridge \$1,500 toward Joint Youth Recreation, second by Trustee Eisenberg.

Vote: Ayes – Campbell, Eisenberg, Taylor, Wade
Noes – None
Carried.

CORRESP: We received notification from the United States Bankruptcy Court that PGH Grocery LLC filed a Chapter 11 Case which was dismissed without prejudice. No further action by the Board is needed at this time.

ADDITIONS: There was a water break at the WWTP, we will be submitting a claim to our insurance company for damages incurred.

Open Air Market

Deputy Mayor Campbell submitted a plan to Chenango County on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to resume the Open-Air Market on Saturdays. The County said that they could not reopen due to the fact that municipal owned properties may not have more

than 50 people gathered. There was no way to ensure that the 50 people limit could be enforced.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Taylor moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM second by Trustee Eisenberg.

Mayor Wade adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Brenda L. Parsons
Clerk/Treasurer