

VILLAGE OF BAINBRIDGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 4, 2020
AT 6:30 PM IN THE TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
BY CONFERENCE CALL

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wade called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM

MEMBERS

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Caratelli, Clerk/Treasurer Parsons

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Wade stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the Village Green Park Permit application by Ariana Hall for a Black Lives Matter meeting.

Ariana Hall – Lives in Endicott, used to live in Bainbridge spoke in support

Ashlee Ocasio – Lives in Elmira, used to live in Bainbridge spoke in support

Erik Saunders – Lives in Endicott, used to live in Bainbridge spoke in support

Lori Miller – Lives in Bainbridge, spoke in support

Kayla Occasion – Lives in Elmira, used to live in Bainbridge spoke in support

Teofilo Newsuan – Lives in Endicott, used to live in Honesdale, PA spoke in support

Shannah Hall – Lives in Endwell, used to live in Bainbridge spoke in support

Mayor Wade thanked all persons who spoke about this subject.

Mayor Wade said that we must follow all restrictions for Covid19.

Ms. Ariana Hall said that she has many volunteers who will approach people not wearing masks and ask them to social

distance as well as wear a mask. She will also have water and hand sanitizer available.

Trustee Taylor asked if they have insurance in the case that something was damaged. Ms. Hall said that she does not.

Trustee Eisenberg brought up the fact that the County Health Department denied the Open Air Market Permit due to Covid19.

Deputy Mayor Campbell said that Health Department should be contacted with a plan for approval.

Ms. Ariana Hall said that the use permit is an effort to keep everyone comfortable. This meeting is going to happen whether it be now or later. She would like to have it happen in the park but their 1st Amendment rights state that they can march on any public street.

Mayor Wade said that he spoke to Isaiah Sutton from the County and that the County is discouraging any public gatherings on public property of any size. He said we must be consistent with our past practices and we have denied other permits.

Chief Caratelli said that if the permit is not approved, we could invite Ms.Hall to a meeting to discuss this.

Deputy Mayor Campbell asked if anyone in this room believed there is not systemic racism in our community. He said that racism is alive all over. He said he would make a motion to approve the permit.

Mayor Wade said that these discussions are very important but due to Covid19, he does not believe we can approve this permit at this point.

Trustee Taylor said that the group should go to the County and get a plan approved before we can act on this permit.

Trustee Mayes said that if we are not going to allow events in the park this summer, we should post it on our website and Facebook.

Mayor Wade moved to return this application without prejudice and ask that it be resubmitted with an approved plan from the Chenango County Health Department, second by Trustee Taylor.

Vote: Ayes – Eisenberg, Mayes, Taylor, Wade
Noes – None
Abstain – Campbell

Carried.

Mayor Wade stated that this decision is not a black lives matter issue, it is a Covid19 issue and keeping everyone safe is a priority. Trustee Eisenberg added that he did not see how the number of people could be controlled in a setting like the park.

Chenango County Office of the Aging

Deputy Mayor Campbell said that Chenango County Office of the Aging would like to give away food market coupons on August 20th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon. He asked if they could set up out front of the Clerk's Office in case of inclement weather.

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to allow the Office of the Aging to set up in front of the Clerk's Office on 8/20 from 10:00 AM -12:00 noon, second by Trustee Mayes.

Vote: Ayes – Campbell, Eisenberg, Mayes, Taylor Wade
Noes – None

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Taylor moved to adjourn at 7:39 PM, second by Trustee Mayes

Mayor Wade adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Brenda L. Parsons
Clerk/Treasurer