

VILLAGE OF BAINBRIDGE  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING  
HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 6:30 PM  
IN THE TOWN HALL, 15 NORTH MAIN STREET, BAINBRIDGE

PUBLIC HEARING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wade called the hearing to order at 6:38 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Caratelli,

EXCUSED: Trustee Mayes

Mayor Wade stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments concerning Local Law #1 of 2021. A local law making the intersection at Greenlawn Ave. and Kirby Street a 4-way stop. Mayor Wade asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. John Payne asked why they would change something that is working at this intersection. He has concerns about his cranes stopping and other vehicles stopping on Kirby hill. He also stated that the Greenlawn/Kirby street route it is his only option at this point as the tracks on Freiot Ave. are raised and his cranes scrape on the track.

Mr. Payne was opposed to this as he believes it will create more of an issue than there is now by making it a 4-way stop.

Mr. Fred Bell said he was representing himself and Mr. Jim Cummings as he could not make the meeting. Mr. Cummings has been an EMS over 50 years and has never responded to an accident with a child at this location. He then said he has been an EMS for over 35 years and he hasn't responded to a child car accident either.

Mr. Bell was opposed to the change as he felt it would cause more of a problem than what some are experiencing now.

Mr. David Worden said he would like to echo what Mr. Payne and Chief Bell said.

Mr. Kyle Fuller is the Bus Garage Superintendent and said he wrote a letter to the Village Board quite some time ago asking for a change at this intersection and suggested a 4-way stop. He said he does not know if the answer is to put a 4-way stop there, he has not seen any accidents since he has been with the district but is concerned that there may be. He said that his drivers have an issue with sight distance coming up Greenlawn, the busses have to edge out into the intersection to see if there is anything coming up Kirby hill. He said that cars come up the hill pretty fast.

Mr. Worden suggested putting a flashing speed sign on Kirby hill, maybe one that takes a picture of license plates.

Trustee Taylor did not feel we should wait until there is an issue to do something.

Mayor Wade suggested a traffic light on a timer.

ADJOURNMENT: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adjourn the public hearing at 7:08PM, second by Trustee Eisenberg.

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

#### REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wade called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM

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

EXCUSED: Trustee Mayes

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

VISITORS: There were no visitors present.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the Regular Meeting held January 19, 2021 were distributed to the Board. Trustee Eisenberg said there was no mention of him suggesting water coolers be purchased instead of rented. Clerk Parsons added that to the minutes.

Trustee Taylor moved to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting as amended, second by Trustee Eisenberg.

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

REPORTS:

Reports were received from:

PUBLIC SAFETY – Casey Caratelli  
PUBLIC WORKS – Jeff Webb  
WATER & SEWER – Shane Nordberg  
CLERK/TREASURER – Brenda Parsons  
ANIMAL CONTROL – Scott Webb  
MAYOR – Philip Wade

Chief Caratelli and his staff will be attending Implicit Bias Training on February 27 at the Chenango County Sheriff's Office.

Mayor Wade asked about the damage to the grounds from the 4-wheelers. Chief Caratelli is working with the State Police on this.

Superintendent Webb said that a large water break was found and fixed on Johnson Street. Clerk Parsons will write a letter to Rural Water for their help locating the leak.

Mayor Wade said there are a couple lights that have not been converted. He said if there are any locations that need more light, we have some flexibility to add some.

Bridge NY Project – Mayor Wade said there is an initiative to replace bridges and is working with Barton & Loguidice on an application. An engineer from B&L is coming to take a look at the Kirby Street bridge next week.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

LICENSES AND PERMITS: There were no new licenses or permits.

FINANCIALS REVIEW: There was no financial report this month. Clerk Parsons will distribute it as soon as it is done.

CLAIMS: The un-audited claims for February 2021 were as follows:

General Fund Abstract #9 in the amount of \$21,723.67  
Water Fund Abstract #9 in the amount of \$3,325.26  
Sewer Fund Abstract #9 in the amount of \$7,541.90

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to approve the un-audited claims as stated above, second by Trustee Taylor.

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

The Audited Claims for January 2021 were as follows:

General Fund Abstract #8 in the amount of \$18,009.45,  
Check #'s 20730-20761  
Water Fund Abstract #9 in the amount of \$3,182.52, Check  
#'s 5476-5481  
Sewer Fund Abstract #9 in the amount of \$5,328.87, Check  
#'s 5857-5864

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to approve the audited claims as stated above, second by Trustee Taylor.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Inoperative Motor Vehicles

Summons' will be sent to the owners of cars who received letters last month and have not taken care of their vehicles.

Fiscal Advisors & Marketing Update

Mayor Wade had a draft engagement letter from Fiscal Advisors & Marketing. He asked for our legal counsel to comment and passed their comments for the Board to review. He will send the engagement letter to Fiscal Advisors & Marketing for their approval.

NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Committee Status

Mayor Wade RESOLVED,

WHEREAS, the Village of Bainbridge is committed to Police Reform as described in the Governor's executive order No 203, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Police Reform Commission has thoroughly investigated Village of Bainbridge Police department practices, and potential improvements to support the intent of the Governor's executive order,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Bainbridge Board of Trustees hereby supports and approves the final version of the Village of Bainbridge Police Reform Commission Report and Plan, dated February 16, 2021.

Resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell.

POLL VOTE: Mr. Jay Campbell, Deputy Mayor – Aye  
Mr. Steve Eisenberg, Trustee - Aye  
Mr. Vince Taylor, Trustee – Aye  
Mr. Philip Wade, Mayor - Aye

Noes: None

Resolution 2021-3 was unanimously carried

Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates

Deputy Mayor Campbell said he and the Mayor have continued to provide input and are done with their part. The County has hired a consultant for the plan.

Frontier/Spectrum Service Drops Loose Wire Cleanups

Frontier is working on taking care of their drops.

Proposed Park Policy Draft Discussion

No updates at this time.

Pandemic Operations Plan

Mayor Wade has completed the Pandemic Operation Plan and will have a final draft for the next meeting.

Potential Revisions to Local Law Section 57 Unsafe Building

Deputy Mayor Campbell suggested fining people if they do not follow through with the repair of the house.

Superintendent Webb said that these properties put the Village at risk after it is deemed unsafe.

Mayor Wade said that “zombie properties” are a problem for us and many other municipalities.

Local Law #1 of 2021 – Potential 4-way Stop Kirby and Greenlawn

Trustee Taylor suggested forming a committee to decide which direction to go.

Trustee Taylor moved to rescind Local Law #1 of 2021, second by Trustee Eisenberg.

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

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bridge NY Grant Application for Kirby St. over Newton Creek

Mayor Wade said that NYS has funded \$150,000,000 for the Bridge NY Program. He is working with B&L on a grant application to submit.

CDBG Grant Application for Water System Engineering Study

A public hearing will be held next Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 PM in the Town Clerk's Office to discuss the grant application.

Replacement Truck Purchase in 2021-22

Mayor Wade said the DPW needs to purchase a new truck to replace Scott's truck. It was in the 20-21 budget but Mayor Wade wants to be sure we have enough in the reserve to pay for it. Clerk Parsons said she thought there was enough. We will discuss further at the meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Retiree Insurance

Clerk Parsons received a package from the Teamsters for retiree insurance. Harold Noble sent some information about supplemental insurance from a private broker. Trustee Taylor will look at the information we received and report back to the Board next month.

Hometown Hero Banner Project

Mayor Wade said that Mr. Bob Evans has initiated a project to honor Bainbridge Residents who have been in the military.

Deputy Mayor Campbell wondered who is going to administrate the program.

Trustee Taylor moved to support the Hometown Hero Banner Project, second by Trustee Eisenberg.

Vote: Ayes – Campbell, Eisenberg, Taylor, Wade

Noes – None  
Carried.

Resolution for Tim Mayes Standard Work Day

Clerk Parsons submitted the Standard Work Day Resolution, form RS2417-A for Mr. Timothy Mayes which was adopted at the November 17, 2020 Board meeting.

The resolution was rejected by the Retirement System due to the date format not being 0/0/0000.

Clerk Parsons prepared new RS2417-A's for both of Mr. Mayes's terms.

Standard Work Day Resolution for 4/1/2016-3/31/2020

DEPUTY MAYOR CAMPBELL RESOLVED,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Bainbridge/40282 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities: (see attached).

Resolution was seconded by Trustee Taylor.

Poll Vote: Deputy Mayor Campbell – Aye, Trustee Eisenberg – Aye, Trustee Taylor – Aye, Mayor Wade – Aye

Noes – None.

Resolution 2021-4 was unanimously carried.

Standard Work Day Resolution for 4/1/2020-3/31/2024

TRUSTEE EISENBERG RESOLVED,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Bainbridge/40282 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities: (see attached).



Resolution was seconded by Trustee Taylor.

Poll Vote: Deputy Mayor Campbell – Aye, Trustee Eisenberg – Aye, Trustee Taylor – Aye, Mayor Wade – Aye

Noes – None.

Resolution 2021-5 was unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Village received another “late notice” for the rental of space under the tracks for our sewer lines. Clerk Parsons will write back to Railroad Management again stating per our agreement, the rental fee is \$20.00 per year, not \$1,059.94 per year.

ADDITIONS: There were no additions.

ADJOURNMENT: Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to adjourn at 8:34 P.M., second by Trustee Eisenberg

Mayor Wade adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.

Brenda Parsons  
Clerk/Treasurer