

May 12, 2016

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room May 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jeffrey Hart and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Present were: Supervisor Jeffrey Hart, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Michael Allinger. Also present: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren, Atty. Smith, Water Tower Project Engineer Dan Walker and 4 attendees.

Privilege of the Floor

No one wished to speak

Approval of April 14, 19, 28, 2016 and May 3, 2016 Board Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the April 14, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

AYES	4	Hart, James, Laughlin and Allinger
NAY	0	
ABSENT	1	Powers

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the April 19, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

AYES	4	Hart, James, Laughlin and Allinger
NAY	0	
ABSENT	1	Powers

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve the April 28, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

AYES	4	Hart, James, Laughlin and Allinger
NAY	0	
ABSENT	1	Powers

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the May 3, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

AYES	4	Hart, James, Laughlin and Allinger
NAY	0	
ABSENT	1	Powers

Carried

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Correspondence:

Supervisor Hart read an invitation to the Board Members from the Newfield Public Library Trustees for a meet and greet gathering June 21, 2016. Supervisor Hart also read a notice from Delaware River Solar a community based solar company asking for the Town’s support. Supervisor Hart will contact DRS for more information.

Reports:

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren reported bridge work was being done on the Stonehaven Circle Bridge and the pipe has been ordered for the Connecticut Hill Road and Douglas Road culvert for repairs. Superintendent Berggren also reported a plywood covering has been laid over the decking on the Bow String Bridge. This will be replaced with new oak decking after the bridge has been painted. A new catch basin has been installed at VanBuskirk and Bower Roads. Summer paving includes Shelter Valley and Short Roads, and profiling VanBuskirk Gulf and Shaffer Roads. Highway Superintendent Berggren also asked for Board support to lease to own a new Gradall. The Gradall in use is a 2001 with over 8200 hours use. Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to support the Highway Superintendent of a lease to own Gradall, seconded by Councilperson James.

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NAY	0	
ABSENT	1	Powers

Carried

Water Sewer: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren reported hydrants had been flushed and repaired in Water District 1.

Recreation: Supervisor Hart read Recreation Director Reid Hoskins monthly report.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Bill Baker was absent. Supervisor Hart reported on Storm Water concerns up at the Millard Hill Road development.

Tompkins County Legislature Report: Newfield Representative David McKenna was absent.

Planning Board: Supervisor Hart stated from Planning Board Chair Karen Trask’s report: the Planning Board’s 2nd Community Forum had been well attended and received. The Planning Board will compile the information received for the Town Board’s review.

Supervisor: Supervisor Hart reported Paul Simonet from Park Outdoor Advertising had been in communication regarding the replacement billboard. Attorney Smith stated the Town Board has the authority to hold a Public Hearing to hear public comment regarding this matter with the possibility to change the current law on record. After much discussion the Board’s consensus was not to recreate Local Law No. 1-1989 “Sign Law” to avoid an influx of requests.

Old Business

Dan Walker- Update on Water Tank Project

Mr. Walker stated the Water Tower bids were received and opened on Monday from Vacri Construction and JB Robinson Construction. Mr. Walker stated there had been a miscalculation for paved municipal roads in the bid

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package. While it did not impact the high and low bids submitted, it did impact the paving lines. Mr. Walker contacted the above mentioned construction companies regarding this matter. Mr. Walker recommended Vacri Construction Corporation for the Water Tower Project with an adjusted bid of \$731,330.00 and \$ 156,000.00 for the alternate replacement project. Supervisor Hart and Mr. Walker will proceed with the bond application next week. The Short Environmental Assessment form was completed and signed by Mr. Walker; Supervisor Hart reviewed the SEAF with the Board Members.

Resolution 10-2016

SEQR RESOLUTION- Water Distribution System Improvement Project #1-2016

WHEREAS, the Town of Newfield after study is prepared to embark on a Water Distribution System Improvement Project (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”) regulations posit that no municipality may undertake, fund or approve an action until it has complied with SEQR;

WHEREAS, the Town has reviewed a short form environmental assessment form (“EAF”) prepared by Town Consultant LaBella Engineering and reviewed other information provided by the consultant and available to the Town,

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion duly made by Councilperson Laughlin and seconded by Councilperson James it is,

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Project constitutes an action subject to SEQR, the proposed action is appropriately classified as an “unlisted action” under SEQR, and the short form EAF is adequate for determining the significance of the proposed action; and,
2. That based upon its review of the Project, the EAF and other information available to the Town, the Town hereby finds that approval of the Project constitutes an action that will not have a significant impact on the environment and, therefore, does not require preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Statement; and
3. That this determination of significance shall be considered a Negative Declaration made pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

AYES	4	Hart, James, Laughlin and Allinger
NAY	0	
ABSENT	1	Powers

Carried

Resolution No. 11- 2016

Award to Bid Water Project

WHEREAS, the Town of Newfield has previously advertised for sealed bids for work to be completed on the Water Distribution System Improvement Project (the “Project”)

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WHEREAS, bids were received, opened and reviewed by Town consultant LaBella Engineering;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made by Councilperson Laughlin and seconded by Councilperson James,

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the Town hereby accepts the bid of Vacri Construction Corp. in the amount of \$887,330.00 as the lowest responsible bidder for work to be completed on the Project; and
2. That the Town Supervisor and LaBella Engineering are authorized to confirm the terms of the bid With Vacri Construction and provide Vacri Construction with a notice to proceed.

AYES 4 Hart, James, Laughlin and Allinger

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Powers

Carried

New Business

Approval of the Payment of the May 2016 Bills

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve the payments, seconded by Councilperson James. The Board authorized the payments of the following amounts:

General Fund	\$32,549.32
Recreation Fund	\$3,586.56
Highway Fund	\$63,908.81
Street light Fund	\$1,240.84
Sewer Fund	\$345.47
Water District 1Fund	\$1,879.38
Water District 2 Fund	\$2,773.19
Trust and Agency	\$3,857.93

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Allinger, James or Laughlin and Powers.

AYES 4 Hart, James, Laughlin and Allinger

NAY 0

ABSENT 1 Powers

Carried

At 8:07 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn by Councilperson James, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

Respectfully Submitted,

May 23, 2016

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk