

June 9, 2016

The regular Business Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room June 9, 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, and 15 attendees. Councilperson Powers was absent.

Privilege of the Floor

Chuck Kubinec: thanked Highway Superintendent Berggren for the work that had been done on Cayutaville Road. Mr. Kubinec also voiced his concern of the overweight trucks that travel over Cayutaville Road. Supervisor Hart stated the road is posted for maximum weight limits and would call the State Police asking for more of a presence in the area. Mr. Kubinec also would like to see the speed limit lowered in that area.

Approval of May 3, 2016 Moratorium Study Session, May 12, 2016 Business Meeting, May 17th. Moratorium Study Session, May 26th. Board Meeting and May 31 Moratorium Study Session Meeting Minutes

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

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

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the May 12, 2016 Board Business Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

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

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the May 17, 2016 Moratorium Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve the May 26, 2016 Moratorium Study Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

Vote	AYES	4	Hart, James, Laughlin and Allinger
	NAY	0	

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ABSENT 1 Powers

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the May 31, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

Vote AYES 4 Hart, James, Laughlin and Allinger

NAY 0

ABSENT 1 Powers

Carried

Reports:

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren reported cold patching had been done on Shelter Valley Road and Short Lane. The work on the Connecticut Hill Road culvert will begin next week. King Brothers had submitted a quote for the concrete work for the Douglas Road culvert. Superintendent Berggren stated a Mack truck and trailer had been sold at the municipal auction and that sealed bids were being accepted for a 2008 Ford truck.

Water Sewer: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren reported there had been issues and concerns regarding pump no. 3 in the Pine Circle area.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Bill Baker was not present. Supervisor Hart read his report.

Recreation: Recreation Director Reid Hoskins was not present. Supervisor Hart read his report.

Tompkins County Legislature Report: Newfield Representative David McKenna reported the TC3 main building roof needs to be replaced. Tompkins Regional Airport received a grant to promote tourism, and a 5 year contract has been approved with a consulting firm to do this. The Tompkins County Legislature will be holding Public Hearings for the West Cayuga Ag Districts, TC3 budget and 2017 tax cap

Planning Board a representative was not present.

Supervisor: Supervisor Hart reported the Town had filed an application with the State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) grant and are presently awaiting word of possible acceptance. Supervisor Hart also reported the Bond Anticipation Note for the water tower projects was moving along smoothly. A request has been received from the Recreation Department to possibly construct field space on the Vankirk Road property for ball fields. Dan Walker has agreed to help with the design.

Old Business

Councilperson James asked that if at the June 23rd board meeting, the financial reports could be reviewed.

New Business

Delaware River Solar: Rich Winter representing Delaware River Solar (DRS) a developer of community solar in New York State introduced an upcoming solar array project on Millard Hill Road to the Town Board Members. Other sites under consideration are on Trumbulls Corner and Taggart Roads. Supervisor Hart asked that it be noted while he has spoken with DRS and that his personal property is not a site of consideration. Mr.

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Winter asked that Town authorize Supervisor Hart sign an acknowledgement letter for DRS that could be sent to NYSERTA. Attorney Smith will amend the letter that was presented. Mr. Winter expects to present a full package by mid-July for the Millard Hill Road project.

Tompkins County Beautification Grant: Chrys Gardener explained the funds for the grants came from the hotel tax in Tompkins County. Ms. Gardener explained that projects should be located in highly visible area, be a community asset and have volunteer coordinators or possibly a “Beautification Brigade”. Grants for projects usually approved are between \$1,000.00 and 1,200.00 each. Ms. Gardener commented that Newfield in the past had been a recipient of such grants and urged Newfield to look for grant projects in the future. The World War and II memorial could possibly be a project that could benefit from this grant.

Supervisor Hart stated he had spoken to Jay Franklin the director of Tompkins County Assessment regarding updating the income levels for disabled residents. Mr. Franklin will make a presentation at the July business meeting.

Discussion and approval for replacing windows in the Board Room: The Town Clerk received a bid to replace the three windows in the Town Hall meeting room. Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to accept the bid from Hubbard Construction to replace the Town Hall meeting room windows, seconded by Councilperson James.

AYES	5	Hart, James, Laughlin, Powers and Allinger
NAY	0	

Carried

Approval of the Payment of the June 2016 Bills

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

General Fund	\$23,060.77
Recreation Fund	\$3,881.68
Highway Fund	\$183,214.30
Capital Fund	\$14,805.00
Street light Fund	\$1,208.98
Sewer Fund	\$16,258.27
Water District 1 Fund	\$25,994.60
Water District 2 Fund	\$5,574.30
Trust and Agency	\$3,134.22

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Allinger James and Laughlin.

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

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At 8:29 p.m., a motion was made to move into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

At 8:47, the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board, moving to adjournment at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

June 15, 2016

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk