

July 27, 2017

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room July 27, 2017 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 Mike Allinger, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Casey Powers and Councilperson Christine Laughlin (arriving at 7:50 pm after attending the TCCOG Insurance meeting). Also present: 3 attendees.

### **New Business**

#### *Planning Board Application Interview*

Supervisor Hart stated Randy Brown had submitted an application to become a member of the Planning Board. Mr. Brown spoke to the Board regarding his past experience as a Planning Board member and his hopes and vision of enhancing the quality of life for the people of Newfield, to be proactive for progression of land use and not to be reactive. Mr. Brown commented he would like to have a clear definition of the hamlet boundaries and specific goals for the hamlet. Supervisor Hart stated that the Planning Board had been having an issue meeting quorum, and Mr. Brown’s experience would be useful. Presently the Planning Board is helping with the Site Plan Review Law and Solar Energy Law.

Motion was made by Supervisor Hart to appoint Randy Brown to fill the 2 year remaining term vacated by Diana Bryant, seconded by Councilperson James.

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

Carried

Supervisor Hart asked to have put on record that Shirley Woodard presented the Board with 43 signatures on a petition regarding the ‘Animal Nuisance within Village Limits of Newfield NY’ issue at 200 Main Street. Supervisor Hart added that Attorney Smith would be sending a letter to the property owner referencing a State Statute regarding the change of property use that affects the neighbors. The Planning Board will be asked to help with an ordinance regarding farm livestock within the hamlet.

### **Old Business**

#### *Solar Energy Law Revisions*

Supervisor Hart stated that Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability has made recommendations for revisions to the proposed Solar Energy Law. The Board then reviewed the recommendations and made revisions after discussion.

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Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to hold a Public Hearing August 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., for public comment regarding proposed Local Law no. 4 – Large Scale Solar Energy Law and immediately followed by a Public Hearing regarding Local Law no. 5 Site Plan Review Law, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

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

Carried

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn by Councilperson Allinger, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Respectfully Submitted,

August 9, 2017

Karen Miller Kenerson