

July 28, 2016

Supervisor Hart called the July 28, 2016 meeting of the Newfield Town Board to order at 7:05 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Supervisor Jeffrey Hart, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin, Councilperson Casey Powers and Councilperson Mike Allinger. Also present: 5 attendees.

New Business

Marie Terlizzy: regarding hydro fracking ban

Ms. Terlizzy represented People Advocating Use of Sustainable Energy (PAUSE) a nonpartisan group: requesting a ban of hydro fracking in Newfield. Ms. Terlizzy stated the Ban in NYS is an executive order imposed by Governor Cuomo, with the DEC agreeing not to issue permits for hydro fracking. Ms. Terlizzy added the BAN could be a reversible decision depending upon the admiration. PAUSE also felt that a Town Ban could make the State BAN stronger and that the signatures of those that signed their petition are acknowledged by the Town Board. Ms. Terlizzy presented to the Board Members for review a copy of their petitions with 1200 signatures. Ms. Terlizzy stated that the signatures on the petitions were only those of Newfield residents at that time. She also presented to the Board Members a model law for review. Councilperson Powers suggested that each Board Member review the model law and customize it for the Town of Newfield and then have Atty. Smith review. Councilperson James felt it was important to look for alternative energy sources. Supervisor Hart suggested there be a study session devoted to this topic only. He also suggested that there be 1 or 2 public meetings regarding hydro fracking.

Old Business

Discussion of World War I & II Memorial Plaque

Supervisor Hart spoke to Glen Caslick, he would like some committee help to move the project forward. The sign request he presented at the last meeting is a part of the vision he has.

Councilperson James suggested the possibility of a municipal cooperation of the Town and the school regarding adding important Town information on the back of the monthly school bulletin.

The Town Clerk presented a quote for replacement 3 toilets in the Town Hall.

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve the purchase not to exceed \$ 900.00 and installation of the new toilets, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

Supervisor Hart reported Highway Superintendent Berggren had ordered a 4 wheel drive dump truck to replace the truck involved in the accident last year.

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Councilperson James also asked for information and documentation regarding the grant being supported by Senator O'Mara.

Discussion: Delaware River Solar Project

Richard Chun and Peter Dugardus representing Delaware River Solar spoke to the Board regarding the proposed project on Millard Hill Road. Councilperson Laughlin asked about the site change. Mr. Drogardus said there were issues concerning wetlands. Supervisor Hart asked for clarification of the visual vegetative screening. Councilperson Laughlin asked where else in this vicinity or in New York State that Delaware River also had built. At this point, nothing has been built in NYS; DRS are presently in the process of visiting sites throughout the state and talking to the local municipal officials and NYSERTA. Mr. Chun and Dugardus explained that Delaware River Solar was formed as a company for NYS community solar projects for the NYSERTA benefit. Its parent company was Xzerta Group. Councilperson Laughlin stated one of the concerns the Board had involved decommissioning. DRS explained there were 4 options: the landowner could do the removal of the structures, a building escrow account, a surety bond and or letters of credit. DRS agreed to send the Town a copy or page of the lease with the Millard Hill Road land owner regarding the decommissioning concern. Supervisor Hart commented that another concern the Board has was the PILOT. Mr.Chun stated since the Town had not opted out of the exemption, DRS would like to enter into a PILOT with the Town of Newfield. Councilperson James asked for an example of PILOT document from DRS.

Councilperson Laughlin asked how many projects DRS had proposed for the Town of Newfield. Mr. Dugardus responded he felt that at this point only one. Supervisor Hart stated that the concerns the Town of Newfield have at this point are: decommissioning information, clarification of vegetative screening and the PILOT agreement with the Town, County and School District. DRS will respond to these concerns.

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve the Delaware River Solar Project for the Millard Hill Road Community Solar Development contingent upon the acceptance of the permit fee, acceptance of a PILOT acceptance of a decommissioning escrow agreement and an explanation of the vegetative screening, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

At 8:54 p.m., a motion was made by Councilperson Powers to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

Respectfully Submitted,

August 10, 2016

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk

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