

September 8, 2016

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room September 8, 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, Councilperson Casey Powers and Councilperson Michael Allinger. Also present: Atty. Smith, and 12 attendees.

Privilege of the Floor

Gundy Lee: commented on an article in the Newfield News regarding comments made by a board member concerning the PAUSE petitions.

Dennis and Barbara Foley: spoke to the Board regarding the new water tower being directly in the view of their new home. The Foley's requested the Town plant vegetative screening to help shield their view.

Randy Brown: commented on safety issues he has noticed regarding the Newfield Highway Department and Vacri Construction in construction and work zones. Mr. Brown also commented about the lack of communication to residents regarding the work being done on VanKirk Road.

Meng-Wei Hsu: also commented on safety issues regarding the water tower construction area.

Marie Terlizzy: commented on board member's comments made regarding the PAUSE petitions article in the Newfield News.

Approval of August 11, 2016 Board Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the August 11, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

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

Carried

Reports:

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren was absent. Councilperson Laughlin reported

Code Enforcement: Supervisor Hart commented on CEO Baker's resignation effective 9/1/16. Alan Teeter who is the present CEO in the Town of Enfield has accepted the Newfield interim part time position of CEO.

Water Sewer: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren was absent

Recreation: Recreation Director Reid Hoskins was absent, Supervisor Hart read the report.

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

Ad Hoc Park Committee: Absent

Planning Board: Absent. Councilperson James requested a joint Planning and Town Board Meeting.

Supervisor: Supervisor Hart reported on a letter from the Tompkins County Legislature requesting support regarding the Dominion new market pipe marketization public hearing in Tompkins County.

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New Business

Discussion and action regarding Resolution No 13 -2016 Delinquent Water/Sewer Charges

Resolution No. 13-2016

WHEREAS, the Town of Newfield Water and Sewer accounts states on the October bills that any unpaid balance after Nov. 11, 2016 will be levied on the 2017 Town and County tax bills with a 10% levy charge.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the tax collector will levy the unpaid Water and Sewer Account charges over 30 days past due on the 2017 Town and County tax bills with a 10% levy charge.

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve Resolution No. 13-2016, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

Review and approve the 2016 Audit for Justice Chernish’s Court

Nadine Bennet the Bookkeeper for the Town of Newfield audited the 2015 financial reports for Justice Chernish’s court. Mrs. Bennet noted the books were complete and done in a timely fashion.

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the audit of Justice Chernish’s Court Financial Records, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Discussion and action regarding Resolution No. 14-2016 appointment of Enforcement Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2016 – Enforcement Officer

WHEREAS the Town Enforcement Officer submitted his letter of resignation effective 9/1/16 and the Town Board approved the Town Supervisor to search for a new Enforcement Officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board, upon the recommendation of the Town Supervisor, approves the appointment of Alan Teeter. Mr. Teeter will be paid an hourly rate of \$18.00 per hour up to 20 hours per week.

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Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the appointment of Alan Teeter as interim Enforcement officer, seconded by Councilperson James.

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

Carried

Old Business

Delaware River Solar discussion regarding decommissioning and PILOT

Rich Winters from DRS spoke to the Board regarding the new intention of expanding to 3 solar arrays on the Millard Hill Road site rather than the one that was originally discussed. Councilperson Laughlin asked if there DRS had other sites in Newfield to be developed. Mr. Winters stated no other sites under consideration. Mr. Winters distributed decommissioning plan documents for Boards review. Mr. Winters stated DRS would be willing to escrow \$180,000.00 and add 2% annually for inflation with the Town of Newfield for the decommissioning of the 3 arrays. Mr. Winters asked that the Town of Newfield consider partnering with DRS and enter into a Host Community agreement and then set a floor amount (taxes) and offer the Town a percentage of the revenue. Proposed is 5% of the revenue per project or possibly \$15,000. Another option would be to agree to sell the Town power and then credit the town for the difference.

Mr. Winters stated Newfield residents would have first option to participate with the solar project. Supervisor Hart asked who would be the billing agent. Mr. Winters stated DRS would be looking for a second party to do that as the utility would not. Councilperson Laughlin asked how the construction time would be, and when DRS would like to begin construction. Mr. Winters stated that it takes 3 months per array and that DRS would like to break ground in October. Councilperson James asked if the escrowed funds could be invested and how to figure the PILOT when trying to figure a tax rate. Supervisor Hart asked to add an Executive Session to further discuss the PILOT and decommissioning.

Update of the Water Tower Project

Mr. Walker stated the water main construction had begun the previous week and would be completed within the next two weeks. All new water pipe placements are being documented. The Van Kirk Road tank construction had begun. Two properties within the district have inquired about hooking onto town water. It was questioned what the cost would be for the Town and landowner.

Newfield Community Park Update

It was reported that so far \$13,408 has been donated for the construction of the new proposed sports fields. Dan Walker is working on the plans.

Approval of the Payment of the September 2016 Bills

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

General Fund	\$22,195.69
Recreation Fund	\$1,067.38
Highway Fund	\$55,830.83
Capital Fund #1	\$ 2,205.00
Capital Fund #2	\$276,390.00
Street light Fund	\$4.10
Sewer Fund	\$367.85
Water District 1 Fund	\$3,324.92
Water District 2 Fund	\$3,177.48
Trust and Agency	\$3,889.85

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

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

Carried

At 8:40 p.m., a motion was made to move into an Executive Session to discuss to discuss the PILOT and decommissioning agreement.

At 9:14, the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board, moving to adjournment at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

October 3, 2016

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk

