

September 14, 2017

The regular Business Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room September 14 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Christine Laughlin and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Present were: Deputy Supervisor Christine Laughlin, Councilperson Mike Allinger, Councilperson Joanne James, and Councilperson Casey Powers. Also present: Attorney Smith and 5 attendees. Supervisor Hart and Highway Superintendent Berggren attended the DEC meeting regarding proposed land use on the Connecticut Hill Land Use Area. Supervisor Hart arrived later to the meeting.

Privilege of the Floor

None

Approval of August 10, 2017 Public Hearing and Business Meeting Minutes and August 24 Board Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the August 10, 2017 Public Hearing and Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Vote	AYE	4	Allinger, James, Laughlin and Powers
	NAY	0	

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the August 124, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

Vote	AYE	4	Allinger, James, Laughlin and Powers
	NAY	0	

Carried

Reports:

Town Park: Norm Aidun reported that Johnny's Wholesale had donated silt fence and the committee was waiting for communication from DASNY regarding the grant.

Planning Board: Deputy Supervisor Laughlin read the report provided by the Planning Board. No members were present. The Town Board and Planning Board will hold a joint meeting September 20th at 7:00 pm.

Planning Board Member Tom Gerow submitted his letter of resignation effective December 31, 2017.

Code Enforcement: Deputy Supervisor Laughlin read the report provided by Code Enforcement Officer Alan Teeter who was absent.

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren was absent from Town Board Meeting

Water Sewer: Water Supervisor Berggren was absent.

Recreation: Recreation Director Reid Hoskins was absent.

Tompkins Legislature: Representative Dave McKenna was absent.

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Supervisors Report: Deputy Supervisor Laughlin discussed setting Budget Meetings each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm throughout the month of October (except for Halloween) until the budget is completed.

Old Business

Review and Discussion of Nuisance Law

Attorney Smith presented an example Nuisance Law from the Town of Pemberton. The Board reviewed and discussed the example law and the suggestion of a moratorium by the Newfield Planning Board. Attorney Smith stated a moratorium can only be set where a building permit would be permitted. Deputy Supervisor Laughlin asked if the hamlet could be defined as a zone. It was asked who would enforce a nuisance law; Attorney Smith stated it would be the Code Enforcement Officer who would enforce the infraction and fine. Attorney Smith will circulate a new draft to the Board members.

New Business

Michelle Henry the Town's EMC representative presented the Town Board with a picture of the Unique Natural Area map, brochures and CD disc for resident review. Councilperson James asked that the map be hung in the Town Hall for view.

Discussion regarding Site Plan Review Law

After review of the County Planning and Sustainability recommendation, Attorney Smith suggested a provision be drafted adding language either the Planning Board or the Town Board will act upon a site plan application. This could be used in the event the Planning Board does not have a quorum to meet.

Recreation Director Position

4 Applications accepted by the Tompkins County Personnel Department have been received by the Town. Introduction interviews will be held September 28th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Approval of the Payment of the September Bills

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

General Fund	\$28,344.37
Recreation Fund	\$2,825.29
Highway Fund	\$137,430.83
Fire District	\$92,394.75
Street light Fund	\$1,311.17
Sewer Fund	\$1,271.95
Water District 1 Fund	\$7,573.93
Water District 2 Fund	\$4,264.35
Trust and Agency	\$4,069.34

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Laughlin and Powers

Vote AYES 4 Allinger, James, Laughlin and Powers

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NAY 0

Carried

At 8:14 PM a motion was made to move into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

At 9:00 PM, the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board. Councilperson Powers offered a motion to move to adjournment at 9:00 PM seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

Respectfully Submitted,

October 9, 2017

Karen Miller Kenerson, RMC
Newfield Town Clerk