

October 17, 2017

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room October 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM. 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 Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Casey Powers.

**New Business**

*Discussion and Action regarding Resolution No. 19-2017- To Convene a Public Hearing on Local Law to Override the New York State Tax Cap.*

**Resolution No. 19-2017**

To Convene a Public Hearing on a Local Law to Override the NYS Tax Cap

**Whereas**, according to New York State General Municipal Law §3-R(5), if a town government decides to adopt a town budget with a property tax levy that exceeds the level set by the State, the town government must pass a local law to override that cap; and,

**Whereas**, adopting said local law is not predictive of the final tax levy but will provide the Newfield Town Board flexibility to exceed the Property Tax Cap if it is deemed necessary;

**Whereas**, it is the intent of the Town Board to adopt a budget that does not exceed the 2018 tax cap requirement for the Town; and

**Whereas**, however during the Budget process and deliberation between today's date and the adoption of the Town's 2018 Budget in mid-November the Town Board may find that it may not exceed the cap in order to provide the Town's residents with a level of services the Board Members deem desirable and or necessary.

**Now Therefore, Be It,**

**Resolved**, that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board at the Newfield Town Hall on October 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. concerning proposed Local Law #5 for the year 2017 Local Law Overriding Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2018, at such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter will be heard concerning same.

**Resolved**, further that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to place proper notice of such hearing in the official newspaper of the Town and to post the same in accordance with Law.

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Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to hold a Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2017 – a Local Law to Override the New York State Tax Cap, seconded by Councilperson James.

Discussion: Councilperson Laughlin commented this Local Law was done annually, and the Town would vote to rescind it in January 2018.

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

Carried

*Discussion and Action regarding Resolution No. 20-2017 To Convene a Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Town of Newfield 2018 Budget*

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-2017**

**TO CONVENE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF NEWFIELD 2018 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS** the Newfield Town Board is currently in the process of creating a Town Budget for the year 2018 to be presented to the Town Residents for their consideration,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board does hereby call for a Public Hearing on Thursday November 9, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. on a proposed adoption of the Town of Newfield 2017 Budget, and

Resolved, further, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to place proper notice of such public hearing in the official newspaper of the Town and to post the same in accordance with Law.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to hold a Public Hearing regarding the adoption of the Town of Newfield 2018 Budget, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

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

Carried

*Recreation Supervisor Appointment*

Supervisor Hart stated an offer letter had been sent to Dustin James and letters thanking the applicants for their interest in the Recreation Director position.

Randy Brown spoke to the Board regarding a future project he would like to develop.

**Old Business**

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*Newfield 2018 Budget*

The Board reviewed 2018 budget requests for Recreation, Water District 1, Sewer and Payroll funds.

Councilperson James added she would like to continue working on: the Host Community Agreement, Employee Handbook, Site Plan Review Law, Nuisance Law and the junk issue on the Town property near the Town Hall.

At 8:37 PM a motion was made by Councilperson James to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Respectfully Submitted,

October 18, 2017

Karen Miller Kenerson  
Town Clerk