

December 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room December 14, 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 Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Casey Powers. Also present: Highway Superintendent Berggren, Code Enforcement Officer Teeter, Attorney Smith and 11 attendees.

Privilege of the Floor

Brenda Lapp: spoke to the Board Members regarding SWIFT 911 cell phone app for emergency notifications. Ms. Lapp has found the app to be a useful tool and asked if the Town of Newfield could put emergency notifications on to it for its residents. Supervisor Hart will contact the County regarding this.

Michelle Henry: spoke to the Board regarding the expansion of the Black Diamond Trail and it connecting to the Finger Lakes Trail System.

Approval of November 9, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Business Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the November 9, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve the November 9, 2017 Business Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

Reports:

Highway: Superintendent Berggren reported on the removal of old trees on Horton and Taggart Roads. He also reported the new trucks had arrived and were in use with plowing.

Water Sewer Department: Superintendent Berggren reported a sewer pump had been rebuilt and that the breaker boxes on Main Street and Depot Road were replaced.

Town Park: Superintendent Berggren said that the Town was still waiting for the engineered grading plan before any work can begin. He anticipates work to begin in the spring.

Recreation: Supervisor Hart read Recreation Director Dustin James's report.

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Planning Board: Supervisor Hart read a report provided by Planning Board Chair Karen Trask.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Teeter reported he had issued 4 permits for the month of November and 80 permits for this year. He will give a full report for 2017 in January. CEO Teeter reported the gas station on RT 13 had been sold and the new owner was presently renovating the building and reopening as a CITGO gas station. He also reported on the house on Blakeslee Hill Rd that had burned 2 years ago has been sold and will be rebuilt as a 2 family home.

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

EMC: Michelle Henry representative reported the committee was working on historical flooding events and that the DEC had finalized its decision on solid waste regulations. Ms. Henry also so reported there would be an event at the Tompkins County Library regarding the Unique Natural Areas.

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Hart commented on 2018 projects would be to complete the Policy and Procedure manual , a new well for the water district, building projects for the Town (Highway Department and Town Hall), the leach field expansion(choose an engineer in Feb),

At this point Town Clerk Karen Miller Kenerson preformed the Oath of Office statement to Supervisor Hart, Councilperson Laughlin and Highway Superintendent Berggren.

New Business

Discussion and vote on Resolution No. 22-2017 to hold a Public Hearing to Rescind Local Law No. 5 of 2017 Property Tax Levy

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2017

To Hold a Public Hearing to Rescind Local Law No. 5-2017

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, the Town Board adopted a budget that does not exceed the 2018 tax cap requirement for the Town

NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held before the Town Board at the Newfield Town all on January 12, 2018 at 7:00PM concerning Local Law #1 2018 Local Law repealing the Tax levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2018. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter will be heard concerning the same.

RESOLVED FUTHER, 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.

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SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve Resolution No. 22- 2017, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

Discussion and vote on Resolution NO. 23-2017 Approval of the Recreation Director use of a charge card

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2017 – Approval of Recreation Director use of Credit Card.

WHEREAS: Dustin James has been appointed Recreation Director for the Town of Newfield and is requiring a credit card for Recreation purchases.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Newfield Town Board gives their permission to receive a Credit Card from Tioga State Bank with full signing privileges.

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve Resolution No. 23- 2017, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

Discussion and vote on Resolution No. 24-2017 Approval of the appointment of the Recreation Supervisor

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2017 – Approval of appointment of Recreation Supervisor

WHEREAS: The Recreation Director for the Town of Newfield and is requesting a Recreation Supervisor.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Newfield Town Board gives their permission for the Recreation Director to appoint Henry Neubert as Recreation Supervisor with a starting salary of \$12.50 per hour.

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve Resolution No. 24- 2017, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

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

Carried

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Discussion and approval of the Storm Water Coalition Agreement

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve Supervisor Hart to sign the Storm Water Coalition of Tompkins County Agreement, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

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

Carried

Discussion and approval of the Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership Agreement

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve Supervisor Hart to sign the Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership Agreement, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

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

Carried

Discussion and approval of the appointment/hire of Missy Hein as Planning Board Secretary

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve the appointment/hire of Missy Hein as Planning Board Secretary, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Potential Eagle Scout Service Project

Robert Donor and 2 Boy Scouts asked the Board for potential ideas for Eagle Scout Service Projects, suggested possibilities were: Veteran War Memorial, Bus Stop enclosure and a Town Welcome sign.

Old Business

Councilperson Laughlin commented on the NexAmp Solar presentations that were held.

Approval of the Payment of the November 2017 Bills

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

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General Fund	\$34,967.31
Recreation Fund	\$861.61
Highway Fund	\$276,317.06
Street light Fund	\$1,347.76
Sewer Fund	\$13,469.76
Water District 1 Fund	\$2,326.50
Water District 2 Fund	\$2,600.30
Trust and Agency	\$2,711.65

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Allinger, Laughlin and Powers

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

Carried

At 7:47 PM a motion was made adjourn by Councilperson Laughlin, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

Respectfully Submitted,

January 2, 2018

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk