

Session

April 23, 2015

A Special Meeting/Work Session of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room April 23, 2015 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 Roy Trask, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Casey Powers. Also present: Lieutenant Dan Donahue

*Agenda Changes:*

Supervisor Hart asked to move the discussion with Lieutenant Donahue from the Tompkins County Sherriff Department regarding the proposed Noise Control Law to the beginning of the meeting.

Review and approve Court Audits

Motion for Public Hearing

1% Discussion

County Resolution

*Discussion of the Noise Control Law:*

Supervisor Hart reviewed the process the board members had undertaken to date with the proposed Noise Control Law. Lt. Donahue stated the Tompkins County Sherriff Department does not process decimeters nor do the New York State Police. He also commented that the definitions for noise should be clearly defined for enforcement. After much discussion, it was recommended the Town Board review the Town of Ithaca Noise Control Law that is being enforced by the TCSD presently and adapt it for the Town of Newfield. This will be reviewed at the May regular Board Meeting.

**New Business**

*Discussion of Storm Water Management Officer*

Supervisor Hart stated that in review of 2014 notes, the discussion was found but not acted upon to name Code Enforcement Officer Wright as Storm Water Management Officer.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to appoint Code Enforcement Officer Harry Wright as Storm Water Management Officer, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

*Thor Oescher’s Contract for land rental*

**Resolution 6-2015**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Newfield is authorized, pursuant to Section 64(2) of the Town Law, to lease town property, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to lease certain vacant property it owns on Van Kirk Road (“Former Van Kirk Property”), and

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**WHEREAS**, a Newfield resident, Thor Oeschner has express interest, is hereby resolved as follows:

1. The Board approves a written lease to Mr. Oeschner in the form annexed hereto, at a rate of \$30.00 per acre per year which rate the Board finds is reasonable.
2. The lease term shall be April 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015 with a total lease payment of \$330.00.
3. The Board hereby agrees to lease the property, subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to section 90 of the Town Law.

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve the VanKirk Road land lease to Thor Oescher, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

*Review of Payne and Strosnider 2014 Court Audits*

Supervisor Hart reported that Nadine Bennett the Town Bookkeeper has audited the 2014 Court accounts for Justices Payne and Strosnider.

Motion was made by Councilperson Trask to approve the audit of Justice Strosnider’s accounts, seconded by Councilperson James.

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

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the audit of Justice Payne’s accounts, seconded by Councilperson Trask.

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

Carried

The Justices will be asked to attend the May work session for a Court update.

*Discussion of the County Resolution No. 74 -2015 Expressing Concern over Lack of Transparency, Possible "Fast Track" Designation, and Potential Negative Effects on the Environment, Health, Labor, and Local Business from the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Urging Defeat of "Fast Track"*

While it was felt the concept behind the resolution was good, the Newfield Town Board agreed this matter was not a responsibility of local government. Councilperson James asked that County Legislature Representative McKenna be recognized for his vote.

*1% Efficiency Savings*

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Councilperson James stated that the Newfield School District has achieved the 1% efficiency savings by implementing health insurance changes, independent from BOCES. Councilperson James explained that the 1% efficiency savings could not be a 1% budget cut, but rather a savings that would sustain its self-moving forward. She added that a true efficiency example would be shared services. It was commented from the Newfield Town Board Members the shared job service of Highway Superintendent and Water Supervisor. An analysis will be calculated, if the 1% efficiency is not met, the Town of Newfield could be covered with the County 1% efficiency.

***Resolution No.7-2015***

*WHEREAS, the Town of Newfield has received an application for the construction of a cell tower in the Town of Newfield on Tupper Road*

*WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hear public comment from its residents concerning this application*

*BE IT RESLOVED, the Newfield Town Board will hold a Public Hearing at the Newfield Town Hall, May 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.*

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve Resolution No. 7-2015 to hold a Public Hearing for the construction of a proposed cell tower on Tupper Road, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

**Old Business**

*Discussion of the Water Tower Project*

Supervisor Hart stated Councilpersons Trask and Laughlin met with Dan Walker from LaBella Engineering, and he met with Andy Sciarabba from TG Miller Engineers concerning the bids for the proposed water tower project. Each company's bid quote were reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to award the water tower project to LaBella Engineering of a bid quote not to exceed \$134,100.00 for basic services fees and project inspections, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

At 9:05, motion was made by Councilperson James to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Trask.

Respectfully Submitted,

May 7, 2015

Karen Miller Kenerson  
Newfield Town Clerk