

July 23, 2015

The Newfield Town Board met for a Special Meeting Thursday July 23, 2015. Supervisor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Supervisor Jeff Hart, Councilperson Roy Trask, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Casey Powers. There were also 3 others in attendance.

AGENDA CHANGE:

Supervisor Hart asked to add two items: New Business: To consider the scheduling of a public hearing for proposed Local Law # 1-A of 2015. Old Business: Broadband Update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Justice Chernish and Justice Becker

Justices Chernish and Becker presented an update on the Newfield Town Court. Justice Chernish shared with the Board information regarding the status and progress of the Newfield Town Court. He would like to apply for a New York State JCAP Grant in order to make the Newfield Court more efficient, effective and a Court for the Town of Newfield to be proud of Justice Becker asked that the Local Dog Law be reviewed and updated for better enforcement.

Councilperson Trask asked that before the JCAP grant is submitted, the Board be given a list of the improvements to be made by the grant; Justice Chernish agreed. The Justices asked for the Town Board’s support regarding the use of the Code Enforcement Office to become a work space for the Court.

Public Hearing Date for Proposed Local Law No. 1-A of 2015

Councilperson Trask introduced proposed Local Law #1-A of 2015, a true copy of which is included with these minutes. He also moved to convene a Public Hearing on Tuesday August 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Newfield Town Hall in order to hear public comment regarding Local Law # 1-A of 2015. This law will replace and supersede Local Law#1 of 2015. Changes to the law will be; Title: This Local Law shall be known as and may be cited as the “Solid Waste Management Facilities Law of the Town of Newfield.”

Purpose: On February 12, 2015, following a public hearing duly noticed, the Town Board enacted Local Law # 1 for the 2015 Town of Newfield Solid Waste Management Facilities Law. This Law was challenged because it was allegedly preceded by an improper review conducted under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”). While the Board disagrees with this assertion, it has determined to replace Local Law # 1 for the year 2015 Town of Newfield Solid Waste Management Facilities Law with this Law. The Law which follows is verbatim to that enacted as Local Law # 1 for the Year 2015 on February 12, 2015 if and when enacted it will supersede and replace that Law, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

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Each member of the Board received a copy of the proposed law. A copy of this law will be filed with and considered a part of these minutes. It also shall be available to the public at the Town Clerk's office. The Clerk is directed to publish and post notice of the public hearing and place notice on the Town website.

OLD BUSINESS

Report on Flooding Issues: Councilperson Trask reported there was road and shoulder work to be done. Engineering reports are still needed before the culvert replacements on Bower and Connecticut Hill Roads can begin. Councilperson Trask added that Superintendent Berggren still felt comfortable being able to continue with the flood repairs without bonding for additional funds.

Health Insurance Update: Supervisor Hart reported he has spoken to the local collective bargaining unit representative regarding the possible change of health insurance. The unit will be consulted and invited to attend the next meeting that includes Mr. Barber from the Tompkins Health Care Consortium: August 27, 2015.

2015 Budget: Department heads have received statements for January through June. Mrs. Bennett the Town Bookkeeper would like budget requests back before the August 27th board meeting.

Broadband Update: There has not been an update from Chuck Bartosh regarding this.

Discussion of the Noise Ordinance: Possible introduction at the August business meeting then schedule a public hearing in September.

At 8:45 p.m.- a motion was made by Councilperson Trask to move into an executive session to discuss pending court litigation, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

At 9:05 p.m.-the meeting was called back to the regular meeting of the Newfield Town Board, Councilperson Trask moved to adjournment at 9:06 p.m., seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Respectfully Submitted,

July 28, 2015

Karen Miller Kenerson
Town Clerk