

January 19, 2016

A Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room January 19, 2016 at 7:16 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 Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Casey Powers, Councilperson Mike Allinger, Councilperson Joanne James was absent.

**Old Business**

*Discussion and approval of Local Law No. 1-2016*

**TOWN OF NEWFIELD, TOMPKINS COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 - 2016**

A Local law to repeal Local Law Number 3 of 2015 and to repeal the override of the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

SECTION 1: Legislative Intent – This Local Law shall be known as “Local Law Number 1 of 2016”. It is the intent of this Local Law to repeal Local Law Number 3 of 2015, and to thus reinstate the limits on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Newfield pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-C.

SECTION 2: Effect: This local law hereby thus repeals in its entirety said Local Law Number 3 of 2015, and declares the same of no force or effect, and thus the Town of Newfield repeals the prior tax cap override local law of the Town of Newfield and reinstates the tax levy limits imposed by General Municipal Law 3-C.

SECTION 3: Severability: If any portion this Local Law, or the application thereof to any person, entity, or circumstance, shall be determined by any court or tribunal or competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall be confined in its operation to the invalid part hereof, or in its application to such person, entity, or circumstance as is directly involved in the controversy in which such determination shall have been rendered, and the remainder of the Local law shall not be impaired thereby and such determination shall not be deemed or construed to apply to other person, entities, or circumstances.

SECTION 4: Effective Date: This Local law shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve Local Law No. 1- 2016: A Local Law to repeal Local Law No. 3-2015 and the repeal of the override of the tax levy limit established General Municipal Law §3-C. by, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

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

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Carried

### **New Business**

#### *Discussion and report on the stream bank erosion repair*

Supervisor Hart reported there had been an inspection of the creek, and land in question is privately owned. Supervisor Hart would like the Town of Newfield not to be the lead agency, but is willing to commit resources to help (equipment and manpower). Tompkins County Highway, Tompkins County Soil & Water and DEC will meet to evaluate the situation further.

#### *Discussion of Planning Board Member*

Supervisor Hart reported the Town had received Renee Borgella's resignation from the Newfield Planning Board.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to appoint Bob Mazourek to the Newfield Planning Board, and if Mr. Mazourek declines to appoint Michelle Menter, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Vote	AYES	3	Hart, Laughlin and Powers
	NAY	0	
	ABSTAIN	1	Allinger
	ABSENT	1	James

Carried

#### *Newfield Fire Department*

Newfield Fire Department has requested to meet with the Newfield Town Board, February 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Newfield Fire Hall.

Councilperson Powers brought up the need for more volunteers for the Newfield Fire Department. Councilperson Powers wondered what the Town could do to help generate new recruitment.

#### *Petition*

Supervisor Hart stated a petition had been received from local residents opposing a noise ordinance for the Town of Newfield. The petition received at the January 14, 2016 Town Board Meeting containing 51 signatures.

#### *Personnel and Code of Ethics Policy*

Councilperson Laughlin stated she and Councilperson Powers would like to begin working on the Personnel Policy again. Councilperson Allinger will be brought up to date of the progress thus far.

At 8:10 p.m., a motion by Councilperson Allinger was made to move to adjournment seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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Respectfully Submitted,

February 10, 2016

Karen Miller Kenerson  
Newfield Town Clerk