

March 24, 2016

A Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room March 24, 2016 at 7:24 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 Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Mike Allinger, Councilperson Casey Powers was absent. Also present: Attorney Tom Smith and 6 attendees.

### **New Business**

#### *Solar Presentation by Michael Koplinka-Loehr*

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr presented 3 possible solar concepts and overviews to the Newfield Town Board: Community, School, Town solar and what benefits the Town could possibly participate in. Presently Renovus is evaluating the Town electric accounts to consider participation.

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr also introduced the Intermunicipal Concept of centralized service. Town of Newfield and TST BOCES enter into an agreement for TST BOCES to act as the intermediary billing agent.

### **Old Business**

#### *Dan Walker- Update on Water Tank Project and approval of contracts*

Mr. Walker reviewed the site plans of the proposed water tank projects with the Town Board Members. Documents need to be completed and approved before the bid document can be advertised in early April. Supervisor Hart consulted with Mr. Walker regarding a request of a future new construction being able to hook into the Newfield Sewer District.

#### *Discussion Local Law No. 3-2016 Moratorium on the permitting, construction and operation of Wind Energy Facilities for a period of ninety(90) days.*

Attorney Smith will send a referral to Tompkins County Planning Department regarding proposed Local Law No. 3- 2016. Their recommendation will be considered before the Board vote.

Councilperson James asked of the possibility of a resident commentary area on the Town Website regarding the proposed local law. Councilperson Allinger will work on this with the Town Webmaster.

Councilperson James also proposed to form 2 advisory committees: storm water runoff and solar community. A notice and application will be on the Town website.

Supervisor Hart commented on updating the disability tax exemption rate. Jay Franklin could come to a meeting for a presentation. Councilperson James suggested this be done via email.

Supervisor Hart stated Community Science Institute and Tompkins County Soil and Water were willing to come and speak to the Board at the April 14<sup>th meeting</sup> regarding stream testing.

Planning Board Community Forum will be taking place Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be presentations at 10 am and 12 pm. There will be a second presentation April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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Next meeting: The Newfield Town Board will meet April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 to discuss a plan for moratorium study.

At 8:50 p.m., a motion was made to move into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

At 8:54, the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board, moving to adjournment at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

April 12, 2016

Karen Miller Kenerson  
Newfield Town Clerk