

September 10, 2015

The regular Business Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room September 10, 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: Atty. Hooks, and 12 attendees.

Agenda Changes:

Add to Old Business: 3- Van Kirk Road property land lease/ update on the Water Tower project
Executive Session to discuss pending litigation

Privilege of the Floor

No one wished to speak

Approval of August 13, 2015 Business Meeting and August 27, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the August 13, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson Trask to approve the August 27, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

Correspondence:

None

Reports:

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren was absent due to an injury. Councilperson Trask reported the Bower Road culvert had arrived, anticipated installation process to begin next week. Storm damage clean up continues on Piper Road.

Water Sewer: Councilperson Trask reported there were no problems.

Recreation: Recreation Director Reid Hoskins was absent; Supervisor Hart read the Recreation report.

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Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Bill Baker’s report was read by Supervisor Hart.

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

Planning Board: Planning Board Member Leo Tidd gave an update of the proposed Park Foundation grant regarding the direction the Planning Board would like to pursue.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to support the draft application for submittal to the Park Foundation grant, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Cemetery Committee: no report

Supervisor: Supervisor Hart reported the Board will meet on September 15, 2015 for a budget work session regarding the 2016 budget. Supervisor Hart commented that the Code Enforcement records were now in town Hall and that he was pleased with the progress Code Enforcement Officer Baker had been making. .Supervisor Hart also reported on his tour of the Town roads with Highway Superintendent Berggren regarding road maintenance and ongoing projects.

New Business

Discussion and approval of Resolution 13-2015 regarding the approval for Tax Collector to apply unpaid water/sewer bills to the 2016 Town and County Property Taxes

Motion was made by CP Powers, Seconded by CP James to approve Resolution No. 13-2015 as follows.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2015 Delinquent Water/Sewer charges

WHEREAS, the Town of Newfield Water and Sewer accounts states on the October bills that any unpaid balance after Nov. 11, 2015 will be levied on the 2016 Town and County tax bills with a 10% levy charge.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the tax collector will levy the unpaid Water and Sewer Account charges over 30 days past due on the 2016 Town and County tax bills with a 10% levy charge.

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

Carried

Old Business

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Renovus Energy re: Solar lighting for the school: a presentation was made regarding the possibility of the Newfield School District leasing town land to install solar collectors. The proposed site will be inspected for suitability.

Discussion of the Town of Newfield Noise Law and action regarding Resolution No. 14- 2015 regarding the approval to hold a Public Hearing October 8, 2015.

Atty. Hooks explained revisions he feels should be made. Councilperson Trask also noted a correction to be made.

Resolution No. 14-2015

Councilperson Powers introduced Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2015 which will be known as the Town of Newfield Noise Law. This law, if adopted, will regulate noise within the Town and prohibit certain unreasonable and excessive noise.

Upon motion by Councilperson Trask seconded by Councilperson James, it was,

Resolved that a public hearing be convened on October 8, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 166 Main Street, Newfield, New York for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the adoption of Local Law No. 3 for the year 2015 (The Town of Newfield Noise Law). At such time and place, the Board also will consider the environmental significance of this proposed local law incident to and part of this public hearing.

The Town Clerk hereby is directed to duly post and publish a Notice of Public Hearing in accordance with Law.

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

Carried

Van Kirk Road Property Land Lease/Water Tower Project update

Councilperson Trask spoke to Mr. Oschner who farm leases the Van Kirk Road property regarding the water tower project and the solar array project. It has been decided not to plant a fall crop. Supervisor Hart reported that LaBella Engineers found there had been an elevation error and the proposed water tower will need to be moved to a correct elevation on the site. Councilperson Trask asked that the lease be reviewed and considered later in the year for 2016 after more information is gathered regarding the disturbance of the land and the availability.

Approval of the Payment of the September 2015 Bills

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

General Fund	\$20,613.11
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Recreation Fund	\$4,042.21
Highway Fund	\$81,901.88
Fire District	\$AMOUNT
Street light Fund	\$1,128.83
Sewer Fund	\$1,302.29
Water District 1 Fund	\$3,503.92
Water District 2 Fund	\$3,459.46
Trust and Agency	\$3,097.86

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Trask and James or Laughlin and Powers.

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	NAY	0	

Carried

At 8:23 p.m., a motion was made to move into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

At 8:43, the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board, moving to adjournment at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

September 24, 2015

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk