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A Special Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room July 24, 2014 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: Water/Sewer Manager Rob Brewer, John Lagorga of GHD Consulting Engineers, and 9 attendees.

**Report on the Sewer Wastewater:**

Mr. John Lagorga gave a presentation concerning the Town of Newfield's Wastewater collection and treatment and the estimated cost of the proposed solutions to address inflow and infiltration in the Town of Newfield sewer collection system.

The Town of Newfield's Sewer system is permitted by the NYS DEC to send 30,000 gallons a day to the Town leach field. In 2011 the Town was over, 2012 and 2013 slightly under. The DEC would like to see the Town have a plan to manage the future of the septic field. It was found during the evaluation by GHD that the Town has a significant amount of infiltration of water through cracked pipes from the private residents in the sewer district.

The potential solution would be to make provisions to expand the leach field, find and fix cracks in sewer pipes or expand the leach field, develop the sump pump removal system and a lateral inspection program. GHD recommended expand the leach field as well as develop a low cost sump pump removal program and a lateral inspection program to be done when the Town pumps the resident's tanks that are in the sewer district.

Councilperson Trask asked if faulty water meters could have contributed to the infiltration. It was felt that was not the issue. Councilperson Laughlin asked where the measurements came from. Water/Sewer Manager Rob Brewer provided the data from a program that evaluates when the pumps run and the rate.

Mr. Lagorga showed graphs that supported his reasoning for suspecting infiltration from rainfall. Mr. Lagorga suggested the next step would be to submit a Flow Management Plan to the NYS DEC by August 1, 2014: recommending provisions being made to expand the leach field and some scope of an education program for the residents in the sewer district concerning water usage. Councilperson Laughlin asked that if expanding the leach field would accommodate the increased volume it could receive, but would not expand the sewer district. Councilperson Trask commented that when the Sewer District was built, it was not meant to expand other than to increase the leach field. Councilperson James commented of no future growth for the hamlet community because of the lack of an extensive water and sewer system.

**Discussion and Approval of Procurement Policy:**

Supervisor Hart explained the reason for the updating the Procurement Policy. After review it was determined text should be added concerning using state contract or statutory contracts for purchases. It was also suggested to add written confirmation of all quotes. This will be addressed again at the August Board Meeting.

**Discussion on the second step for the Moratorium on the Waste Transfer Station:** Supervisor Hart presented the Permit Structures Fee for the Road Preservation Law and explained this would be presented for

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building permits for housing units over 2 units or any Commercial Application that would require the use of town roads. This will be on the August Agenda for passage.

Councilperson James asked to have an outline of tasks to do by the month concerning the Moratorium on the Construction and Operation of Commercial Solid Waste Management Facility.

August: base line water testing- Supervisor Hart will check with Bill Kappel from USGS about possible grants.

August and September: Noise Ordinance

October, November and December Pollution; dust, air, and water

Councilperson James asked to direct the Planning Board to look into land use regulations.

### **Discussion and approval for 2 additional well testing's:**

There are remaining funds available from the County to drill 2 additional wells for the aquifer study.

The Town does not need to put the item to bid again. Supervisor Hart contacted Berry Well Drilling to confirm if they would honor the previous bid. The USGS has possible sites for drilling, but as of yet, land owners have not been contacted. The Board agreed to this, and drilling should begin in about 4 weeks.

Councilperson Trask asked how the Town could go about getting a base line water testing. He felt there would be value to the current conditions of the water wells were before anything was to happen in an area. He also commented on the amount of information requested and the cost involved. Councilperson Trask felt the moratorium topic may warrant this type of testing and a broader concern as well.

### **Other Issues:**

#### Water

Councilperson Laughlin asked about the water study. Councilperson James would like to see a comparison of quarterly water billings.

#### Personnel Policy

Councilpersons Powers and Laughlin will be continue to work on the Personnel Policy.

#### Sebring Road Issue

DEC issued a Stop Work order on the Hoffman Property. John Anderson is designing a storm water plan for the property.

#### Insurance:

Supervisor Hart reviewed the meeting of the employees who have insurance benefits to see what was liked and disliked. Councilperson James asked if the TCCOG would be contacted.

At 8:45 p.m., a motion was made by Councilperson Trask, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

July 8, 2014

Karen Miller Kenerson  
Newfield Town Clerk