

The Newfield Town Board met for a work session on May 22, 2014. 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 9 residents in attendance.

Mr. Bill Kappell from the USGS gave a review of the three recent well drillings at Mazourek Farm, Butternut Drive and the Newfield School Bus Garage. There was a problem at the Newfield School site, and the driller lost their tools in the well. Mr.Kappell reported there was money left from the County funds if there was interest in drilling another well. Mr. Kappell commented there was also money in the program to do water quality testing. Councilperson Trask felt that this could be valuable for the Fishkill area, as well as drilling another well with the possibility of being used as a future town well.

AGENDA ITEMS

Monthly Review of Financials:

Supervisor Hart commented that funds could be transferred from the general consolidated cash line to be used for additional well drilling if needed, according to Duane Schoen from CDLM. Currently that fund line being used for the HRA payments
Supervisor Hart added that the bank reconciliations are done monthly and are available on the Bookkeepers desk for the Board Members to review. This was a concern mentioned during the audit. Councilperson James said she would like to see a monthly report of the cash receipt journal.

Review and Discussion of Draft Audit Report from CDLM:

Mr. Schoen will be asked to attend the June 26 Town Board Work Session to discuss the draft audit.

Other Issues and Concerns of the Board Members:

Councilpersons Powers and James requested that the Moratorium on the Construction and the Operation of Commercial Solid Waste Management Facilities be extended. Supervisor Hart then spoke about a step process/fee structure for the Road Preservation Law. Supervisor Hart will draft a resolution for a future work session review. Councilperson Trask asked if it would be necessary to exempt Agriculture/Commercial Agriculture since Agriculture buildings are exempt from the Building permits process. Councilperson James added that she did not want to see the Solid Waste Facility Moratorium lapse. Councilperson Trask agreed, but he did not support an extension for another year. He feels there is more work to be done and finish with the findings that have not been done. Eleanor Perry said she would be open to having her well monitored. Councilperson Powers agreed that she would like to see the wells monitored in the Fishkill area.

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Supervisory Hart will contact the County about drilling more wells with the present program and look into water quality well monitoring in the Fishkill area with USGS.

Supervisor Hart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. then move into an Executive Session to discuss a Planning Board member concern.

Respectfully Submitted

May 29, 2014

Karen Miller Kenerson
Town Clerk