

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was called to order by Deputy Supervisor James at 7:07 PM. Present were: Councilperson Trask, Councilperson Laughlin, Councilperson Powers, and Deputy Supervisor James. Supervisor Driscoll was absent. Also present were: Highway Superintendent Berggren, Water Sewer Supervisor Brewer, Recreation Director James, Building and Environmental Code Officer Butch Wright, County Legislator McKenna, and Atty. Russ Maines.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Supervisor James.

Opening Privilege of the Floor:

Jeff Golden: Thanked the Town Board for understanding the need and working to create a moratorium concerning the proposed garbage transfer station.

Marie Terlizzy: Complimented the whoever was involved with the new Town Website. She felt it was very nice.

Eugene VanZile: Thanked the Board for the work concerning the moratorium. He also commented on comments made by the Board members at the Organizational Meeting.

Robert Mente: Owner of AWS and the proposed garbage transfer station. Mr. Mente reviewed the growth of the Bishop Road neighborhood. He asked the Board not to pass a moratorium and allow him to build his facility, get it up and running and generate the revenue needed to be able to move his whole operation to a more suitable location in which to whole community could benefit.

Linda Callahan: Emphasized that the neighborhood had never opposed any of the businesses that Mr. Mente had mentioned. The proposed garbage transfer station is the only one they have opposed, because it is different and a threat. They do not feel they are bad neighbors and they are not asking him to move his current facility. They are only opposed to a new transfer station.

Brenda Lapp: Thanked the Board for looking into a moratorium concerning the proposed garbage transfer station. She addressed the remarks Mr. Mente made at the December Board Meeting. She commented that Mr. Mente had stated that local business would have a place to take their waste and recycling yet in a letter his engineering firm sent to the DEC, it was stated that the facility would not have a drop off location for passenger vehicles. His operation manual stated that the majority of the waste materials stored at the facility will be stored in roll off containers; compactor containers, 6/10 wheel dump trucks, and transfer trailers. From time to time, waste materials may be delivered by smaller vehicles by small contractors. She is not sure how the entire Town will benefit from the proposed facility. She also does not see how the Town will benefit revenue wise. There is no franchise fee, no permitting done by the Town, nor is there sales tax collected on garbage taken to transfer stations. The only place she can see where there might be some income would be property taxes possibly resulting by an, increased value of Mr. Mente's land. She cannot see how the Town Budget would be improved by approving the proposed facility.

Agenda Changes: None

Motion was made by Councilperson Trask to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held December 13, 2012. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Laughlin. All approved.

Correspondence: Councilperson Powers read a portion of an article from the Tompkins Weekly announcing meetings that would be taking place in the Town of Caroline January 23, February 21, and March 2, 2013 at 7:00 PM concerning Road Preservation Law. The Town will be working on a Road Preservation Law and encouraged anyone to attend the meetings to become more informed.

Reports:

Highway – Highway Superintendent Berggren stated that they had been plowing and working on trucks. Councilperson Trask thanked Superintendent Berggren and the Highway crew for putting up the V Plow monument at the Highway Barns. He felt it was an outstanding monument for the Highway Department.

Water Sewer Department: Water Sewer Supervisor Brewer stated that everything was running smoothly.

Recreation: Recreation Director Dustin James announced that the snowman competition registrations were out; so far 12 families have registered. This weekend is the first round of basketball games. Some of the teams have away games, and the kindergarteners and first graders will be going up to Cornell for the Kids Day.

There is a beginners Thai Chi class beginning February 11. Adult Rec Basketball is going very well. He is working on Summer Camp. There is an ADA regulation concerning a lift being needed now in the pool. He is going to be looking for a grant and looking into fundraising efforts in order to get a lift installed. He told of the importance the pool plays with the summer camp.

Code Enforcement: Building and Environmental Code Enforcement Officer Butch Wright reviewed current Environment issues. He also reviewed the amount of permits issued in 2013.

Tompkins County Legislature: County Board Representative David McKenna reported that the gun buyback was a big success, 160 guns were turned in. He said that Martha Robertson was elected Chair and Mike Laine as Vice Chair of the Tompkins County Legislature.

Supervisors Report: Deputy Town Supervisor James reported that Newfield had the second highest growth rate in the County, Dryden being number one.

New Business:

Deputy Supervisor James read proposed Resolution NO. 4-2013 Establishing New Water Rates for District 1 during the course of discussion, errors were noted in the original resolution written by Supervisor Driscoll and corrected in the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER. 4-2013
SETTING WATER RATES FOR DISTRICT I**

RESOLVED, that the water rates and schedule of charges for services for the Town of Newfield Water District No. 1 be set and it hereby is set forth in the schedule which follows; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is and hereby is directed to immediately post a copy of this resolution on the bulletin board in the Town Hall with a copy of the rates maintained in the Town Clerk's office, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the applicable water rates and charges shall go into effect as of April 1, 2013 and the Town Clerk hereby is authorized and directed to prepare bills and notices accordingly.

**WATER RATE TABLE NO. 1
RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DWELLING**

	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>
1.	0	15,000 Gallons	\$44.00 base rate
2.	15,001	30,000	\$2.00/1000 gallons
3.	30,001	750,000	\$1.85/1000 gallons
4.	750,001		\$1.25/1000 gallons

Note: The first range defines the base charge minimum of \$44.00 with an allowance of 15,000 gallons. It is a base charged to all customers and allows for the use of up to 15,000 gallons without incurring any additional charges. Thereafter, charges are on a per 1000 gallon basis.

**WATER RATE TABLE NO. 2
MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING, APARTMENTS, HOME PARKS**

	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>
1.	0	30,000 Gallons	\$77.00 base rate
2.	30,001	750,000	\$1.95/1000 gallons
3.	750,001		\$1.35/1000 gallons

Note: The first range defines the base charge minimum of \$77.00 with an allowance of 30,000 gallons. It is a base charged to all customers and allows for the use of up to 30,000 gallons without incurring any additional charges. Thereafter, charges are on a per 1000 gallon basis.

**WATER RATE TABLE NO. 3
NEWFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL**

	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>
1.	0	0	\$0.000
2.	1	9,999,000	\$2.94/1000

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to accept the corrected Resolution NO. 4-2013. Councilperson Powers seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilperson Trask: AYE, Councilperson Laughlin: AYE, Councilperson Powers: AYE, Deputy Supervisor James: AYE. Motion passed.

Deputy Supervisor James then read Resolution No. 5-2013, Setting Water Rates for District II
As follows:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER. -2013
SETTING WATER RATES FOR DISTRICT II**

RESOLVED, that the water rates and schedule of charges for services for the Town of Newfield Water District No. II be set and it hereby is set forth in the schedule which follows; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is and hereby is directed to immediately post a copy of this resolution on the bulletin board in the Town Hall with a copy of the rates maintained in the Town Clerk's office, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the applicable water rates and charges shall go into effect as of March 1, 2009 and the Town Clerk hereby is authorized and directed to prepare bills and notices accordingly.

**WATER RATE TABLE NO. 1
RESIDENTIAL SINGE DWELLING**

	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>
1.	0	15,000 Gallons	\$44.00 base rate
2.	15,001	30,000	\$2.05/1000 gallons
3.	30,001	750,000	\$1.90/1000 gallons
4.	750,001+		\$1.30/1000 gallons

NOTE: The first range defines the base charge minimum of \$45.00 with an allowance of 15,000 gallons. It is a base charge charged to all customers and allows for the use of up to 15,000 gallons without incurring any additional charges. Thereafter, charges are on a per 1000 gallons basis.

**WATER RATE TABLE NO. 2
MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING, APARTMENTS, HOME PARKS**

	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>
1.	0	30,000 Gallons	\$77.00 base rate
2.	30,001	750,000	\$1.90/1000 gallons
3.	750,001+		\$1.30/1000 gallons

NOTE: The first range defines the base charge minimum of \$70.00 with an allowance of 30,000 gallons. It is a base charge charged to all customers and allows for the use of up to 30,000 gallons without incurring any additional charges. Thereafter, charges are on a per 1000 gallons basis.

Motion was made by Councilperson Trask to accept Resolution NO. 5-2013 Setting Water Rates for District II. Councilperson Powers seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Laughlin noted the rates /1000 are different in Districts 1 and II,

Councilperson Trask noted that the rates in multiple dwellings were different as well.

Councilperson Laughlin asked that it be tabled until the February meeting because of the amount of errors , Councilperson Trask asked Water Sewer Supervisor if he could help , he replied that he had no part in writing it. Motion was made by Councilperson Trask to table Resolution NO. 5-2013. Councilperson Powers seconded the motion.

Vote: Councilperson Trask: AYE, Councilperson Laughlin, Councilperson Powers, Deputy Supervisor James: AYE. Motion passed.

Deputy Supervisor James read proposed Resolution NO. 6-2013 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 5-2013
PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

RESOLVED that Anthony Russo is hereby appointed to a five years term on the Town of Newfield planning Board commencing May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2016, and

RESOLVED Randolph Brown is hereby appointed to a five year term on the Town of Newfield planning Board commencing May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2017.

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to accept Resolution NO. 6-2013. Councilperson Laughlin seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilperson Trask clarified that there had been an oversight by the Town Board to do reappointments of expiring Planning Board member terms.

Vote: Councilperson Trask: AYE, Councilperson Laughlin: AYE, Councilperson Powers: AYE, Deputy Supervisor James: AYE. Motion passed.

Deputy Supervisor James asked for a motion to adopt the Fire Contract. Councilperson Trask made the motion to adopt the proposed Fire Contract with the Newfield Fire Company. Councilperson Laughlin.

Vote: Councilperson Trask: AYE, Councilperson Laughlin: AYE, Councilperson Powers: AYE, Deputy Supervisor: AYE. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Councilperson Trask asked about the status of the AUD report. Deputy Supervisor James replied that she understood Carol Gold was working on it. Councilperson Trask added that the PERMA bill check situation had been taken care of today, according to the Supervisor.

December 2012 and Abstract 1 Expenses

Abstract 13(2012)

General Fund	totaling	\$19,288.78
Highway Fund	totaling	\$58,905.95
Recreation Fund	totaling	\$638.02
Water District 1	totaling	\$2,355.88

Water District II	totaling	\$424.55
Trust and Agency	totaling	\$962.09

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General Fund	totaling	\$43,928.45
Highway Fund	totaling	\$60,594.95
Recreation Fund	totaling	\$404.59
Water District 1	totaling	\$876.30
Water District II	totaling	\$355.10
Street light Fund	totaling	\$142.77
Sewer Fund	totaling	\$1,005.53
Trust and Agency	totaling	\$ 1,742.04

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the abstracts. Councilperson Trask seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilpersons Trask, Laughlin and Powers had questions on some of the bills that did not have funds left in the budget lines. Those bills were not approved, were flagged and will be held off for payment until explanation can be made.

Vote: Councilperson Trask: AYE, Councilperson Laughlin: AYE, Councilperson Powers: AYE, Deputy Supervisor James: AYE. Motion passed.

Closing Privilege of the Floor

Evie Marques: Suggested changing the wording in the water rate tables to reflect quarterly billing.

David McKenna: Asked of the status of the fines incurred by the Supervisor. Deputy Supervisor James said that a letter to the IRS had been mailed last week. Councilperson Laughlin said she would like a copy of the letter sent.

The next work session will be January 30, 2013 at 6:00PM.

Being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Councilperson Trask at 8:07 to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Powers seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Miller Kenerson
Town Clerk

January 16, 2013