

Town of Newfield Regular Board Meeting
March 10, 2011

The regular meeting of the Newfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Driscoll at 7:00PM. Present: CP James, CP Laughlin, CP Trask and Supervisor Driscoll. Also present: Atty. Russell Maines, Code Enforcer Harry Wright, Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren and County Legislator Dave McKenna. Absent: CP Hart

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

Motion was made by CP Laughlin to approve the Minutes from the February 2011 Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by CP Trask. All approved.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Tina Winstead, Town of Newfield Librarian reviewed the Newfield Public Library's Annual Report. Patrons checked out 20,823 items in 2010 and 222 new patrons registered for a library card, an increase from 2009. 1,246 items were added to the library's collection in 2010. A copy of the Report will be placed in the lobby of the Town Hall for public review.

Lynn Watros, a resident of Newfield reported that the Newfield Fire Dept. had met with the Energy Efficiency Program Representative and had an energy review done. They will be having the lights at the Fire Dept. upgraded which will result in a savings for them over the year. NYSEG will contribute 70% of the cost of the upgrade which includes the electrician.

Mr. Watros also stated that Anne Chernish was writing a grant for monies for Mill Park. The Committee has also made arrangements with Judge Allen to have Community Service people work at the park for community hours. Supervisor Driscoll stated that Atty. Hooks was looking into this issue with the community workers. Highway Superintendent Berggren stated he uses community workers to trim grass etc.

AGENDA CHANGES – Supervisor Driscoll stated that he would like to remove item 6A under old business, a request to forgive and release a resident from a HUD mortgage. Supervisor Driscoll stated that person has withdrawn the request.

CORRESPONDENCE – Supervisor Driscoll stated that the Assessment Department is again looking for volunteers to serve on the panel for the local assessment review. This item will be discussed at the work session on March 24th.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Driscoll stated that at the last Board Meeting he neglected to distribute the balance sheets for Dec. 31st. This issue will also be discussed at the work session. He wanted to put this together with the financial report 2011 for the 12 months. All things are going well with the transition to the QuickBooks software and we will have a first quarter financial report at the April meeting. Figures will be from January through March 31.

Motion was made by CP Laughlin to approve the audited February Bills for payment. Motion was seconded by CP James. All approved.

General Fund	totaling	\$ 24,443.40
Highway Fund	totaling	\$231,039.78
Fire Protection	totaling	\$172,626.00
Street Lighting District	totaling	\$ 1,275.98
Water District #1	totaling	\$ 2,984.04
Sewer District	totaling	\$ 479.78
Water District #2	totaling	\$107,155.42
Recreation	totaling	\$ 323.60

REPORTS

Supervisor – Supervisor Driscoll reported that the Storm water Audit was completed and the Town passed with the highest satisfactory rating. It was a good review and the Audit is available for review in the Supervisor’s Office.

Recreation – Recreation Director Dustin James reported Basketball season is almost done. He has been working on the Recreation web site. Applications for camp counselor are out. Camp applications are done and available. Baseball sign-ups will be held on March 22nd and 23rd, flyers have been sent home announcing this.

Highway – Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren report that the NYSEG audit had been completed at the Highway Dept. Atty. Hooks had reviewed the contract and he would be signing it and hopefully the work will be completed soon. The town should see a \$2300.00 savings the first year.

The new truck has arrived.

Water/Sewer - No report

Tompkins County Legislator – County Representative Dave McKenna stated the County Legislator is not doing action only minutes. The County has purchased the Carpet Bazaar Building and it will be the new home for COFTA (County Office for the Aging. He is on the committee for Board Band Committee and is also the Vice Chair. They have broken down into 3 groups. A technical cross evaluation group for the various approaches, a group looking for monies and one to educate residents who need assistance to operate a computer.

CP Trask asked Mr. McKenna if the old library was in full use? Mr. McKenna stated it was somewhat diminished now because the voting machines are all gone. County records have been put on computers. Probation Dept. is still occupying the downstairs and they are looking for a home for them. CP Trask asked what the plan was for that building. Mr. McKenna stated he did not know but thought it would probably be torn down at some point.

Code Enforcement – No report. CP Laughlin asked what the status was on the apartments on Route 13 and if Mr. Frandsen was accepting applications yet. Mr. Wright stated that some buildings would be ready around August and to his knowledge no applications are being accepted at this time. He has not advertised as of yet to rent either.

There being no further business Supervisor Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Crance
Town Clerk

March 15, 2011
Date