

Town of Newfield Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Driscoll at 7:00PM. Present: CP Trask, CP James, CP Laughlin, CP Hart and Supervisor Driscoll. Also Present: Town Atty. Edward Hooks, Code Enforcers Tony Petito and Harry Wright, Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren and Water/Sewer Supervisor Rob Brewer.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Bryan Fuller had concerns regarding the HSA accounts for the Highway Dept. and monies not being put in their accounts. Supervisor Driscoll will check to see why the monies are not being put in the accounts. Supervisor Driscoll stated that Mr. Fuller should bring in the bills and the town will reimburse the late fees.

Darlene Bauman, stated that she had seen a Mountain Lion across the road from Mazourek Farms and wanted the community to be aware. She saw it around 8-8:30PM when she was driving home on Route 13.

Motion was made by CP James to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by CP Laughlin. All approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to Amend the 2011 SPCA Contract. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the contract between the Tompkins County Animal Control and the Town of Newfield regarding an Amendment to the 01/01/2010 Contract. Supervisor Driscoll explained that the TCAC committee had been meeting for the past 2 years to try to come up with a formula for the annual fee that would be appropriate for participating towns. The current fee is \$1,285 monthly. The amended fee for 2011 would be \$1,845.00 monthly. Motion was made by CP James to approve Supervisor Driscoll signing the Amended Contract. Motion was seconded by CP Hart. Supervisor Driscoll called for a vote.

Ayes  
CP James  
Supervisor Driscoll

Nays  
CP Hart  
CP Laughlin  
CP Trask

Motion denied.

Supervisor Driscoll will contact Tompkins County Animal control. The Animal Control now has the option to cancel their contract with us by giving us a 60 day notice.

A discussion was held regarding the plans for a New Water Tower Storage Tank. This tank will be placed on the property on Van Kirk Rd. and support the tank on Trumbulls Corner Rd. The Trumbulls Corner Water Tank needs to be cleaned on the inside. A plan for the new water tank needs to be done and Water/Sewer Supervisor Rob Brewer asked the Board to approve the contract between T.G. Miller and the Town of Newfield to perform the engineering services for this project.

Motion was made by CP Trask to approve Supervisor Driscoll signing the contract between the Town of Newfield and T.G. Miller in the amount of \$8900.00. Motion was seconded by CP Hart.

Ayes	Nays
CP Hart	
CP Trask	
CP James	
CP Laughlin	
Supervisor Driscoll	

Motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

CP Laughlin asked where the Town was with the Delta Engineering Group regarding the roads. Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren stated that he had returned some reports on the roads and thought traffic counters would be put on random roads in the very near future.

CP Laughlin also asked if the Acquifer study had begun and when will the town get the report. Supervisor Driscoll will check into this.

Motion was made by CP Trask to approve the payments of the August, 2011 monthly bills. Motion was seconded by CP James. All approved.

General Fund Totaling	\$19,275.93
Highway Fund Totaling	\$78,937.20
Recreation Fund Totaling	\$ 5,592.00
Sewer Fund Totaling	\$10,322.81
Streetlight Fund Totaling	\$ 1,174.16
Water District #1 Fund Totaling	\$ 5,395.35
Water District #2 Fund Totaling	\$ 1,846.31

## REPORTS

Supervisor – Supervisor Driscoll stated that he had a meeting with Bryan McIlroy, temp. part-time payroll person, and Geri Licht, temp. part-time bookkeeper and it was their opinion that the Town should be going with the Williamson Law Municipal Bookkeeping and payroll systems and not Quickbooks. Williamson Law is geared for Municipalities. So within the next couple of weeks they will be working on changing things over.

Highway – Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren reported on the roads that are being worked on. Chimney at the Town Barns is shot and needs to be replaced. He thought it would be cheaper to put in a smaller gas unit than to replace the chimney.

Water/Sewer – Water/Sewer Supervisor Rob Brewer reported that the telemetry in the station and pump controls for the sewer were upgraded there are 2 more to be upgraded and there should be an improvement in the operation.

Recreation - Summer Camp is done and it went well. Needs assessment is in the beginning stages to find out what residents expectations are for the programs and what programs they would like to see changed and started. CP Laughlin reported that Cornell Cooperative Extension services will end at the end of the summer.

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcer Tony Petito reported on the cases he is working on. A discussion was held regarding some of the repeat cases he has. Mr. Petito asked that an amendment be made in the law to help alleviate this problem. It was agreed that Mr. Petito, Atty. Hooks and Supervisor Driscoll will meet and discuss the situation. They will bring some ideas back to the board.

Supervisor Driscoll stated there will be a work session on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

There being no further business the Board Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Driscoll at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Crance  
Town Clerk

August 25, 2011  
Date