

February 8, 2018

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room February 8, 2018 at 7:04 PM. 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 Mike Allinger, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Casey Powers. Also present: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren, Recreation Director Dustin James, Code Officer Alan Teeter, County Legislature Representative David McKenna and Atty. Tom Smith and 4 attendees.

Privilege of the Floor no one wished to address the Board

Agenda Changes

Supervisor Hart asked that Executive Session be added in order to discuss possible legal litigations.

Approval of January 11, 2018 Public Hearing, January 11, 2018 and January 25, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve the January 11, 2018 Public Hearing Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

Vote	AYE	5	Hart, Allinger, James, Laughlin and Powers
	NAY	0	

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the January 11, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

Vote	AYE	5	Hart, Allinger, James, Laughlin and Powers
	NAY	0	

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve the January 25, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Vote	AYE	5	Hart, Allinger, James, Laughlin and Powers
	NAY	0	

Carried

Reports:

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren reported materials were continuing to be brought in to replace what is being used. Presently the Town is good shape with salt. Superintendent Berggren also reported that the transmission went out on a truck on Fox Hollow Road. Councilperson Laughlin commented that whenever the Town needed a vehicle towed Charlies's Towing was always there, and she stated she never recalled seeing a voucher for the service provided. Councilperson Laughlin asked that a Thank You from the

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Town of Newfield be sent to Charlie's Towing. Superintendent Berggren reported there would be a Public Hearing in March regarding the repair of the Main Street culvert.

Water Sewer: Superintendent Berggren reported there had been a water main break on Bank St. the week before near where the previous break had been. Superintendent Berggren suggested the Town needs to have a plan in place for the future replacement of the aging water mains and drill a new well for the water districts.

Recreation: Recreation Director Dustin James reported the K-3 basketball wrapping up. The 4-6 basketball would be hosting its last home game and would be done at the end of February. Director James added the Newfield High School Varsity Basketball team had been coaching the youth basketball teams. Director James also reported the ski club was going well. Presently he is working on spring and Summer Camp programs. Recreation Supervisor Hank Nubert will be heading the spring Recreation Softball and Baseball programs.

Code Enforcement: Code Officer Alan Teeter reported 5 building permits were issued in January. Code Officer Teeter also reported a stop work order had been issued to the new Citgo gas station due to changes in the permit application and DEC issues.

Tompkins County Legislature Report: Newfield Representative David McKenna stated that sales tax receipts were up by 6.22%. Representative McKenna added the standing committees and County Boards had been selected.

Planning Board: absent

Hamlet Beautification Committee (HBC): Randy Brown reported the first project planned would be to place a new Welcome sign across from the Snooty Fox. Mr. Brown stated there were 30 design entrants in the welcome sign contest at the school. Mr. Brown stated the HBC had received a \$1,400.00 reimbursement grant from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Mr. Brown also commented the HBC would like to hire 4 teens and a supervisor for summer employment. Atty. Smith recommended the Town not hire the youth supervisor as an independent contractor, due to liability issues. Mr. Brown will check with the Youth Employment Services the possibility of the supervisor being hired thru that agency.

Mr. Brown also spoke of the Golf program available to Newfield youth at Hill and Dale Golf Course. Newfield Youth with a parent or guardian can play golf at no charge with this program.

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Hart reported the Host Community Benefit agreement has been received. Councilperson Laughlin asked if the Town was still considering purchasing the LED street lights with those funds. Supervisor Hart stated the Town had not received the quote for the upgrade yet. Highway Superintendent Berggren commented that he was looking into having amber caution lights installed in the school zone.

New Business

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Resolution No. 5- 2018

Approving the Main Street Culvert replacement over the West Branch Cayuga Inlet

WHEREAS, pursuant to Highway Law §10(34-a) and section 15 of Chapter 329 of the Laws of 1991 as amended by section 9 of chapter 330 of the laws of 1991, as further amended by Chapter 57 of the Laws of New York of 2014, the State has established the “Marchiselli” Program, which provided certain State-aid for Federal aid highway projects not on the State highway system; and

WHEREAS, funding of the “State share” of projects under the Marchiselli Program is administered through the New York State Office of the Comptroller (“State Comptroller”); and

WHEREAS, Highway Law§80-b authorizes the funding of eligible costs of Federal aid Municipal/Sponsor streets and highway projects using State-aid and Federal aid; and

WHEREAS, project eligibility for Marchiselli Program funds is determined by NYSDOT; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authorizations therefore, NYSDOT and the Municipality/Sponsor are desirous of progressing the Project under the Federal aid and, if applicable, Marchiselli-aid Programs; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Body of the Municipality/Sponsor by Resolution No. 5 adopted its meeting held on February 8. 2018 approved the Project, the Municipality/Sponsor’s entry into this Agreement, has appropriated necessary funds in connection with any applicable Municipal/Sponsor Deposit identified in applicable Schedules A and has further authorized the Town Supervisor of the Municipality/Sponsor to execute this Agreement and the applicable Schedule A on behalf of the Municipal/Sponsor and a copy of such Resolution is attached to and made a part of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows;

1. Documents forming the Agreement. The Agreement consists of the following:

- Agreement Form- this document titled “Federal aid Local Project Agreement”;
- Schedule “A”-Description of Project Phase, Funding and Deposit Requirements;
- Schedule “B”-Phases, Subphase/Tasks, and Allocation of Responsibility
- Appendix “A”-New York State Required Contract Provisions
- Appendix “A-1”-Supplemental Title VI Provisions (Civil Rights Act)
- Appendix :B”- U.S. Government Required Clauses (Only required for agreements with federal funding)
- Municipal/Sponsor Resolution(s) –duly adopted Municipal/Sponsor resolution authorizing the appropriate Municipal/Sponsor official to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor and appropriating the funding required therefore.

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve Resolution No. 5-2018, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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Resolution No. 6-2018 Approval to convene a Public Hearing for public comment regarding the West Branch Inlet Culvert Replacement project.

Resolution No. 6-2018 Approval to hold Public Hearing

WHEREAS the Town Highway Dept. will be replacing/repairing the culvert on the Main Street over the West Branch Cayuga Inlet.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board will convene a Public Hearing on March 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm to hear public comment on said project.

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve Resolution No. 6-2018, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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Old Business

Update on the Solar Project

Supervisor Hart stated the Host Community Benefit Agreement check had been received, nothing for the Decommissioning Agreements for Millard Hill Road projects 1, 2 and 3. There are no decommissioning agreements for the Burdge Hill and Millard Hill Road project. There are separate PILOT agreements for Millard 1, 2 & 3 and Burdge Hill and Millard Hill Road projects. Councilperson Laughlin commented the building permit for each project expires in June 2018, she asked if the permits expired would the solar company would need to apply for a new permit and if the current solar law could be used. Atty Smith will look into this.

Approval of the Payment of the February Bills

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve the payments, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

The Board authorized the payments of the following amounts:

General Fund	\$73,689.68
Recreation Fund	\$2,264.60
Highway Fund	\$69,701.63
Street light Fund	\$2,592.58
Sewer Fund	\$76.16
Water District 1 Fund	\$2,929.02
Water District 2 Fund	\$117,090.35
Trust and Agency	\$1,693.21

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Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Allinger and Laughlin

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At 7:50 PM a motion was made to move into an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation concerns..

At 8:37 PM, the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board. Councilperson Allinger offered a motion to move to adjournment at 8:37 PM seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Respectfully Submitted,

February 21, 2018

Karen Miller Kenerson, RMC
Newfield Town Clerk