

April 27, 2017

The meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room April 27, 2017 at 7:03 p.m. 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 Christine Laughlin, Councilperson Casey Powers and Councilperson Michael Allinger. Also present: 3 attendees.

Old Business

Discussion of Site Plan Review

Supervisor Hart stated Planning Board Chair Karen Trask had contacted him regarding the Planning Board's progress with the Site Plan Review Law- the Planning Board will be completing their recommended draft of the Site Plan Review Law. Councilperson Allinger asked if the Board could receive the recommended version prior to the joint meeting. The Planning Board and the Town Board will meet June 8th to review the recommendations together.

Supervisor Hart commented Scott Doyle from Tompkins County Planning is looking into a project to mitigate flooding by stabilizing designated creek banks in Newfield.

Water Tank Project

Supervisor Hart reported the glass coating on the Trumbull Corner Road tank was considered marginal and was being corrected. The Town is waiting for a solution from La Bella Engineering regarding the problem with the Water Tank Project. Supervisor Hart read a letter drafted letter of notice by Atty. Smith to LaBella Engineers. After discussion it was decided upon to wait for a recommended solution from LaBella until May 4, 2017. If a solution is not received, the letter will be sent on May 5, 2017. It was agreed by those present that a second opinion of a proposed solution should be sought.

New Business

Discussion Property Maintenance Code

Supervisor Hart stated he had spoken to Justice Chernish regarding the laws that are currently enforced in the Town. Supervisor Hart added in the past the Town did not go out looking for the problems, but does respond to filed complaints. He asked if a different approach should be taken in the future. Councilperson Laughlin commented that the majority of the complaints are repeats of prior years while some are resolved, some are not. The Town Clerk noted that complaints come into the Town Hall, but when the complainant is told to file a complaint or to come to a Town Board meeting the complaint stops there. Councilperson Powers felt that some of the cases are hard to complain about neighbors and felt if the situation is not causing an environmental danger but not nice to look at...

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At 8:17 p.m., a motion was made to move into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation claims.

At 8:55, the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board, moving to adjournment at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

May 4, 2017

Karen Miller Kenerson, RMC
Newfield Town Clerk