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The regular Business Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room May 10, 2018 at 7:20 PM. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Christine Laughlin and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Present were: Deputy Supervisor Christine Laughlin Councilperson Mike Allinger, Councilperson Joanne James, and Councilperson Casey Powers. Also present: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren, Code Enforcement Officer Alan Teeter, Tompkins County Legislature Representative David McKenna and Atty. Tom Smith and 10 attendees. Supervisor Hart was absent.

Privilege of the Floor

Becca Haber: asked if the Board would consider speaking to NYSEG to negotiate a lower rate for the Town rather than participating with a community solar project. Ms. Haber also asked if the Town would think of having a community newsletter. Ms. Haber referred to the Town of Danby's newsletter that is delivered by USPS and or email.

Brenda Lapp: thanked Alan Teeter – Code Enforcement Officer and the Town Clerk for contacting the solar construction company regarding the delivery trucks turning around in an intersection near the community solar construction area.

Approval of April 12, 21018 Board Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve the April 12, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson James.

Vote	AYE	4	Allinger, James, Laughlin and Powers
	NAY	0	
	ABSENT	1	Hart

Carried

Reports:

Highway: Kevin Berggren – Highway Superintendent reported the Highway Department was just about finished with winter plow damage repair and that TCSWC would be hydro seeding next week to complete the process. The Fishkill Road project is scheduled to begin soon and should take about 3-4 weeks to complete. The Carter Creek Bank Stabilization bid packets and legal notice have been approved for print. There are 3 trucks being listed with Auctions International and will be advertised for 14 days. Superintendent Berggren also asked for Board approval to order a new truck in 2018 for delivery and payment in 2019, as it takes 6 months to build a truck after the order is placed.

Water & Sewer Departments- Superintendent Berggren reported the Main Street and Trumbulls Corner Road Tanks had been inspected by Aquastore and the Route 13 and Shelter Valley tanks were cleaned of sediment by Under Water Solutions the previous week and that sediment levels were lower than the previous cleaning. Also TG Miller Engineers was working on the well project and looking into grants. No word from Hunt Engineers regarding the leach field expansion project.

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Recreation: Absent

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Alan Teeter reported 4 building permits had been issued in April. He has completed 24 hours of code enforcement training in Syracuse and Community Clean Energy code training in Binghamton. Mr. Teeter stated the Community Clean Energy training could be used if the Town were interesting in pursuing a NYSERTA grant. He has also been working with Nexamp regarding traffic and tree cutting concerns.

Tompkins County Legislature Report: Newfield Representative David McKenna stated that the Legislature had had its annual budget retreat April 23 and 24th, and that the Legislature had met with Cortland County to discuss common interest concerns. Representative McKenna stated he had attended the Seneca Falls Hydro Plant dedication. Representative McKenna said the Tompkins County Office Buildings benefit from the energy produced at the Seneca Falls Hydro Plant. Representative McKenna also reported on Governor Cuomo's announcement that Tompkins County was a recipient of a grant to refurbish and improve the Tompkins Regional Airport. The Tompkins Center for History and Culture refurbishment cost had increased by 445,000 due to the lack of available contractors and time constraints. Tourism and Community Celebrations grants have also been approved.

Planning Board: Planning Board Member Jacob Marnell reported the Planning Board would like to have a joint meeting with the Town Board in June. The Planning Board has been working on Noise, Animal and Dog Laws and would soon be working on a junk nuisance law with Code Enforcement Officer Alan Teeter. George Frans showed the Planning Board members an updated map of environmental unique areas. Mr. Marnell commented that a site plan review application was being requested from Delaware River Solar regarding the Millard Hill 4LLC and Millard Hill 5 LLC projects. Mr. Marnell also requested that a \$100.00 charge be approved for Site Plan Review Applications. Randy Brown reported he and Karen Trask had attended a training sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension where solar projects had been discussed, he felt the Planning Board was now better prepared.

Hamlet Beautification: Randy Brown reported that the Hamlet Beautification Committee (HBC) met the first Monday of each month at the Newfield Public Library at 5:00 PM. The Contest for a Welcome to Newfield sign had 24 student submissions. Mr. James VanAllan has agreed to help build the 4X3 sign. The proposed sign and placement site will be approved by the Town Board in the future. Mr. Brown spoke of the need of mutual communication between the HBC (Hamlet Beautification Committee) and the Town and asked that the HBC be recognized as the contact for any groups wishing to do volunteer work in Town owned properties in the Hamlet. Mr. Brown stated that in the spring of each year the HBC would like to submit its plan for the year to the Town Board for approval. The 2018 projects were the construction and installation of the Welcome to Newfield sign, flower plantings, maintenance and a new TCAT bus shelter. Presently the HBC is waiting to meet with TCAT regarding this project. Mr. Brown felt a liaison between the Town and the HBC would be advisable. Deputy Supervisor Laughlin responded the conversation could happen at Town Board meetings during reports. Mr. Brown also commented on his concerns regarding the Park and Riders and suggested there be a master plan for the Hamlet in the future. Highway Superintendent Berggren commented that he felt if any excavation or structural work were to be performed the Town should do it.

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Park Committee: Highway Superintendent Berggren reported the DASNY Grant has been approved and that the land has begun to be graded.

Mill Street Park Music Series: Vanessa Greenlee, Michelle Menter and JT Tompkins reported the summer concert series had been expanded to 6 concerts for 2018. Ms. Greenlee stated the Mill Street Park Music Series has revenue streams of corporate, county, foundation and private funding. The committee reported the attendance at the 2017 concerts averaged between 120 to 160 people per concert. The committee requested approval to bring in portable restrooms that would be brought in for each concert- approved by the Board.

Supervisor Report: Deputy Supervisor Laughlin reported Supervisor Hart was in Indiana with his son who is a nationally ranked ATV racer.

New Business

TG Miller – water well report; was not present or prepared at this time.

Discussion and Action regarding proposed changes made to Local Law No.1 of 2015

Atty. Smith stated a SEQRA Resolution would need to be entertained by the Board before proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2018 could be voted upon. Atty. Smith read Resolution No.9-2018 as follows:

RESOLUTION No. 9- 2018

SEQRA RESOLUTION – FIRST AMENDMENT WASTED MANAGEMENT FACILITIES (Food Scrap Recycling)

WHEREAS, the Town of Newfield propose to amend the Town’s Waste Management Facilities law to permit municipal food scrap recycling programs (the “Project”)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and associated regulations including 6 NYCRR 617.1,et seq. (“SEQRA”) the Town is required to undertake a review of potential environmental impacts associated with the project;

WHEREAS, the Town has and prepared a draft Short Environmental Assessment Form including Parts 1, 2 and 3 (the “EAF”);

WHEREAS based upon the information contained in the EAF and the knowledge and review of the Town Board members and after due deliberation;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made by Councilperson Powers and seconded by Councilperson James it is

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows;

Upon a thorough review and due consideration of the EAF, which the Town now adopts, the town makes the following findings;

1. The Town has considered the Project pursuant to the criteria set forth in applicable law and regulations, including SEQRA;
2. The Town has classified the Project as an “Unlisted Action” pursuant to SEQRA regulations;
3. The Town determines, for those reasons set forth in the EAF, that the Project will

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have no significant negative environmental impacts and hereby issues a negative declaration under SEQRA.

Vote:	AYES	4	Laughlin, Allinger, James and Powers
	NAYS	0	
	ABSENT	1	Hart

Carried

Local Law No. 2 for the year 2018

First Amendment to Waste Management Facilities Local Law No. 1 of 2015

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEWFIELD AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.0

Title, Statutory Authorization and Purpose

1.1.1 TITLE

This local law shall be known as the “First Amendment to the Solid Waste Management Facilities Law of the Town of Newfield.”

1.1.2 STATUTORY Authorization

The Municipal Home Rule Law and Sections 130 and 136 of the Town Law

1.1.3 PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this local law to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Newfield by permitting municipally sponsored food scrap recycling within the Town of Newfield.

Section 2.0

2.1 Section VI of Local Law 1 for the Year 2015 the Solid Waste Management Facilities Law of the Town of Newfield, is hereby amended to add a new subsection (4) that shall read:

“(4) Any food scrap recycling program that is sponsored by the Town of Newfield or the County of Tompkins.”

Section 3.0

Savings Clause and Effective Date

3.1 If any section, paragraph, subdivision or provision of this local law shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this local law as a whole or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

3.2 This law shall take effect upon its filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to adopt Local Law No. 2 -2018 – First Amendment to the Solid Waste Management Facilities Law of the Town of Newfield, seconded by Councilperson James.

Vote	AYE	4	Allinger, James, Laughlin and Powers
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NAY	0	
ABSENT	1	Hart

Carried

Discussion and Action approving the Highway Superintendent to purchase a mini excavator for \$64,999

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers approving the Highway Superintendent to purchase a mini excavator not to exceed \$64,999.00, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

Vote	AYE	4	Allinger, James, Laughlin and Powers
	NAY	0	
	ABSENT	1	Hart

Carried

Discussion and Action approving the Highway Superintendent to order a Freightliner M2 in 2018 for delivery and payment in 2019

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger approving the Highway Superintendent to order a Freightliner M2 truck in 2018 for delivery and payment in 2019 not to exceed \$164,940.26, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Vote	AYE	4	Allinger, James, Laughlin and Powers
	NAY	0	
	ABSENT	1	Hart

Carried

Discussion and Action to approve the Planning Board request of a One Hundred Dollar fee for Site Plan Review Applications

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers approving a One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) fee for all Site Plan Review Applications, seconded by Councilperson James.

Vote	AYE	4	Allinger, James, Laughlin and Powers
	NAY	0	
	ABSENT	1	Hart

Carried

Old Business

Agenda Items for May 24 Board Meeting: Personnel Policy and TG Miller Well project.

Approval of the Payment of the May 2018 Bills

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve the payments, seconded by Councilperson Powers. The Board authorized the payments of the following amounts:

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General Fund	\$19,391.23
Recreation Fund	\$4,513.65
Highway Fund	\$63,546.24
Street light Fund	\$144.80
Sewer Fund	\$589.32
Water District 1 Fund	\$18,549.61
Water District 2 Fund	\$13,201.26
Trust and Agency	\$1,277.97

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Powers and Allinger

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	NAY	0	
	ABSENT	1	Hart

Carried

At 8:30 PM a motion was made to adjourn by Councilperson Allinger, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Respectfully Submitted,

May 23, 2018

Karen Miller Kenerson
Town of Newfield Clerk