

June 23, 2016

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room June 23, 2016 at 7:05 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 Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin, Councilperson Casey Powers and Councilperson Michael Allinger. Also present: Recreation Director Reid Hoskins, Janice Johnson from the Recreation Partnership and 2 other attendees.

### **New Business**

#### *Janice Johnson: Presentation of the Inter-municipal Recreation Partnership*

Ms. Johnson gave a presentation and review of the benefits for the youth of the Town of Newfield being a member of the Inter-municipal Recreation Partnership. Ms. Johnson and Recreation Director Hoskins urged the Town Board to consider the proposed 5 year contract for the 2017 budget. Ms. Johnson's presentation also included Newfield's data of the 2014 Student Survey. This survey data information comes from Newfield School District students, the data includes information regarding student safety in the school and age of first cigarette and alcohol consumption as examples.

### **Old Business**

#### *Discussion of proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2014*

Supervisor Hart stated Attorney Smith had returned the edited addition of proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2016 back to the Town. The Board agreed to review it and then meet on June 28<sup>th</sup> to approve the edits made to Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2016. Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2016 will be emailed to Tompkins County Planning for review.

#### *Discussion of Solar Issues*

Supervisor Hart read a letter received from Delaware River Solar (DRS) regarding permits for commercial solar arrays. Supervisor Hart will respond to DRS, and the Clerk will gather permit information from other municipalities for comparisons. Supervisor Hart will contact Atty. Smith with questions regarding site plan review without a town law for commercial solar operations.

#### *Discussion of Beautification Grant*

Councilperson James proposed the formation of a Beautification Committee. Ideas for grant uses varied from a new sign directing people to the Town of Newfield and the World War 1 and 2 Veterans Memorial.

#### *Discussion and review of Town Financial Reports:*

Supervisor Hart reviewed the comments from the Town Bookkeeper regarding the audit report from INSERO. Duane Schoen from INSERO will be asked to review the audit report on July 26 or 28. This date will be confirmed for the future meeting.

Councilperson James asked about reviewing the monthly Town financial statements. Supervisor Hart responded that he does review them monthly and addresses concerns brought forward from the Bookkeeper.

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At 8:30 pm, motion was made by Councilperson James to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

Respectfully Submitted,

July 10, 2016

Karen Miller Kenerson  
Newfield Town Clerk