

August 9, 2018

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room August 9, 2018 at 7:00 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: Attorney Smith and 1 attendee.

Approval of July 12, 2018 Public Hearing and Business Meeting Minutes and the July 26, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the July 12, 2018 Public Hearing Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

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

Carried

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

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

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve the July 18, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

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

Carried

Reports:

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren was absent. Councilperson Laughlin reported the Highway Department had been hauling in material for the winter would begin replacing a storm drain on Main Street in front of the School.

Water Sewer Department: Supervisor Hart reported the Water Department has been researching an alternative process to extend the life of the Pine Way well.

Recreation Department: Recreation Director Dustin James was absent; Supervisor Hart read the prepared report. Shannon LaBarge Summer Camp Director gave a review of the Summer Camp Program.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Alan Teeter was absent.

Tompkins County Legislature: Representative David McKenna was absent.

August 9, 2018

Planning Board: absent- Councilperson Laughlin- reported that Delaware River Solar & Chazen Engineers had attended the last Planning Board Meeting and answered questions regarding the Burdge Hill Road Solar Project. Delaware River Solar will return for the September Planning Board Meeting to discuss a traffic plan, written agreements with concerned neighboring property owners, and watershed catch basin plans. Construction is hoped to begin in 2019.

Beautification Committee: absent

Athletic Fields Committee: Councilperson Laughlin reported the property has been leveled as far as the baseball field. Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation hydro seeded the top soil and that Roy Trask donated straw that was used as cover.

Tompkins County Legislature Report: absent.

Supervisor: Supervisor Hart reported the Town recently completed designation qualifications for the Clean Energy Classification.

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve the NYSERTA qualifications to be a Clean Energy Community with the ability to apply for Clean Energy Grants, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Supervisor Hart also reported he would be meeting with Terry Carrol the Town’s designated agent regarding the Street lighting mandate for a feasibility plan.

Councilperson Allinger reported he had spoken with the Town’s webmaster regarding the Town website and the server space available.

New Business

Discussion and action regarding Resolution No. 11-2018 to Convene a Public Hearing on a Local Law to Override the New York State Tax Cap

Resolution No. 11-2018 – To Convene a Public Hearing on a Local Law to Override the NYS Tax Cap

Whereas, according to New York State General Municipal Law §3-R(5), if a town government decides to adopt a town budget with a property tax levy that exceeds the level set by the State, the town government must pass a local law to override that cap; and,

Whereas, adopting said local law is not predictive of the final tax levy but will Provide the Newfield Town Board flexibility to exceed the Property Tax Cap if it is deemed necessary;

Whereas, it is the intent of the Town Board to adopt a budget that does not exceed the 2019 tax cap requirement for the Town; and

August 9, 2018

Whereas, however during the Budget process and deliberation between today’s date and the adoption of the Town’s 2019 Budget in mid-November the Town Board may find that it may not exceed the cap in order to provide the Town’s residents with a level of services the Board Members deem desirable and or necessary.

Now Therefore, Be It,

Resolved, that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board at the Newfield Town Hall on August 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. concerning proposed Local Law #2 for the year 2018 Local Law Overriding Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2019, at such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter will be heard concerning same.

Resolved, further that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to place proper notice of such hearing in the official newspaper of the Town and to post the same in accordance with Law.

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve Resolution No. 11-2018, seconded by Councilperson James.

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

Carried

Letter from the New York State Town Clerk’s Association

Supervisor Hart read a letter from the New York Town Clerk’s Association designating Karen Miller Kenerson as a District Director to the New York State Town Clerk’s Association.

Letter from Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways

Supervisor Hart read a letter from NYPENN Pathways designating Amaris Barlow, Cali Bennett, Ellie DeGroat, Josephine Irons, Sierra Lynch, Shelby Parsons, Isabella Robbins and Malana Turner as recipients of the Girl Scouts Bronze award, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can achieve.

Old Business

Discussion and Approval to pay back the loan from NYS Retirement: It was suggested to table this until the August 28th meeting.

Approval of the Payment of the August Bills

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

General Fund	\$25,546.24
Recreation Fund	\$2,064.22

August 9, 2018

Highway Fund	\$99,486.33
Street light Fund	\$1,418.89
Sewer Fund	\$2,312.93
Water District 1 Fund	\$3,973.77
Water District 2 Fund	\$1,571.11
Trust and Agency	\$5,523.03
Community Development 2	\$1,920.20

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Allinger and Powers.

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

Carried

Attorney Smith reported a notice of issue had been filed for the Sill case and that the Pulhalka Road case could be the possibility of the case resolving privately out of court.

Discussion ensued regarding expanding the current Town Halls for its future needs.

At 8:00 PM a motion was made by Councilperson Powers to move adjournment, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

Respectfully Submitted,

August 23, 2018

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk