

August 11, 2016

The regular Business Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room August 11, 2016 at 7:00 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 and Councilperson Michael Allinger. Also present: Atty. Smith, County Legislature Representative David McKenna and 9 attendees. Councilperson Powers was absent.

Privilege of the Floor

Jerry Moruzzi- a resident of Tupper Road represented 12 Tupper Road residents: requested that Tupper Road be paved.

Gene VanZile: asked about the status of the Veterans Memorial.

Approval of July 14, 2016 Public Hearing, July 14, 2016 and July 28, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the July 14, 2016 Public Hearing Minutes, seconded by Councilperson James.

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

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve the July 14, 2016 Business Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson James.

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

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the July 18, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

Approval of the Payment of the July 2016 Bills

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

General Fund	\$47,283.46
--------------	-------------

August 11, 2016

Recreation Fund	\$4,933.61
Highway Fund	\$141,758.93
Capital Fund	\$20,160.00
Street light Fund	\$1,255.41
Sewer Fund	\$5,817.35
Water District 1 Fund	\$2,481.55
Water District 2 Fund	\$873.68
Trust and Agency	\$5,327.80

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Allinger and James.

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

Carried

Reports:

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren was absent. Supervisor Hart reported that the Douglas Road culvert replacement was on schedule and will be completed soon.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Bill Baker was absent. Supervisor Hart reported that CEO Baker would be resigning the position effective 9/1/16.

Water Sewer: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren was absent. Supervisor Hart reported that pump #3 at Pine Circle needs repairs. Estimates are being sought to drill a new well.

Recreation: Recreation Director Reid Hoskins was absent. Supervisor Hart read his report.

Tompkins County Legislature Report: Newfield Representative David McKenna reported that the Pine Tree Road Bridge and trail is just about completed. Representative McKenna also reported the Legislature had voted to accept a grant for the benefit of the drug courts. Representative McKenna reported there is an effort from a group in the Legislature to make the position of Sheriff from elected to an appointed position. Representative McKenna commented he does not agree with this. Representative McKenna feels it undercuts the checks and balances in the system.

Planning Board: absent

Ad Hoc Park Committee: Norm Aidun reported that grants and donations were coming in and that there would be a Golf Tournament fundraiser in September. Mr. Aidun also commented that the Site Plan Design and Storm Water Plan were still needed from the engineers.

Supervisor: Supervisor Hart reported on the new proposal Mr. Caslik presented for the Veterans Memorial: brick pavers with names leading to a round base with an American flag. Supervisor Hart stated interested residents would be welcome to join Mr. Caslik with the Veterans Memorial committee. .

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the newest design suggestion in addition to the fossil trail sign, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

August 11, 2016

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

Carried

Supervisor Hart stated he would reach out to past applicants and Code Enforcement Officers from neighboring municipalities regarding the upcoming vacancy.

New Business

Discussion and action on Resolution No.12-2016 Support of Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc.

Resolution No. 12-2016

Support of Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc.

WHEREAS, Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc. (TCAT) operates an outstanding public transportation service that provides people in Newfield with mobility and access to employment, community resources, medical care and recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, every day people in Newfield depend on TCAT to provide a basic and essential mobility service that is relied upon, particularly by those without access to a car, and

WHEREAS, to respond to fiscal pressures and a shortage of drivers, TCAT has been forced to make significant cuts in service, and

WHEREAS, the potentially permanent cuts in service will disproportionately affect working porro families, immigrants and students, and

WHEREAS, in Newfield there is a large number of residents who are members of young families, senior citizens on fixed incomes, immigrants, students and people who work and earn less than a living wage who regularly depend on the services of TCAT, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Newfield encourages municipalities in Tompkins county to promote and advocate on behalf of TCAT and consider ways to alleviate the burden of meeting transportation needs of the community, such as crating more Park and Ride hubs, creating more trails and greenways for walking and bicycling, supporting more rideshare opportunities in towns, villages, the local mall, shopping centers, parks and business centers,

RESOLVED, further, that the Town of Newfield supports promoting creative solutions such as Gadabout and FISH (Friends in Service Helping) , and keeping the public transit needs of our residents high on our municipal agendas,

RESOLVED, further, that the Town of Newfield calls upon Tompkins County’s State Representatives to encourage all New York State Legislators to recognize and financially support public transit and its vital role in our rattle against poverty and in meeting our economic development goals,

August 11, 2016

RESOLVED, further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Tompkins County, United States Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, United States Congressman Tom Reed, New York State Assemblywomen Lifton, New York State Senators Seward, O’Mara, and Nozzolio, New York State Governor Cuomo, and President Obama.

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve Resolution No. 12-2016, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

Vote	AYES 4	Hart, James, Laughlin, Allinger
	NAY 0	
	ABSENT	Powers

Carried

Old Business

Discussion of the Solar PILOT Plan

No information has been received by Delaware River Solar as of yet.

Discussion of the Natural Gas Fracking

Supervisor Hart commented PAUSE(People Advocating Use of Sustainable Energy) have requested the Town Board entertain a ban on hydro fracking in the Town of Newfield. At the July 28th meeting, PAUSE presented to the Board for review the signed petitions requesting the ban. There will be further discussion concerning this request at the September 22nd Board Meeting.

At 8:08 p.m., a motion was made to move into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

At 8:34, the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board, moving to adjournment at 8:35 p.m by Councilperson Allinger, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin

Respectfully Submitted,

August 19, 2016

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk

