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The Newfield Town Board meeting was held at the Town Hall Board Room August 23, 2018 at 6:45 PM. The meeting was immediately closed to the public for an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. At 7:04 pm called back to order by Supervisor Jeffrey Hart and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A Public Hearing convened for the purpose of obtaining public comment on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2018.

At 7:05 PM Supervisor Hart called the meeting back to order.

Present were: Supervisor Jeffrey Hart, Councilperson Mike Allinger, Councilperson Joanne James and Councilperson Casey Powers, Councilperson Laughlin was absent due to attending an Consortium Healthcare meeting. Also present: 6 attendees.

Reports:

Environmental Management Council- Michelle Henry reported there was a finalized survey of the flood report and that there were 37 revisions to the Unique Natural Areas from the previous year. Ms. Henry also reported on the waste reduction ban on single use trash bags. Ms. Henry also commented that there were two new County Planners.

New Business

Review of the 2017 Financial Report-Duane Shoen

Duane Shoen from Inerso presented an explanation of the draft 2017 Financial Statements. The Board approved the explanations and a final should be delivered to the Town the following week.

Approval of J CAP Grant application

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

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

Carried

Resolution No 12-2018

Approval for JCAP Grant Application for Newfield Town Court

WHEREAS, the justice of the Newfield Town Court has identified the need for improved courtroom security, better record-keeping through application of paperless technology, replacement of the old facilities and furnishings as well as other related improvements, to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the court and its workings, and

WHEREAS, certain improvements have been made possible through a generous grant from the New York State Justice Court Assistance Program, it is desired to complete planned and initiated improvements, and

WHEREAS, the further improvements to complete the bench and its environs have been provide video projections of courtroom proceedings, add computing capability to the judge’s bench and increase court

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security. These proposed improvements are identified by competitive estimates at a total cost of not to exceed ninety five hundred dollars (\$9500.00) with no cost for this request being borne by the Town, and WHEREAS, the justice wishes to apply to the 2018-2019 New York State Justice Court Assistance Program for a grant to cover the cost of these improvements, Be IT RESOLVED that the Town approves this request and the application being made to the 2018-2019 New York State Justice Court Assistance Program.

Old Business

Update on the location of the Bus Stop

Supervisor Hart reported it was not in the Town’s best interest to sell the corner of Main and Shaffer Rd. lot to the Tioga State Bank. The bus stop will be located close to the survey marker and that the 2 spaces in the bank parking lot can be used by the park and ride bus users, alternative parking can be across the street by the Masonic Temple. The Memorial Stone will remain in place; the crabapple tree will need to be removed. TCAT would like approval for the project to proceed.

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve the proposed location of the TCAT bus stop, seconded by Councilperson James.

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

Carried

Discussion and Action regarding Local Law No. 3 of 2018

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve adoption of Local Law No. 3 of 2018, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

Local Law No 3 of the year 2018

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c for fiscal year 2019.

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Newfield, County of Tompkins pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Newfield, County of Tompkins to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes (b) fire protection districts and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2019 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the town board.

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Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Newfield, County of Tompkins is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2019 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law, §3-c.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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

Carried

Budget Work Session

Supervisor Hart reported the Town Bookkeeper will close the August financial statements and then present the Board Members and Department heads Budget information. The September 27th meeting will be dedicated to the 2019 budget.

Councilperson Allinger asked when the Board would begin looking at the audit reports. Councilperson James offered to work on a bank reconciliation policy after her retirement.

At 8:15 PM a motion was made to adjourn by Councilperson Powers, seconded by Councilperson James.

Respectfully Submitted,

September 6, 2018

Karen Miller Kenerson, RMC
Town Clerk