

August 24, 2017

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room August 24, 2017 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, and Councilperson Casey Powers. Also present 2 attendees. Councilperson Laughlin was absent.

**Reports:**

Environmental Management Council: Michele Henry provided a written report recapping January thru July of the EMC meetings.

**New Business**

*Review of the July 2017 Financial Reports*

Councilperson James requested a more detailed accounting for the Mill Park Music series. The Town Clerk will provide the committee with copies of donations/checks in the future.

*Direction of the Planning Board*

Members of the Planning Board were absent. Presently the Planning Board has been asked to prioritize a hamlet nuisance law and revise the present junk law. If the Planning Board is unable to have a hamlet recommendation Attorney Smith will be asked to compose a recommendation document. Revisiting a noise ordinance is also being requested.

**Old Business**

*Review and Discussion of the Personnel Policy*

Councilperson Powers presented a draft Personnel Policy she and Councilperson Laughlin have been working on. A no smoking, cell phone and weapons policy have been added. Insurance benefits for elected and non-elected officials were also discussed. It was suggested that the Personnel Policy be approved annually at the January Authorization Meeting. The document will be sent to Attorney Smith for review.

*Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency Pilot Agreement*

Tompkins County IDA is requesting a letter of support regarding the Delaware River Solar Pilots for the Millard Hill and Burdge Hill Road sites.

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the Supervisor to sign the letter to the TCIDA, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

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*Host Benefit Agreement*

Supervisor Hart reviewed the Host Community Benefit Agreement between Delaware River Solar LLC and the Town of Newfield of a onetime payment of Forty Thousand Dollars to benefit the community.

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve the Supervisor to sign Host Benefit Agreement with Delaware River Solar, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

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

Carried

At 8:42 PM a motion was made by Councilperson Powers to move into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

At 9:06 PM, the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board. Councilperson Powers offered a motion to move to adjournment at 9:06 PM seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

Respectfully Submitted,

September 13, 2017

Karen Miller Kenerson  
Newfield Town Clerk