

September 13, 2018

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room September 13, 2018 at 7:05 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: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren, Recreation Director Dustin James, County Legislature Representative David McKenna Attorney Tom Smith and 8 attendees.

Privilege of the Floor

Brenda Lapp: spoke to the Town Board regarding the installation of numerous poles that had been installed at the Solar Array on Millard Hill Road. Ms. Lapp asked if the Town had approved the revised plans that had taken place and what would happen in the future when the Town has approved plans and the contractors add changes during construction.

Randy Brown: commented he has reviewed the Town Budget and noticed the Town spends more on Dog Control that it does on the Youth Recreation. Mr. Brown does not feel the Town, County and State fund programs to promote the youth. Mr. Brown added he felt the Town should have a vision for its youth and have a full time Recreation Director again. Mr. Brown also felt the Town is undercompensated by the County Hotel Tax.

Michelle Henry: stated she had attended a webex with DEC regarding Flood Management. Ms. Henry asked that the Town be proactive and prioritize its flood plains and streams for open land and wetlands.

Agenda Changes

New Business: Green Springs Cemetery

Old Busines: Facility Use form

Approval of August 24, 2018 Board Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the August 9, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the August 24, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

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Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the August 23, 2018 Public Hearing Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

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

Carried

Reports:

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren reported the shoulders and guard rails were completed on Fishkill Road for the year and that the department was currently ditching and brush hogging. Superintendent Berggren stated the Carter Creek project would be beginning soon and that the Main Street culvert interior would be scanned. The roundabout at Trumbulls Corner and Route 13 should be completed by November. Superintendent Berggren also asked approval to transfer funds for the Stone Jug culvert project while the Town awaits the O'Mara grant funds.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the transfer \$94,000 to permanent improvements for the Stone Jug culvert improvement, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Superintendent Berggren asked for Board approval to accept the bids from Auction International for two trucks that were placed.

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve the sale and bids received for Ford Ranger and Fire Truck, seconded by Councilperson James.

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	NAY	0	

Carried

Superintendent Berggren also stated the flashing school zone sign should be installed this month.

Water Sewer: Superintendent Berggren reported he was getting estimates for fencing for the sewer district generators. Moody's is coming this month to work on well # 3.

Recreation: Recreation Director Dustin James reported the fall youth programs were underway. Reid Hoskins would be directing soccer and Shanna Claar youth cheer. Adult programs for the fall are volleyball, pickup basketball and yoga dance. Dustin commented he is wrapping up the summer camp budget. Dustin also stated he has hired Austin Kuzcek as the Recreation Assistant. Dustin added that having a full time Recreation Director does have its benefit, but to keep in mind actual need and perceived need and that the Recreation Partnership fill the gaps.

Tompkins County Legislature Report: Newfield Representative David McKenna stated that the Legislature had passed a 186 million dollar budget that would raise the tax levy by 1.43%. Airport Days are September 9-16 and

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the Tommy plane would be at the Tompkins Regional Airport September 29th. Representative McKenna also reported TC3 had just celebrated its 50 year anniversary and installed its new president.

Planning Board: Randy Brown-reported that Delaware River Solar had submitted incomplete information regarding the Burdge Hill/ Millard Hill Road solar project, and would be returning the Planning Board on September 19th to submit the remainder. Mr. Brown also commented that Delaware River Solar had met with the 3 adjoining property owners and would be having written agreements from each. Delaware River Solar will be asking for setback variances. The Planning Board is also asking for a written agreement regarding not selling the developing rights. The Planning Board would like to have a joint meeting with the Town Board in the near future.

Hamlet Beautification Committee: Randy Brown reported summer was over and the 3 summer youth employees had recently power washed and sanded the walkway to the Covered Bridge overlook. There are stain samples applied for people to view. The youth workers will stain as weather and sports practices permit. Mr. Brown also stated the Welcome to Newfield sign quote has been received- \$2,800.00. Mr. Brown asked that the Town pay for half of it. Mr. Brown is willing to pay for the whole project, but would like the Town to pay for half.

Park: Kevin Berggren reported that the shale and tiling was close to being covered with topsoil. Storm water drainage will be worked on this weekend and the topsoil will be seeded and mulched for the winter. Randy Brown suggested that there be a reduction of speed on the stretch of road by the park.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Hart reported he had met with Terry Carrol to develop energy efficiency program. Supervisor Hart reported the Town has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from NYSERTA. Mr. Carrol will be the Town's designated agent for the Street Light conversion with NYSEG. Mr. Carrol will also be partnering with Cornell Students and will be doing energy assessments of Town facilities. Supervisor Hart also stated he had met with DEC while they cataloged and categorized the Town's old dump and make recommendations to the Governor. Supervisor Hart also reported he is waiting for an engineering quote for the leach field expansion project. He will also be meeting with TCAT regarding the bus shelter project in front of the Tioga State Bank. The Town Board will meet next on September 25th at 6:30 pm to discuss the 2019 budget.

New Business

Discussion and action regarding **-RESOLUTION NO. 13-2018** Delinquent Water/Sewer charges

WHEREAS, the Town of Newfield Water and Sewer accounts states on the October bills that any unpaid balance after Nov. 10, 2018 will be levied on the 2019 Town and County tax bills with a 10% levy charge.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the tax collector will levy the unpaid Water and Sewer Account charges over 30 days past due on the 2019 Town and County tax bills with a 10% levy charge.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve Resolution No. 13-2018, seconded by Councilperson James.

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	NAY	0	

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Carried

Green Springs Cemetery: Councilperson James spoke of the issue regarding the demolition of the farm house and the attempted burial of it. Councilperson James feels that the building permits need to be clarified and that there should be a disclaimer regarding the possibility a requirement of an asbestos study. There are new DEC requirements the Town was unaware of.

Councilperson James also stated Green Springs would be adding a pet cemetery on 5 acres of adjoining property. She asked what would be the next steps- Randy Brown stated there would need to be a Site Plan Review.

Old Business

Councilperson Powers presented a draft facilities use of Town owned properties, i.e. the Mill Street Park. Councilperson James asked that this item be tabled for further discussion. Attorney Smith will review the draft document and add needed suggestions if needed.

Approval of the Payment of the September 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	\$37,985.37
Community Park	\$11,908.15
Recreation Fund	\$5,380.07
Highway Fund	\$120,161.93
Street light Fund	\$1,472.94
Sewer Fund	\$2,394.29
Water District 1 Fund	\$4,045.54
Water District 2 Fund	\$2,211.23
Trust and Agency	\$4,491.30

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Allinger and Powers

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

Carried

At 8:34 PM a motion was made to adjourn by Councilperson Powers seconded by Councilperson James. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

September 27, 2018

Karen Miller Kenerson

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Newfield Town Clerk