

September 22, 2016

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room September 22, 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, Councilperson Casey Powers and Councilperson Michael Allinger. Also present: Duane Schoen and 8 others.

New Business

Duane Schoen- Review of the 2015 Audit

Mr. Schoen gave a review of the 2015 Audit and the financial state of the Town. The Board agreed the audit was acceptable.

Discussion and action regarding Resolution No. 15-2016

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2016

WHEREAS at the request of the Town Bookkeeper the following budget modifications are requested to be made.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED upon agreement by the Town Supervisor and Town Board the following 2016 September budget modifications are approved to be made.

GENERAL

Transfer \$2,758.48 from A1110.110, Court Clerk 2, to A9056.8 Unemployment Ins. to cover the expenses from April Watkins Unemployment payments.

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve Resolution No. 15-2016, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

Old Business

Fracking Issues

Supervisor Hart reviewed that in July, representatives from PAUSE (People Advocating Use of Sustainable Energy) re-presented its petition of 1200 signatures requesting a ban of hydrofracking gas extraction in the Town of Newfield. Supervisor Hart commented that the ban in place is not a total ban but rather a recommendation from the NYS Health Department that no hydrofracking gas extraction permits be issued, which then became an executive action that could change with a different administration. Local Law No. 3 of 2012 from the Town of Caroline NY was presented as a possible template to work from. Supervisor Hart

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questioned whether the Town could ban hydrofacking but allow other forms of drilling. Councilperson Powers did not think this could be done. Supervisor Hart will look into this possibility. Councilperson James suggested the Town retain an attorney who has worked on similar local laws for neighboring towns. Supervisor Hart will contact Harris Beach for referral concerns.

At the October 13th meeting, a date will be set for the next meeting involving this topic.

The PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) program and the Tax Cap calculation regarding the proposed commercial array on Millard Hill Rd were discussed. Supervisor Hart will contact Jay Franklin from Tompkins County Assessment with questions

Councilperson Allinger reminded the Board that when the Local Wind Energy Law was passed it was agreed it would be revisited to possibly amend it in the areas of concern by Tompkins County Planning Department.

At 8:05 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

October 11, 2016

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk