

October 11, 2018

The regular Business Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room October 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Christine Laughlin and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Present were: Deputy Supervisor Christine Laughlin, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Casey Powers, Councilperson Allinger Supervisor Hart was absent. Also present were, Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren, Recreation Director; Dustin James, Code Enforcement Officer; Alan Teeter, Planning Board Member; Jacob Marnell and Town Attorney Tom Smith and 6 other attendees.

Privilege of the Floor-none

Approval of the September 13, 2018, Regular Business Meeting, and the September 25 2018 Budget Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve September 13, 2018, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson Allinger to approve September 25, 2018, seconded by Councilperson James.

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

Carried

Reports

Highway Department: Highway Superintendent Berggren reported the highway department had been cleaning ditches and finishing summer projects.

Water/Sewer Department: Supervisor Berggren reported the Water/Sewer truck is beyond reasonable repair and will need to be replaced; \$30,000 had been appropriated in 2018. He stated he would begin looking for a replacement vehicle. Supervisor Berggren also reported there had been water leak at Meadowbrook Mobile Home Park. The Town helped dig the area, while Meadowbrook made the repair.

Newfield Athletic Park: Highway Superintendent Berggren reported the equipment that had been ordered has arrived and is being stored in a Highway Department storage container. Superintendent Berggren is looking into a storage container that can be placed at the athletic park for equipment storage. Superintendent Berggren reported Tompkins County Soil and Water is designing a diversion ditch and a storm water pond at the Athletic field. Supervisor Berggren stated it has been too wet to do much.

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Recreation: Director Dustin James reported he is working on the 2019 budget and had been networking with other recreation departments regarding budgetary, programming and park concerns. Soccer and cheerleading has had a wet season, but have been continuing to move along. Basketball signups will be next Tuesday evening. Dustin stated due to the construction at the school some adult recreation programs have needed alternative space and has moved from the school to the Masonic Temple. The Board and Dustin discussed the Greek Peak ski flyer for the K-2 ski program. Dustin will present the 2019 Recreation Budget request to the Board on October 23rd.

Code Enforcement: Code Officer Alan Teeter reported the Citgo Gas Station is now open. CEO Teeter reported the convenience store on 34/96 is not selling gas presently due to the underground gas tanks having water leaking into the tanks. They will be replacing the underground tanks with above ground tanks in the future. The Newfield Fire Department has submitted its building permit application with plans to begin next month. The Nexamp project is nearing completion; it still needs to have trees cleared from a ravine and areas to be reseeded.

Tompkins County Legislator: David McKenna reported there had been a public hearing and then passed a local law to change the number and makeup of the members of the Service Board. The Legislature also authorized the application for a competitive grant for no emission electric buses. Representative McKenna also reported on the increase of the County portion of the Sales Tax of 9.33% in August above last year. Representative McKenna reported that there would be an OTR brought before the Legislature for applications for Park Grants with funds coming from Travel and Tourism supporting parks in Villages and Towns in Tompkins County for infrastructure, plans and improvements. Councilperson James asked about the bus terminal being on Green Street near the Tompkins County Library. Councilperson Allinger asked about electric buses and charging stations in Ithaca and weather there would be more infrastructures for charging stations for electric cars.

Planning Board: Jacob Marnell – Planning Board Member reported the Planning Board approved waiving site plan review for the Fire Department addition. Supervisor Hart added the Town waived the building permit fee as well. Mr. Marnell also reported that Delaware River Solar had sent letters to the Burdge Hill Road residents that are neighboring the solar project; agreements have not been signed yet. Councilperson Allinger asked if there would be electric poles at this project similar to the Millard Hill Road project. Mr. Marnell replied there would be. Construction for the Burdge Hill Road solar project is projected to begin in the spring of 2019.

Environment Management Council: Michelle Henry reported the EMC would be hosting its bi-annual public meeting with the focus on the Tompkins County Ban on single use place bags. She reported she had also attended a meeting regarding flood mitigation.

Supervisors Report: Supervisor Hart reported the Board had been meeting weekly working on the 2019 Town Budget.

Attorney Smith asked for the addition of an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

New Business

Girl Scout Request: Nichole Henry of Girl Scout Troop # 41275 presented her request for her service project of a bird watching platform, bench and a nature environment book to be constructed at the Mill Street Park. Nicole added that she had presented this to the Hamlet Beautification Committee as well and was approved.

Councilperson James asked if Nicole would be doing the work herself- she will have the support of her troop

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members and parents. Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve Nicole Henry's service project of constructing a bird watching platform bench and environment book request and was seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

None

Approval of the Payment of the October Bills

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

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| General Fund | \$10,544.10 |
| Community Development | 1,226.36 |
| Recreation Fund | \$1,573.24 |
| Highway Fund | \$24,355.31 |
| Street light Fund | \$1,518.34 |
| Fire District Fund | \$94,242.75 |
| Sewer Fund | \$639.23 |
| Water District 1 Fund | \$8,795.41 |
| Water District 2 Fund | \$695.31 |
| Trust and Agency | \$499.32 |

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Allinger and Laughlin

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

Carried

At 8:42 PM a motion was made to move into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation

At 7:57PM, the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board. Councilperson Allinger offered a motion to move to adjournment at 7:57 PM seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Respectfully Submitted,

October 25, 2018

Karen Miller Kenerson

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Newfield Town Clerk