

July 9, 2020

The Newfield Town Board Business Meeting was held at the Newfield Fire Hall and via the ZOOM platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic July 9, 2020, at 7:52 PM. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michael Allinger and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Supervisor Allinger.

Present were: Supervisor Michael Allinger, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin, Councilperson Casey Powers and Councilperson Heather McCarty. Also present were Planning Board Members: Leo Tidd, Jim Haustein, Bookkeeper Blixty Taetzch, Town Clerk Karen Miller Kenerson, Highway Superintendent-Kevin Berggren, Attorney Tom Smith and 13 others (in person and Zoom)

**Agenda Additions and Approval-** No additions were offered

**Communications and Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Allinger reported he had received correspondence from Theresa Albert regarding budgeting for the 2021 Tompkins County Youth Programing. Two scenarios are being presented, a flat 2021 budget Newfield would receive \$11,400 and if there were a 12% reduction, Newfield would receive \$10,048 for youth funding. Clarity Connect is installing fiber optics around Newfield. Supervisor Allinger will be in contact with Chuck Bartosh of Clarity Connect regarding areas without internet service.

## REPORTS

*Highway-* Highway Superintendent Berggren reported Jackson Hollow Road paving was finished, and Burdge Hill Road cross culverts had been replaced. Bull Hill Road will be next. Burdge and Bull Hill Roads will be repaved next year. Summertime brush cutting and ditching continue.

*Water/Sewer Department-* Superintendent Berggren reported on the water study and using grant funds from the ARC grant to pull the Pine Circle pump 2 pump for rehabilitation. Superintendent Berggren stated the sewer infiltration/outflow study is still in progress. The water software upgrade is in the que for install.

*Finance & Personnel-* Bookkeeper Taetzsch provided a written report reviewing the June 2020 financials, July Budget Modifications and 2021 budge preparations.

*Van Kirk Road Park-* Supervisor Allinger reported the basketball posts were up, quotes are coming in for striping. Backboard and hoops will be installed when Tompkins County Health Department deems it safe.

*EMC-* Michelle Henry reported on a presentation regarding local agri-forest farming. Ms. Henry reported there is harmful algae bloom at Taughannock Falls State Park closing swimming. And that she and her family conducted the second round of creek samplings.

## Approval of May 14, 2020, June 11 and June 25, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the corrected May 14, 2020 Business and June 11 & 25, 2020 Business and Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

May 14 and June 11, 2020

|      |      |   |   |
|------|------|---|---|
| Vote | AYES | 5 | Allinger, James, Laughlin, Powers and McCarty |
|      | NAY  | 0 |   |

|               |      |   |                                     |
|---------------|------|---|-------------------------------------|
| June 25, 2020 | AYES | 4 | Allinger, James, Powers and McCarty |
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NAY 0  
 ABSTAIN 1 Laughlin

Carried

**Approval of Abstract 07 Vouchers**

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

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| General Fund          | \$25,791.55  |
| Recreation            | \$53.26      |
| Highway Fund          | \$241,562.26 |
| Streetlight Fund      | \$1,108.45   |
| Fire District         | 102,669.50   |
| Sewer Fund            | \$103.14     |
| Water District 1 Fund | \$653.34     |
| Water District 2 Fund | \$306.56     |
| Trust & Agency        | \$4,330.90   |

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons James, Laughlin and McCarty

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

Carried

**ACTION ITEMS**

*Approval of Tax Collection Agreement with Newfield Central School District*

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the Supervisor to sign the Newfield School District School Tax Collection Agreement, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

May 14 and June 11, 2020

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

*Approval of July 2020 Budget Modifications*

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2020 – Approval of June 2020 Budget Modifications

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the 2020 budget based on updated estimates of revenues and expenses in 2020, and

WHEREAS, a detailed listing of each budget adjustment by Fund has been provided below, be it therefore RESOLVED, that the Newfield Town Board approves the budget modifications as outlined below.

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| Account #                            | Account Name                                | Original Budget | Increase/<br>(Decrease) | Modified Budget |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>         |   |                 |                         |                 |
| A1110.112                            | Town Justice - Court Clerks                 | \$ 28,710.00    | \$ (100.00)             | \$ 28,610.00    |
| A1110.19                             | Town Justice - Emergency Closing            | \$ 4,570.00     | \$ 100.00               | \$ 4,670.00     |
| A1410.11                             | Town Clerk - Deputy Clerk                   | \$ 16,745.00    | \$ (350.00)             | \$ 16,395.00    |
| A1410.19                             | Town Clerk - Emergency Closing              | \$ 3,255.00     | \$ 350.00               | \$ 3,605.00     |
| A3310.1                              | Traffic Control - Personal Services         | \$ 3,370.00     | \$ (450.00)             | \$ 2,920.00     |
| A3310.19                             | Traffic Control - Emergency Closing         | \$ 1,070.00     | \$ 450.00               | \$ 1,520.00     |
| A1610.416                            | Central Services - Software and Maintenance | \$ 5,000.00     | \$ (200.00)             | \$ 4,800.00     |
| A1610.499                            | Central Services - Other Contractual        | \$ 2,100.00     | \$ 200.00               | \$ 2,300.00     |
| A3620.1                              | Safety Inspection - Personal Services       | \$ 14,600.00    | \$ (50.00)              | \$ 14,550.00    |
| A3620.19                             | Safety Inspection - Emergency Closing       | \$ 400.00       | \$ 50.00                | \$ 450.00       |
| <b>Total Expenditure Adjustments</b> |   |                 | \$ -                    |                 |

| Account #                            | Account Name                           | Original Budget | Increase/<br>(Decrease) | Modified Budget |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>RECREATION FUND EXPENSES</b>      |  |                 |                         |                 |
| CR7020.1                             | Recreation Admin - Personal Services   | \$ 22,950.00    | \$ (650.00)             | \$ 22,300.00    |
| CR7020.19                            | Recreation Admin - Emergency Closing   | \$ 2,050.00     | \$ 650.00               | \$ 2,700.00     |
| CR7020.4                             | Recreation Admin - Contractual         | \$ 1,500.00     | \$ (50.00)              | \$ 1,450.00     |
| CR7310.42                            | Youth Program - Recreation Partnership | \$ 2,600.00     | \$ 50.00                | \$ 2,650.00     |
| <b>Total Expenditure Adjustments</b> |  |                 | \$ -                    |                 |

| Account #                            | Account Name                         | Original Budget | Increase/<br>(Decrease) | Modified Budget |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>COMMUNITY PARK REVENUE</b>        |                                      |                 |                         |                 |
| CD2-599                              | Appropriated Fund Balance            | \$ -            | \$17,500.00             | \$ 17,500.00    |
| CD2-2089                             | Other Cultural and Recreation Income | \$ 5,000.00     | \$ (5,000.00)           | \$ -            |
| <b>Total Revenue Adjustments</b>     |                                      |                 | \$12,500.00             | \$ 17,500.00    |
| <b>COMMUNITY PARK EXPENDITURES</b>   |                                      |                 |                         |                 |
| CD2-7110.4                           | Parks - Contractual                  | \$ 5,000.00     | \$12,500.00             | \$ 17,500.00    |
| <b>Total Expenditure Adjustments</b> |                                      |                 | \$12,500.00             | \$ 17,500.00    |

Motion was made by Councilperson James approving the July 2020 budget modifications as presented. Motion seconded by Councilperson Laughlin

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

Carried

**OLD BUSINESS** none

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**NEW BUSINESS**

*Water Study*- Councilperson Powers questioned the suggested removal of the concrete asbestos pipe with the replacement with iron pipe if corrosion would still take place. Highway Superintendent Berggren commented the present pipe has had minimal repairs and that the new replacement pipe would have a life expectancy of 50 years. Highway Superintendent Berggren commented that all the water mains in Water District 1 should be replaced.

Bookkeeper Taetzsch suggested the Town Board meet with Hunt Engineers with questions regarding the water study findings. Supervisor Allinger added that Hunt Engineers and Hanson Van Vleet PLLC be invited to Zoom in at the July 23, 2020 meeting. Highway Superintendent Berggren suggested having Moody's pulling pump 2 and repair it at the Pine Circle site

At 8:48 PM a motion was made by Councilperson Powers to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

Respectfully Submitted,

July 13, 2020

Karen Miller Kenerson  
Newfield Town Clerk