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The Newfield Town Board Meeting was held virtually via the ZOOM platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic July 23, 2020, at 700 PM. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michael Allinger and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Councilperson Laughlin.

Present were: Supervisor Michael Allinger, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin, Councilperson Casey Powers and Councilperson Heather McCarty. Bookkeeper Blixty Taetzch, Town Clerk Karen Miller Kenerson

Agenda Additions and Approval- No additions were offered

Communications: Supervisor Allinger and Councilperson Laughlin reported they had reached out to Clarity Connect requesting to expand to streets and roads that do not have internet service. Haefele will also be contacted regarding internet service.

Presentations

Three Cadet Girl Scouts from Newfield Troop 40127 with projects to earn their Silver Awards with projects at the Rec Park on Van Kirk Road.

Anjane Lawton presented her plan to build a bench of pressure treated wood that would seat 3 people.

Isabella Robbins presented her plan to build team benches of pressure treated wood.

Shelby Parsons presented her plan to build 6 flower boxes.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 39-2020 – Climate Smart Communities Coordinator

Councilpersons McCarty and Powers will co-chair the Climate Smart Committee, reporting to the Board quarterly.

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the appointment of Councilpersons McCarty and Powers as Co- Chairpersons of the Climate Smart Community Committee, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Councilperson McCarty reported on a Community Choice Aggregate webinar she attended.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion with representatives from Hunt and Hanson Van Fleet on the Water Study findings

Jennifer Vaughn and Maysoon Sharrif from Hunt Engineers, Jamie Girona and Eric Hanson from Hanson Van Fleet were present to answer questions. Councilperson Laughlin asked where the information for the study was obtained from- the USGS information that is on file. Mr. Hanson commented that with the new technology and advancements in well, pumps and piping available he felt confident the Pine Circle well 1 as a first option and well 2 could be rehabbed by pulling the pump. Councilperson Laughlin questioned the replacement cost quoted

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only included Main Street, when all of Water District 1 should be replaced. Jennifer Vaugh spoke on low interest long and short-term loans from the Environmental Facilities Corporation and State Funding. Ms. Vaughn suggested the Town consider a conversation with the USDA regarding a water infrastructure grant and loan. Supervisor Allinger reviewed the 3 phases- Phase 1 Main Street main replacements 3.1 million dollars Phase 2 would be 4.4 million dollars in 2023, Phase 3 would be 5.1 million dollars in 2028. Drilling the replacement well would be 1.3 million dollars.

Discussion – Subdivision Review Law

Supervisor Allinger suggested voting on the purposed Subdivision Law at the August 13, 2020 business meeting. It was decided to possibly wait until the Board meets in person.

Approval for Community Park Spending

Norm Aidun provided a quote of \$1,400.00 for striping the basketball court at the Athletic Park on Van Kirk Rd.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the quote from D & D Striping to stripe the Basketball Court at the Newfield Community Park, seconded by Councilperson James.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Title VI Compliance Documentation

Bookkeeper Taetzsch explained the Town had been selected for a Title VI review, and that the Town needed to have a signed statement of assurance stating such and submit to the State by mid-August. A Civil Rights Coordinator will need to be appointed, an Opportunity Statement Policy will be posted on the website and foyer bulletin board for compliance.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to authorizing Supervisor Allinger to sign the Title VI Statement of Assurance seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

At 8:40 PM a motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Respectfully Submitted,

August 10, 2020

Karen Miller Kenerson, RMC
Newfield Town Clerk