

June 25, 2015

The Newfield Town Board met for a Special Board Meeting/work session on June 25, 2015. Supervisor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Supervisor Jeff Hart, Councilperson Roy Trask, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin, Councilperson Casey Powers, Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren and Town of Caroline Supervisor Don Barber. There were also 4 others in attendance.

AGENDA ITEMS

New Business:

Town of Caroline, Town Supervisor Don Barber to discuss the Heath Consortium

Mr. Barber reviewed the new high deductible health plan that is being offered by the TCCOG Health Consortium. The Health Consortium would like to know the intention of the Town by September 1, 2015 if it would like to join January 1, 2016 for budgetary purposes. If the Town of Newfield opts to join the Heath Care Consortium, it would need to pass a resolution by November, be accepted as a member of the Health Care Consortium by signing a municipal cooperative agreement and appoint a director and an alternate to sit on its board of directors. The Town would also need to ask to have the capitalization fee waived. Councilperson Laughlin asked how the funds were managed and where was the Health Care Consortiums office located. Mr. Barber explained that the Heath Care Consortium hired Excellus and ProAct to handle the health care and pharmaceutical claims. The Health Care Consortium has one person in the County Administration Building to handle revenue and payment of claims, an administrative clerk at the legislature office, Locey and Cahill acts as a consultant and he was the executive director who worked from his home. Mr. Barber invited the Board Members to call if there were any questions. Supervisor Hart added that this topic would be covered at future work sessions and that the highway department employee bargaining unit would be consulted.

Old Business

Report on Flooding issues

Highway Superintendent Berggren reported on the damage from the June 14, 2015 flood. Superintendent Berggren reported that TG Miller is working on the pipe size needed for Bower Road and Connecticut Hill Road. Tompkins County Soil and Water is also involved as well. The engineering should be around \$4,000.00 from TG Miller. The pipe needed may be around \$65,000.00, the town currently has the backfill currently. Roads that continue to be closed currently are: Bower Road (Shaffer to VanBuskirk Gulf to Shaffer) VanBuskirk Road to top of hill, Brown Road to the Town Line, Carter Creek Road, Cayutaville(seasonal section) and the Stone Jug. Superintendent Berggren estimated the damage to 1.5 to 2 million dollars. Superintendent Berggren stated 9 municipalities and agencies came to help with the flood clean up.

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Councilperson Laughlin asked about the towns equipment and how was it holding up.

Superintendent Berggren stated he had needed to rent a gradall as the gradall the town owns is tired and needs to be replaced. Councilperson Laughlin also asked if the Douglas Road culvert project would still be done this year. Superintendent Berggren stated the Town had received a 2 year permit, and it would now be next year.

Superintendent Berggren reported the costs of materials that had been brought in to help with the cleanup and repair caused by the flooding. Councilperson Trask asked what steps would be involved with the 2 culverts that need to be replaced: engineering report, determination of the pipe size, quotes for the pipe, then do the project as soon as materials are in place. The Bower Road Bridge is the priority project to be done. Councilperson Trask also asked about the Stone Jug Bridge and condition. It is currently closed.

Superintendent Berggren commented he would like to build a berm around the Pine Circle pump house in the future in order to protect the building.

Supervisor Hart asked the whereabouts of the Emergency Management Plan. It will be located and updated.

Marybeth Gehring commented on her concern of the creeks: if they are not taken care of, this type of flooding could happen again. Highway Superintendent Berggren recommended with any creek concerns that Tompkins County Soil and Water be contacted.

Discussion and approval of the School Tax Collection Agreement

Councilperson James reported that the schools attorney had not commented on the addendum added by Attorney Hooks at this point. It should be resolved by the July Board Meeting.

The July Special Meeting/Work Session topics will include the proposed noise ordinance law and a report from the local justices.

Councilperson James made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Councilperson Trask.

Respectfully Submitted,

July 8, 2015

Karen Miller Kenerson
Town Clerk