

October 22, 2015

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room October 22, 2015 at 7:05 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 Roy Trask, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Casey Powers. Also present: Nadine Bennett, Town Bookkeeper and 3 other attendees.

Correspondence

Supervisor Hart noted to the Board Members a letter from the Park Foundation stating it would be unable to assist the Newfield Planning Board with a grant.

Supervisor Hart also noted correspondence from Tompkins County Administrator Joe Mareane stating that the rebate checks from NYS for Tompkins County residents were denied as the State did not deem the Tompkins County Consortium Health Care as a shared net savings. Therefore there will not be the 17.00 rebate check to the residents of Tompkins County.

Municipal Solutions have been in contact with Dan Walker from LaBella Engineering. Everything is on target for funds in December.

Old Business

Discussion and Direction of the Noise Ordinance

The Planning Board is interested into looking into helping formulate a revised noise ordinance. Then bring their suggestions to the Town Board. Councilperson James did not feel this was a Planning Board issue. Councilperson Trask felt that the Town Board had spent considerable time working on it and suggested having the Planning Board review the proposed law and compare it to the New York State Disturbing the Peace Law. Motion was made by Councilperson Trask to table this issue, to afford the Planning Board 90 days (January 15, 2016) to review the NYS Disturbing the Peace Law, then offer recommendations to the Town Board, seconded by Councilperson James.

Discussion of and Review of the 2016 Budget

Nadine Bennett (town bookkeeper) and the Board Members discussed changes. Next Budget work meeting will be October 27, 2015.

New Business

Discussion and action Resolution No. 17-2015 Water Rate Increase

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve the Water Rate Increase for 2016, seconded by Councilperson Trask.

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

Carried

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Resolution No. 17-2015 Water Rate Increase

WHEREAS at the December 11, 2014 Town Board Meeting the Town Board voted through Resolution No 38-2014 to increase the water rates in a gradual manner as to avoid a drastic raise in the rates for the residents in one year. A three year proposal was suggested. These rates will cover the operations, maintenance and a reserve for repairs, rehabilitate and replace.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

According to the scheduled from Resolution No. 38-2014 the water rate for 2016 will be 5.25 per 1000 gallons of water. The Tentative increase for 2017 will be \$5.80 per 1000 gallons of water.

Discussion and action regarding; Resolution No. 18-2015 to convene a Public Hearing 11 /05/2015 for Local Law No. 4- 2015 to override the tax cap.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to convene a public hearing regarding Local Law No. 4 for the year 2015, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Proposed Resolution to Convene a Public Hearing on a Local Law to Override the NYS Tax Cap
Resolution 18-2015

Whereas, according to New York State General Municipal Law §3-R(5), if a town government decides to adopt a town budget with a property tax levy that exceeds the level set by the State, the town government must pass a local law to override that cap; and,

Whereas, adopting said local law is not predictive of the final tax levy but will Provide the Newfield Town Board flexibility to exceed the Property Tax Cap if it is deemed necessary;

Whereas, it is the intent of the Town Board to adopt a budget that does not exceed the 2016 tax cap requirement for the Town; and

Whereas, however during the Budget process and deliberation between today’s date and the adoption of the Town’s 2016 Budget in mid-November the Town Board may find that it may not exceed the cap in order to provide the Town’s residents with a level of services the Board Members deem desirable and or necessary.

Now Therefore, Be It,

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Resolved, that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board at the Newfield Town Hall on November 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. concerning proposed Local Law #4 for the year 2016 Local Law Overriding Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2016, at such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter will be heard concerning same.

Resolved, further that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to place proper notice of such hearing in the official newspaper of the Town and to post the same in accordance with Law.

Discussion and action regarding Resolution No. 19-2015 to hold a public hearing 11/5/2015 for the preliminary 2016 budget.

Discussion:

Motion was made by Councilperson Trask to convene a public hearing for the adoption of the Town of Newfield 2016 Budget, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2015

TO CONVENE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF NEWFIELD 2016 BUDGET

WHEREAS the Newfield Town Board is currently in the process of creating a Town Budget for the year 2016 to be presented to the Town Residents for their consideration,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby call for a Public Hearing on Thursday November 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on a proposed adoption of the Town of Newfield 2016 Budget, and

Resolved, further, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to place proper notice of such public hearing in the official newspaper of the Town and to post the same in accordance with Law.

Supervisor Hart commented that the Town had not had word regarding the fire department budget request and contract. Councilperson Trask will look into it.

The Planning Board budget request will be reduced due not receiving a grant.

Councilperson Laughlin shared with the Board Members comparison health plans for consideration.

Councilperson Trask reported the Bower Road construction was near completion.

Supervisor Hart reported he had met with Professor Rebecca Snyder and Diana Bryant regarding ditch storm runoff mitigation and grants that may be applied for.

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At 8:45 p.m. Councilperson James made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Trask. Minutes were recorded by Deputy Clerk Linda Smith and transcribed by Town Clerk Karen Miller Kenerson

Respectfully Submitted,

November 9, 2015

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk