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The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room April 9, 2015 at 7:00 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 and Councilperson Christine Laughlin. Also present: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren, Atty. Hooks, and 12 attendees. Councilperson Powers was absent.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

*Lois Compton:* thanked the Board for proposing the Noise Control Law and asked if consideration had been made regarding quad tracks near homes.

### **Approval of March 12, 2015 Regular Board Minutes and March 26, 2015 Work Session/Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the March 12, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson James.

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| Vote | AYES   | 4 | Hart, Trask, James and Laughlin |
|      | NAY    | 0 |                                 |
|      | ABSENT | 1 | Powers                          |

Carried

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the March 26, 2015 Work Session/Special Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Trask.

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| Vote | AYES   | 4 | Hart, Trask, James and Laughlin |
|      | NAY    | 0 |                                 |
|      | ABSENT | 1 | Powers                          |

Carried

### **Correspondence:**

Supervisor Hart stated the Town had received an application for a new cell tower on Tupper Road. This would need approval from Tompkins County before Town consideration.

### **Reports:**

*Highway:* Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren reported that material was being brought in for summer projects. Superintendent Berggren also stated he would be getting specifications for the upgrade/conversion for the Colorado truck.

*Water Sewer:* Water Sewer Superintendent Kevin Berggren reported there had been regular maintenance for both water districts.

*Code Enforcement:* Code Enforcement Officer Harry Wright was absent

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*Recreation:* Recreation Director Reid Hoskins was absent. Supervisor Hart read the Recreation report.

*Planning Board:* Supervisor Hart read a report provided by Planning Board Chair Nancy Dolge.

*Supervisor:* Supervisor Hart stated that the Town Laws had been scanned and would be on the Town website soon. Supervisor Hart asked Councilperson Trask for an update on the Broadband project. Councilperson Trask gave a report from Chuck Bartosh from Clarity Connect: Clarity Connect has not received the funds from New York State yet. So far Clarity Connect has invested approximately 1.5 million dollars of its own funds to begin the multi county project. Councilperson Trask reminded the Board members that the Town needs to be prepared with funding for the 8 poles it agreed to supply this year.

Attorney Hooks asked about an agreement between the Town of Newfield and the City of Ithaca regarding sludge disposal and treatment at the Ithaca Area Waste Water Treatment Facility. Highway Superintendent Berggren stated it was a similar agreement the Town signed 5 years ago for sludge disposal from the floor drain tanks in the Town Highway Barn.

Motion was made by Councilperson Trask to approve Supervisor Hart to sign the agreement concerning sludge disposal and treatment between the Town of Newfield and the City of Ithaca, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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| Vote | AYES   | 4 | Hart, Trask, James and Laughlin |
|      | NAY    | 0 |                                 |
|      | ABSENT | 1 | Powers                          |

Carried

Attorney Hooks also commented that under our Storm Water Maintenance Law the Town needs to have a Storm Water Management Officer. It was felt that Code Enforcement Officer Wright was the Storm Water Management Officer. After much discussion this will be further looked into for clarification.

*Tompkins County Legislature Report:* Newfield Representative David McKenna reported there would be 2 public hearings: for a local law excluding sparkling devices from the dangerous firework list and for a local law to ban the sale and application of disposal of waste associated with oil or natural gas exploration storage activities. The public hearing will be held on April 21, 2015.

*Cemetery Committee:* Marie Terlizzi presented a proposal for a sign to be made of cast aluminum for the Newfield Village Cemetery. She requested \$700.00 from the Village Cemetery bank account for payment not covered by a grant and donations. Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the payment up to \$3,122.52 for the Village Cemetery sign with the understanding that grant and donation funds received will be applied to the Bank Street Cemetery Bank Account, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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| Vote | AYES   | 4 | Hart, Trask, James and Laughlin |
|      | NAY    | 0 |                                 |
|      | ABSENT | 1 | Powers                          |

Carried

## **New Business**

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*Discussion and appointment of New Planning Board Chairperson*

Supervisor Hart stated that Chairperson Nancy Dolge has asked not to be reappointed to the Planning Board. The Planning Board requested the Town Board appoint Karen Trask as Planning Board Chair effective May 6, 2015.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the appointment of Karen Trask as Planning Board Chairperson, seconded by Councilperson James.

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| Vote | AYES    | 3 | Hart, James and Laughlin |
|      | NAY     | 0 |                          |
|      | ABSENT  | 1 | Powers                   |
|      | ABSTAIN | 1 | Trask                    |

Carried

**Old Business**

*Review of the Procurement Policies and Procedures*

Attorney Hooks will add an exemption clause regarding the amount of competitive bids received. The Procurement Policy and Procedure will be reviewed at the April 23, 2015 Special Board Meeting/Work Session.

*Discussion of Noise Ordinance*

Supervisor Hart reviewed the Noise Ordinance law that the Town is proposing which uses decibel levels for noise measurement. The Tompkins County Sherriff Department does not have decibel meters to use for enforcement. Officer Dan Donahue of the Tompkins County Sherriff Department will be asked to come speak to the Board at the April 23<sup>rd</sup>. meeting.

*Discussion of the New Water Tanks*

Supervisor Hart stated that 2 quotes from engineering firms have been received. One of the firms cannot come to the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>; Supervisor Hart asked that 2 Board Members meet with the firm prior to the April 23<sup>rd</sup>. meeting. Supervisor Hart would like to the Board decision on the Engineering Firm at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Approval of the Payment of the April 2015**

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

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| General Fund      | \$30,511.66 |
| Recreation Fund   | \$2,071.99  |
| Highway Fund      | \$53,580.76 |
| Street light Fund | \$1,144.94  |
| Sewer Fund        | \$1,475.67  |

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| Water District 1 Fund | \$3,266.59 |
| Water District 2 Fund | \$221.92   |
| Trust and Agency      | \$2,055.59 |

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Trask and James

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|------|--------|---|---------------------------------|
| Vote | AYES   | 4 | Hart, Trask, James and Laughlin |
|      | NAY    | 0 |                                 |
|      | ABSENT | 1 | Powers                          |

Carried

*Work Session April 23, 2015*

Topics to be discussed: Noise Ordinance, decision of proposed water tank project engineer, and clarification of Storm Water Management Officer.

At 8:07 p.m., a motion was made to move into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

At 8:22 p.m., the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board, moving to adjournment at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DATE

Karen Miller Kenerson  
Newfield Town Clerk

