

September 11, 2014

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room September 11, 2014 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 Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Casey Powers. Also present: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren, Atty. Russ Maines, and 17 attendees.

Privilege of the Floor

Brian McIlroy: commented his concerns regarding the New York State Retirement Standard Work Day. He asked if the Code Enforcement Officer was considered a full time position and if it was, is the Code Enforcement Officer enrolled.

Richard Hunter: commented that Dassance Road has been in disrepair for several years and that a “Rough Road” sign had been posted for 4 years. He felt this could be a liability for the Town. Highway Superintendent Berggren reported Dassance Road had been repaired with in the last ten years as well as several other repairs. Superintendent Berggren also stated that Town has three hundred thousand dollars it uses annually for permanent improvements with the funds coming from the Town and CHIPS fund.

Jeff Golden: urged the Board to review the facts and deny the proposed waste transfer station on Bishop Road.

Gene VanZile: thanked the Town Board for the work that had been done. Mr. Van Zile felt that clean air and water were being destroyed by all the unwanted pollutants that were being brought into the Bishop Road area.

Joan Victoria: asked about the cost analogy of scraping Connecticut Hill Road versus black topping it. She also commented that she did not see any hydro seeding being done.

Brenda Lapp: commented about tipping fees for solid waste. She spoke of Bethlehem NY as a comparable. Ms. Lapp also spoke of the fire at the Casella Waste Transfer Station.

Approval of August 14, 2014 Board Minutes

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the August 14, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes as well as the August 28 and September 2 Work Session Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Correspondence:

Supervisor Hart announced the Planning Board would be receiving a Planning Excellence Award for Comprehensive Planning for the Town of Newfield 2013 Comprehensive Plan. Planning Board Chair Nancy Dolge will be going to Rochester for the presentation.

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Reports:

Cemetery Committee: No report

Planning Board: Chair Person Nancy Dolge spoke of the training workshop on August 20th, and that the Planning Board would be present at Newfield Old Home Day. There will not be an October 1 Planning Board Meeting in lieu of the October 7 collaborative event at the Newfield Fire Hall.

Highway: Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren reported that work had been done on Stone House, Horton and Connecticut Hill Roads. Superintendent Berggren also added that hydro seeding was being done by the Town or Tompkins County Highway Department with Tompkins County Soil and Water providing the materials.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Harry Wright was absent

Water Sewer: Water Sewer Manager Robb Brewer was absent.

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

Tompkins County Legislature Report: Newfield Representative David McKenna reported that the County Board had received the 2015 budget that week. He felt it would come in under that tax cap. Representative McKenna also reported that a letter had been sent to the FCC asking to keep the internet open to everyone as best as possible. He also commented that the County has new rules for equipment usage.

Supervisor: Supervisor Hart reported that a local law from 1980 needs to be revised to allow sub groups working for the good of the Town be covered legally. Supervisor Hart also reported on the well study with the USGS meeting. Additional well drilling areas being looked at are: Test and Sebring Road, Trumbull Corner Road and Millard Hill Road. The USGS is requesting a well drilling company that can gather more technological information. The requested well drilling company is being asked to waive its set up fee. Supervisor Hart will meet with TG Miller concerning the water study.

The 2015 budget meetings will begin September 16th.

New Business

Discussion and approval for the Supervisor to sign the SPCA Contract for 2015

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the Supervisor to sign the 2015 SPCA Contract, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Discussion and approval of Resolution 20-2014 Standard Work Day and Reporting

Supervisor Hart explained that more information was requested. This will be updated on the Town website as required.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Newfield/location code 3062603 hereby establishes the following as a standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Title	Name	SSN Last 4 digits	Registration Number	Term Begins/ Ends	Standard Work Day	Participates in Employer's time keeping system y/n	Days/Month Month Based on record of activities	Tier 1(check only if member is Tier 1)	Not Submitted (check box if no record of activities completed or timekeeping system)
Elected Officials									
Town Clerk	Karen Kenerson	8286	XXXXX	1/1/14-12/31/17	8	n	22.42		
Councilperson	Chris Laughlin	8473	XXXXX	1/1/14-12/31/17	6	n	2		
Councilperson	JoAnne James	8718	XXXXX	1/1/14/12/31/17	6	n	2		
Highway Supt.	Kevin Berggren	8431	XXXXX	1/1/14-12/31/17	8	n	27.23		
Justice	Debbi Payne	4120	XXXXX	1/1/11-12/31/14	6	n	10.77		
Non-Elected Officials									
Water/Sewer Sup.	Rob Brewer	5316	XXXXX	1/1/14-12/31/14	8	y			N/A
Highway Deputy Supt.	Rodney Williams	2469	XXXXX	1/1/14-12/31/14	8	y			N/A

following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the Standard Work Day and Reporting, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Discussion and approval of Resolution 21-2014 Standard Work Day for all Employees

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Newfield, location code 3062603, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

A	B
TITLE	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)
Bookkeeper	8
Custodian	8
Laborers	8
Machine Equipment Operators	8
Secretary	8

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Recreation Director	8
Court Clerk	6
Code Enforcer	8
School Crossing Guard	6

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve Standard Work Day for all Employees, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

Approval of Resolution 22-2014 Budget Modification

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2014

WHEREAS at the request of the Town Bookkeeper the following budget modifications are requested to be made.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED upon agreement by the Town Supervisor and Town Board the following 2014 August budget modifications are approved to be made.

GENERAL

Transfer \$176.07 from A1990.4, Contingent Account, to A1610.499, Misc. Contractual
 Transfer \$33.82 from A1990.4, Contingent Account, to A1620.2, Building. Equipment
 Transfer \$742.42 from A1990.4, Contingent Account, to A1620.414 Building. Equipment Maintenance.

RECREATION

Transfer \$640.45 from CR7320.1, P.S. Youth Services , to CR7310.11, Summer Camp Director
 Transfer \$673.72 from CR7320.1 P.S. Youth Services ,to CR7310.12, Assistant Camp Director
 Transfer \$1938.40 from CR7320.1, P.S. Youth Services, to CR7310.13 Camp Counselors
 Transfer \$992.03 from CR7320.1, P.S. Youth Services to CR7310.4 Youth Contractual

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to approve the requested Budget Modifications, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Councilperson James asked to have verified from Tompkins County Personnel if the Water/Sewer Coordinator is a competitive opening. This will be discussed when redefining the Highway to a Public Works Department.

Old Business

Approval of the Payment of the August 14, 2014 Bills

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

General Fund	\$266,903.70
Recreation Fund	\$7,203.13
Highway Fund	\$45,716.92
Street light Fund	\$1,203.18
Sewer Fund	\$336.65
Water District 1 Fund	\$5,268.79
Water District 2 Fund	\$4,625.27
Trust and Agency	\$3,463.04

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Powers and James.

Vote	AYES	5	Hart, James, Laughlin and Powers
	NAY	0	
	ABSENT	1	Trask

Carried

At 7:50 p.m., a motion was made to move into an Executive Session to discuss a Collective Bargaining concern.

At 8:02, the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board, moving to adjournment at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

October 08, 2014

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk