

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room May 8, 2014 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 Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Casey Powers. Absent: Councilperson Joanne James. Also present: Highway Superintendent: Kevin Berggren, Arty. Hooks and 22 attendees.

Agenda Changes

Supervisor Hart added items to New Business: E- Resolution from Town Bookkeeper and F- adding pay to Court Clerk lines.

Opening Privilege of the Floor

Eleanor Perry: feels the proposed garbage transfer station warrants more time and information.

Lynn Glase: would like to see Newfield work toward more sustainable energy.

Becca Haber: asked that the Town of Newfield reach out to the Town of Caroline concerning steps of sustainable energy in Newfield.

Gene VanZile: presented a document of facts and photos to the Town Board Members concerning the proposed garbage transfer station. Mr. VanZile did not wish to disclose his source of information for the documents.

Marie Terlizzy: commented there would be a Solar Tour in Newfield June 7 and a public educational meeting June 17 at the Newfield Fire Hall. She urged the Town Board Members and residents to attend.

Bob Mente: brought to the Board's attention a September 2013 lawsuit involving AWS, Robert Mente and the Golden's. Mr. Mente and his attorney feel the appointment of Mr. Golden to the Newfield Planning Board in December 2013 is a conflict of interest. Mr. Mente feels Mr. Golden would not be unbiased concerning any current or future plans that could affect AWS or Mr. Mente. He asked that Mr. Golden be removed from the Planning Board. Mr. Mente also commented it was brought to his attention that Mr. VanZile had installed new drainage pipe behind his home. It is Mr. Mente's opinion that this was to divert gray water that had been flowing into the trout stream behind his home.

Brenda Lapp: thanked the Board for ordering the digital voice recorder. She asked to have information placed on the website as to how people could obtain copies of the meeting.

She commented that there were instances of buildings built in Newfield without a building permit. She asked that there be signs placed on County Roads entering the Town that building permits are required. She commented on the Joint Town Board

and Planning Board Work Session where Rene Borgella spoke about site plan review. Ms. Lapp added that when looking into the future of Newfield the aquifer study would be a good source of information for confined and unconfined aquifers.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2014 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin, seconded by Councilperson Trask.

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

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Hart read a thank you letter from the Newfield Public Library for the memorial donation honoring Justice Barry Strosnider. Other correspondence regarded the Newfield Water Department of its good operation headed by Water/Sewer Manager Rob Brewer.

REPORTS

Highway: Highway Superintendent Berggren stated the NHD had been ditching, looking at pavement thicknesses for patching and replacing the culvert pipe on Douglas and Stonehouse Road. Supervisor Hart asked about the progress of finding an all-wheel truck to convert to a plow truck. Superintendent Berggren said he was working on it. Councilperson Trask asked if the truck to be replaced could last another plow season, it is felt it could.

Water/Sewer: Water Sewer Manager was absent. A report was given to the Board Members.

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

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Office Butch Wright was absent; Supervisor Hart read his report.

County Legislature Representative: Absent

Supervisors Report: Supervisor Hart reported that the well drilling project is underway and that two of the wells were drilled last week. Tonight the Newfield School Board will be voting to approve the well to be drilled on the school property. He also commented of a concern Councilperson James had about cash in the consolidated fund. Supervisor Hart contacted Ciaschi, Dietershagin, Little,

Mickelson & Company, LLP and learned the cash is fine in that fund. He also checked on a fund line that had a reduction. It was learned that the fund line could be used by the bookkeeper for payment of the HRA plan payments.

Water Rate Study Plan has been pushed back to June.

Agreements for the Mutual Release for the Bank Street Cemetery Advisory Committee are available for that committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Finger Lakes Group LLC Insurance: Chuck Campbell and William Chamberlain from Finger Lakes Group LLC Insurance presented what their insurance group could offer in savings costs to the Town.

Review and Approval of the Town's 2001 Procurement Policy and Procedures: Supervisor Hart explained that when this original document was approved in 2001, the thresholds were different. Supervisor Hart would like this item discussed at a work session for updating.

Discussion regarding the request for a Veteran's Memorial Park behind the Town Hall: Supervisor Hart read a letter from Newfield resident Glenn Caslick concerning the request of Veteran's Memorial Park. Atty. Hooks will look into this. Mr. Caslick will be contacted as well for a possible cost estimate.

Appointment of Rene Borgella to the Newfield Planning Board:

Motion was offered by Councilperson Powers to appoint Rene Borgella to the Newfield Planning Board for a 5 year term ending in May of 2019, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

Carried

Supervisor Hart read the following proposed Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 13 -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 May budget modifications are approved and to be made.

RECREATION

Transfer \$191.25 from CR7320.409, New Programs, to CR7320.407 Ski Club

Motion to approve Resolution No. 13-2014 was offered by Councilperson Trask, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Councilperson Trask stated Justice Payne's request of additional funds in order to retain the temporary Court Clerk in order to help the Court Clerk who has been on medical leave and to also assist with the records retention project for a limited time. Justice Payne will provide the Board with information concerning the time frame and costs. Councilperson Trask asked that this be discussed at a Work Session.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Maintenance Assessment: Supervisor Hart reported on the maintenance assessment. He would like to have a contractor come estimate the items of concern. Then make a presentation to the Board with the priorities. Supervisor Hart asked Highway Superintendent if the Highway Department could consider sealing the driveways. Superintendent Berggren will assess the needs of the driveway and parking lots.

Broad Band: Councilperson Trask reported that new tower was not yet operational. A new electrical service needed to be installed.

APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF THE MAY 2014 BILLS

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

General Fund	\$49,721.95
Recreation	\$1,944.76
Highway Fund	\$67,236.08
Street light Fund	\$1,089.77
Sewer Fund	1,287.70
Water District 1 Fund	\$4,796.43
Water District 2 Fund	\$8,893.17
Trust and Agency	\$2,896.95

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons Laughlin and James.

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

Carried

The next Work Session will be Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. The proposed garbage transfer station will be on the topic of discussion.

Motion was offered by Councilperson Trask to adjourn the Newfield Town Board Meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

Respectfully Submitted,

May 16, 2014

Karen Miller Kenerson
Town Clerk