

January 29, 2015

The Newfield Town Board met for a work session on January 29, 2015. Supervisor Hart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Hart opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Supervisor Jeff Hart, Councilperson Roy Trask, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin and Councilperson Casey Powers. There were also 10 others in attendance.

New Business

Supervisor Hart commented that he had received notice from Justice Chernish that John Petito had been hired to be his Court Clerk effective February 2, 2015.

Old Business

Bob Mente

Supervisor Hart stated that Bob Mente had asked to address the Board.

Mr. Mente 's wife, Ashely, read a prepared statement to the Board regarding their position concerning proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2015- Town of Newfield Solid Waste Management Facilities Law. The statement explained that the Mente's felt the proposed transfer station could fit into the exemptions that are listed in the proposed law. While AWS is primarily a trash hauling business, it has accepted construction and demolition debris and should be considered a bona-fide solid waste management facility. Mrs. Mente stated from the definitions in the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2015, AWS is a bona-fide waste management facility in existence before the effective date of the proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2015 since NYS DEC granted a permit dated January 6, 2015 to expand the already existing solid waste management facility. AWS is looking to move forward with construction of a pole barn that a permit has been applied for.

Discussion of Noise Ordinance

Supervisor Hart commented that the Noise Ordinance from Newark Valley seemed to work the best for Newfield. He felt it was not so restrictive that someone could not enjoy their property as they saw fit, yet there were enough restrictions that it protected other residents. Supervisor Hart also felt Newark Valley was similar to Newfield in size and thoughts. Councilperson Powers voiced concerns of the hours noted: 7:00 am - 10:00 pm. After much discussion, it was determined the noted hours were permissible. It was noted there was no mention of animal noise listed in the presented ordinance. Councilperson Laughlin read a section of another ordinance previously looked at. This section will be added to the proposed noise ordinance. This Local Ordinance will be introduced at the March Board Meeting. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for April 2015 with vote to follow at the Board Meeting.

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Preparation for Public Hearing The Public Hearing for proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2015 will be February 15, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Newfield Fire Hall. The Tompkins County Sheriff’s Department will be notified. Councilperson Trask asked that the commentary from Mr. and Mrs. Mente be shared with Atty. Hooks. Councilperson James had concerns regarding the exemption section of proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2015 emailed to her from a resident. This concern will also be shared with Atty. Hooks.

Discussion of CSEA Contract:

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to authorize Supervisor Hart to sign the CSEA Contract, seconded by Councilperson James.

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

Carried

Discussion of Finalizing Minimum Water Charge

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to approve the minimum water rate charge as listed below seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

2015 Rate = \$4.80/1,000 gallons

Meter Size	Base Rate Fee	Usage Allowance (gallons)
5/8"	\$48.00	10,000
3/4"	\$48.00	10,000
1"	\$144.00	30,000
1-1/2"	\$216.00	45,000
2"	\$432.00	90,000
3"	\$672.00	140,000
4"	\$960.00	200,000
6"	\$1,680.00	350,000

Water consumed over the meter allowance will be billed at .0048/gallon.

A letter informing the Water District 1 & 2 will be included with the March water billing.

Supervisor Hart reported that Tompkins County Better Housing had agreed to pay the Town \$2,000.00 annually for the “In Lieu of Taxes” for the Newfield Garden Apartments.

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At 7:40 p.m., a motion was made to move into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and a CSEA issue.

At 8:13, the Meeting was called back to the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board, moving to adjournment at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

February 10, 2015

Karen Miller Kenerson
Town Clerk