

May 28, 2020

The Newfield Town Board Meeting was held via the ZOOM platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic May 28, 2020, at 7:17 PM. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michael Allinger and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag lead by Councilperson Laughlin.

Present were: Supervisor Michael Allinger, Councilperson Christine Laughlin, Councilperson Casey Powers and Councilperson Heather McCarty. Also present were Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren, Bookkeeper Blixy Taetzch, Town Clerk-Karen Miller Kenerson. Councilperson James was absent.

Agenda Additions and Approval- No additions were offered

Communications--Supervisor Allinger received a note that there would be a Senior Parade on Main Street, June 6th from the ~~S~~school to the Fire Hall.

Supervisor Allinger noted a second Public Hearing for the water study will need to be scheduled in the future after receiving the water study from Hunt Engineering to reveal the results of the study.

Norm Aidun requested permission to hold a basketball camp at the new recreation park this summer. At this point due to health department recommendations we cannot schedule such an event.

Terry Carroll sent a response of benefits and negatives regarding the offers from NYSEG and NYPA.

Supervisor Allinger will contact Casey Mastro from NYPA regarding their past offer.

The Newfield Planning Board has been accepted to the Cornell Design Connect 2020 program.

Pastor Crick from Peoples Baptist Church offered the use of Peoples Baptist Church for summer camp program.

Junk Code Officer Randy Brown received ~~to~~ two complaints for 275 VanBuskirk Road. Letters will be sent to the owners.

Presentations- Introduction to Microsoft Teams

Supervisor Allinger gave an overview of its various uses.

ACTION ITEMS

Re-Opening of Town Hall June 1, 2020

~~Blixy Ms. Taetzch~~ and ~~Karen-Town Clerk Kenerson~~ reviewed the re-opening plans and check lists this includes: the foyer floor is marked for social distancing, hand sanitizing and masks in the foyer, no public rest rooms until the court reopens (the stairs are roped off), plexiglass barrier in clerks office and visitor log in Town Clerk's office, all employees will also sign a health record form daily to turn in with time cards.

Approving hire of summer Beautification workers

Motion to approve the hire of 4 summer youth Laborers and 1 supervisor was made by Councilperson Laughlin, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Discussion- the supervisor and youth will need to abide by the Town re-opening procedure.

Roll Call Vote AYES 4 Allinger, Laughlin, McCarty and Powers

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NAYS	0	
ABSENT	1	James

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Report from Councilperson McCarty on Community Choice Aggregation webinar

Councilperson McCarty reported Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) webinar presentation by Terry Carrol and Irene Wiser (T Caroline) she attended. CCA is a renewable clean or green energy bulk buying club municipalities can participate with to provide renewable clean or green energy for its municipality residents. CCA would negotiate the lowest energy costs available. TCCOG has formed an energy committee to learn what municipalities are interested in. Supervisor Allinger asked what steps would need to be taken to participate in the program. Councilperson McCarty will look into this.

Two Properties being offered by Tompkins County

VanOstrand Road/Short Lane – Storm water ponds: Supervisor Allinger, Councilperson Laughlin and Highway Superintendent Berggren looked at the property in question. He stated the preference would be to have the development community/adjoining property owners take over the ownership/maintenance of the storm water ponds as was originally intended in the storm water pond property agreement. If the development/adjoining property owners do not want the responsibility, and the town were to take on the responsibility an approach of hiring the town to maintain the property there are other considerations to be considered.

Supervisor Allinger stated the town was not in a position to make a decision to take over properties. The property on Beach Road is also in question. Supervisor Allinger commented it has been suggested the property could be used for parking for the Mill Street Park. It was felt the adjoining property owner should have the first right to purchase the property before the Town. The Town will pass on this property as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of 2020 Budget

~~Bixy Ms.~~ Taetzsch- ~~Town Bookkeeper~~ presented an updated budget model of past and current actual spending and ~~current~~ modified budget along with projections through the end of the year with a summary of her projections. ~~Bookkeeper Ms.~~ Taetzsch projects a loss of revenue of \$190,000 included also her reduced spending projections until the end of the year. ~~Bookkeeper Ms.~~ Taetzsch met with department heads explaining the projections.

At 9:00 ~~PM~~ Councilperson Powers moved to Executive Session regarding personnel issues, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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At 9:30 PM motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to return to the regular Board Meeting, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

At 9:30 PM a motion was made by Councilperson Powers to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

Respectfully Submitted,

June 9, 2020

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk