

August 27, 2020

The Newfield Town Board Meeting was held via the ZOOM platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic August 27, 2020, at 7:02 PM. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michael Allinger and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attending were: Supervisor Michael Allinger, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin, Councilperson Casey Powers and Councilperson Heather McCarty. Also attending were Blixey Taetzsch- Town Bookkeeper, Karen Miller Kenerson- Town Clerk, Chuck Bartosh, David Shaw (Newfield School District), Dan Kline and Richard Driscoll

## Presentations

*Chuck Bartosh from Clarity Fiber Solutions and Clarity Connect*

Supervisor Allinger presented results from a survey compiled from the Newfield School District survey regarding internet and cell connectivity with a map showing problem areas. Mr. Bartosh noted that an inventory of where the fiber optics stops is needed along with a KMZ map to help Clarity Connect provide options.

*Discussion with County Legislator Dan Klein regarding Tompkins County Internet Connectivity- tabled*

## ACTION ITEMS

Approve bid on wood decking lumber for Beach Street Bridge

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to accept the laminated lumber bid by Laminated Concepts for the Beach Street pedestrian bridge, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Vote	AYES	5	Allinger, James, Laughlin, Powers and McCarty
	NAY	0	

Carried

*Approve date for Tax Cap Override Public Hearing*

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to hold a Public Hearing September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm to hear public comment regarding proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2020-A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law section 3-c, seconded by Councilperson James.

Vote	AYES	5	Allinger, James, Laughlin, Powers and McCarty
	NAY	0	

## OLD BUSINESS

*LED Street Lighting-*

Supervisor Allinger reviewed the 2 options available a) buy equipment from NYSEG and enter into a NYPA program, b) enter into a program with NYSEG and convert equipment to LED. Supervisor Allinger provided and reviewed proposals from each. Supervisor Allinger will reach out to NYSEG for details of their offer and also contact NYPA enquiring to back out of existing agreement.

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*Water Study and Solutions*

*Supervisor Allinger reported the pumps from the Pine Circle wells could not be pulled, and that a new test well was drilled but the wrong size casing was used. Supervisor Allinger, Water Supervisor Berggren and Hunt Engineers will be meeting with the Tompkins County Health Department for guidance. More information at the September 10<sup>th</sup>. meeting.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Day Care*

Scott Mosely spoke to the Board regarding the need for day care for elementary students for the half day they are not at school. People's Baptist Church has offered the use of its facility for this community need. Mr. Mosely asked if a short-term program could be run under the recreation program. Tompkins County Dare Council will be contacted for guidance.

*TCCOG /Health Care Consortium*

Councilperson Laughlin reported there would be an expected 5% increase for the 2021 health care premium. Metal plans could be gaining vision and hearing coverage in 2021.

Supervisor Allinger reported he had participated with a County Supervisors meeting and that there would not be any AIM monies for 2021 and that County taxes would be going up for 2021.

*2021 Preliminary Budget Presentation*

Bookkeeper Taetzsch presented the first draft of the 2021 Preliminary Budget.

At 9:24 PM a motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson McCarty.

Respectfully Submitted

September 10, 2020

Karen Miller Kenerson  
Newfield Town Clerk