

September 24, 2020

The Newfield Town Board Meeting was held via the ZOOM platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic September 24, 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 (arriving late due to a Consortium Meeting), Councilperson Casey Powers and Councilperson Heather McCarty. Also attending were Bookkeeper Blixxy Taetzsch and Town Clerk Karen Miller Kenerson.

Agenda Approval- no additions

Privilege of the Floor- Vanessa Greenlee spoke to the Board with concerns for Halloween 2020. Ms. Greenlee hopes to raise awareness of how Newfield may need to adjust Halloween practices due to COVID-19 and the County risk assessment. Ms. Greenlee would like to see trick and treat guidelines put in place and communicated to the public.

Communications- Supervisor Allinger reported a portable restroom and clean out has been donated to the Community Park for the remainder of the 2020 season. The installation of the basketball hoops/nets was discussed, and that the County Health Department was leaving the decision to the municipalities as to whether or not the nets can be installed.

Supervisor Allinger commented on a property on Smith Road that is deemed inhabitable due to septic issues with the people continuing to live there.

Supervisor Allinger stated the Town is now in full compliance of Title VI.

Supervisor Allinger reported on the internet/cell meetings he had attended.

OLD BUSINESS

Reservations for Park Use- The Park Advisory Board will be asked for recommendations regarding a form and fee structure for the Community Park use.

Community Park- After much discussion regarding the installation of the basketball nets it was decided the nets could be installed with COVID Guideline signage installation prior to net installation.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilperson Powers offered a motion to hold a Public Hearing, November 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm for public comment regarding the proposed 2021 Town of Newfield Budget, seconded by Councilperson McCarty.

Vote	AYE	4	Allinger, James, McCarty and Powers
	NAY	0	
	ABSENT	1	Laughlin

Carried

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NYSEG LED Light Conversion for Town Hall, Town Highway Department and the Pine Circle Pump House Proposal- Councilperson Powers made the motion to accept the NYSEG LED Light Conversion for the Town Hall, Highway Department and the Pine Circle pump house, seconded by Councilperson James

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*Tompkins Health Care Consortium-*Councilperson Laughlin reported the Health Care Consortium passed a premium holiday for December, this would include the town and Employee contribution. Premiums are expected to raise 5% for 2021, and that there will be a benefit clerk training meeting on October 19th.

LED Streetlight Conversion – Supervisor Allinger reported he and Bookkeeper Taetzsch had conferenced with NYPA regarding the design proposal for street light project. NYPA’s proposal included buying the fixtures, replacing the lamps with LED fixtures, replacing the decorative lights and a service contract. Bookkeeper Taetzsch suggested a cost benefit analysis is needed before determining which proposal would best fit the Town of Newfield’s needs.

At 8:57 PM a motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Respectfully Submitted

September 25, 2020

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk