

January 28, 2021

A regular meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held via the Zoom Platform due to the COVID pandemic January 28, 2021 at 7:08 PM. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michael Allinger and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, led by Councilperson Christine Laughlin.

Present were: Supervisor Michael Allinger, Councilperson Joanne James, Councilperson Christine Laughlin, Councilperson Heather McCarty and Councilperson Casey Powers. Also present were Town Bookkeeper Blixey Taetzsch, Planning Board Members, Leo Tidd and James Haustein, representatives for Verizon Tarpon cell tower project, Town Clerk- Karen Miller Kenerson; and 17 other attendees.

Agenda Approval: *no additions*

Privilege of the Floor: *none*

Communications: Supervisor Allinger reported NYSDOT approved the speed reduction request for Horton Road to 45 mph. An updated Shelter report had been received for the Tompkins County SPCA shelter. Supervisor Allinger reported he has reached out to NYSEG for a purchase request for the street light project. The estimated quote should be available in February. AIM funding preliminary estimate is the 2021 will cut 20% from 2020. Supervisor Allinger reported he and Councilpersons James and McCarty had attended a zoom clean energy meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Discussion for Verizon Tarpon Tower

Legal Consul Robert Bergdolf for Verizon Cell Towers answered questions about 5G regarding the proposed project. The Planning Board has approved the Site Plan Review and recommended the Town Board approve the special permit application. Attorney Smith will draft the negative declaration New York's State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) resolution for the February 11th Board Meeting.

CSEA Contract Approval

Motion to approve the CSEA collective bargaining unit contract was offered by Councilperson Laughlin, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Resolution No. 28 -2021 Revised Payroll Certification

Resolution 2021-28 : 2021 Payroll Certification – Revised

WHEREAS, the Town of Newfield has approved a contract for the period of 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2023 with the CSEA Town of Newfield Highway Unit as of 1/28/2021, and

WHEREAS, the pay rates in the approved contract will now be implemented retroactively to 1/1/2021, and

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WHEREAS, Resolution 2021-09: Payroll Certification, will need to be revised to reflect the new rates of pay, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the following employees are hereby appointed or employed in the titles and at the rates of pay as presented in the revised chart below:

	Hourly or Annual Salary	Employee Name	Title of Position Held	FT/PT
1	\$ 14,900.00	Allinger, Michael	Town Supervisor	PT
2	\$ 3,300.00	Berggren, Brandee	Cleaner	PT
3	\$ 94,000.00	Berggren, Kevin	Highway Superintendent/Water/Sewer	FT
4	\$25.97/hour	Brazo, Chad	Motor Equipment Operator	FT
5	\$16.00/hour	Bushey, Lana	Deputy Town Clerk	PT
6	\$25.97/hour	Carpenter, Jack	Motor Equipment Operator	FT
7	\$ 13,000.00	Greener, William	Town Justice	PT
8	\$ 2,545.00	Haustein, James	Typist	PT
9	\$ 3,000.00	James, Joanne	Town Council	PT
10	\$18.30/hour	Kuczek, Austin	Recreation Supervisor	PT
11	\$ 3,500.00	Laughlin, Christine	Town Council and Deputy Supervisor	PT
12	\$ 3,000.00	McCarty, Heather	Town Council	PT
13	\$ 41,800.00	Miller-Kenerson, Karen	Town Clerk/Water and Sewer Billing	FT
14	\$15.75/hour	Petito, John	Court Clerk	PT
15	\$ 3,000.00	Powers, Kathleen	Town Council	PT
16	\$26.47/hour	Redman, Sean	Motor Equipment Operator/Water/Sewer	FT
17	\$25.97/hour	Reed, Charles	Motor Equipment Operator	FT
18	\$12.50/hour	Rumsey, Jennifer	School Crossing Guard	PT
19	\$25.97/hour	Seamon, Kenneth	Motor Equipment Operator	FT
20	\$25.97/hour	Sidle, Mark	Motor Equipment Operator	FT
21	\$15.50/hour	Smith, Linda	Typist	PT
22	\$ 30,525.00	Taetzsch, Blixxy	Bookkeeper to the Supervisor	PT
23	\$20.15/hour	Teeter, Alan	Enforcement Officer	PT
24	\$15.00/hour	Torbitt, Lisa	Court Clerk	PT
25	\$27.25/hour	Watros, Matthew	Deputy Highway Superintendent	FT

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers approving the 2021 revised payroll certification as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

NAY

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion- Proposed phone upgrade via Spectrum

Bookkeeper Taetzsch reviewed and explained the proposal from Spectrum and discussions with SCT. A revised proposal is being requested from Spectrum before approval

Discussion- SCT proposal for infrastructure improvements

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Supervisor Allinger suggested this project be done in phases due to finances.

Discussion- Smart Cities and Grant available through New York State Power Authority(NYPA)
There is a grant available for a study through NYPA, it was felt the area that could be utilized is too small and technology over kill for Newfield. Newfield is not moving forward with this.

Climate Smart Communities

Supervisor Allinger and Councilperson James attended the zoom meeting. Councilperson James commented the Town of Newfield has formed a committee and adopted the Climate Smart Pledge. Councilperson James asked if the Town was interested in participating Community Choice Aggregation? Terry Carrol will attend the February 11, 2021.

At 8:34 pm, motion was made by Councilperson Powers to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson McCarty.

Respectfully Submitted,

February 10, 2021

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk