

February 25, 2021

A work session meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held via the Zoom Platform due to the COVID pandemic February 25, 2021 at 7:01 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 Blixxy Taetzsch and Town Clerk- Karen Miller Kenerson.

*Agenda Addition/ Approval:* Councilperson McCarty asked for approval to add the Climate Force Task Force, Reimagining Public Safety and the Energy Navigator training on the Website and Facebook page- there were no objections. Supervisor Allinger stated he would add the Countywide COVID Vaccine Registry to the Website.

*Privilege of the Floor:* none

*Communications:* Supervisor Allinger reported the response to the Hazard Planning survey to date is 28. Supervisor Allinger also noted the position for Summer Camp Director has been listed on the Tompkins County Personnel Website. The position will also be listed on the Town website, Facebook page and sent to the school teachers.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *LED Street Light- NYSEG purchase status*

Supervisor Allinger reported the quote from NYSEG for the light fixture buyout had been received. The Supervisor will move forward with the project.

### *Phone System Upgrade - Status*

Supervisor Allinger reported he had signed the contract with Spectrum and the upgrade should begin soon.

### *Community Choice Aggregation - Status*

Supervisor Allinger, Councilpersons James and McCarty reported there is a grant proposal to hire a coordinator. This will be discussed at the next Community Aggregation Committee meeting. Councilperson Laughlin stated she is opposed to Community Choice Aggregation being forced upon residents, with the resident having to personally opt out if resident does not desire to be part of Community Choice Aggregation.

### *Internet on Millard Hill Road- Update*

Supervisor Allinger reported he had spoken to Chuck Bartosh from Clarity Connect. Mr. Bartosh feels confident Clarity Fiber Board will approve to adding fiber networking up Millard Hill Road.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *Clean Energy Communities - Leadership Round*

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Supervisor Allinger and Councilperson McCarty commented on a presentation they both had watched. Councilperson McCarty felt the Energy Task Force can use information provided from the presentation, and commented of the action and point based grants that could be available for the Town.

*Protecting Public Workers in Future Health Emergencies:* Legislation that was signed by Governor Cuomo last year. Supervisor Allinger will look into this with the County.

Supervisor Allinger reported he attended 6 sessions from Association of Town virtual conference and will share the information on the TEAMS network.

At 8:22 pm, motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson James.

Respectfully Submitted,

March 5, 2021

Karen Miller Kenerson  
Newfield Town Clerk