

Town of Newfield
Regular Town Board Meeting
March 25, 2021

The March 25, 2021 Work Session meeting was held via Zoom in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.1. Meeting instructions were on the Town website.

Present via Zoom: Michael Allinger, Supervisor, Councilmembers- Joanne James, Christine Laughlin, Heather McCarty, Casey Powers, Town Bookkeeper Blixxy Taetzsch, Town Clerk Karen Miller Kenerson and 7 others.

Supervisor Allinger called the Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Laughlin.

Agenda Approval- no changes

Privilege of the Floor- none

PRESENTATIONS

Jeffner Allen and her work on Newfield CEA's

Ms. Allen explained the differences between Critical Environmental Areas (CEA) and Unique Natural Areas (UNA), how a CEA relates to a UNA and the benefits of CEA's. Ms. Allen proposed 6 Critical Environmental Areas: Cayuga Inlet Valley & Slopes, Connecticut Hill, Critical Wetland Area, Headwater Feeder Stream and West Danby Creek for approval for designation from the Town Board. The Board agreed to discuss this matter in future work sessions.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Public Health Emergency Plan

Supervisor Allinger reported he and Blixxy had completed the Public Health Emergency Plan and that the collective bargaining unit has also approved the document. The document names essential job titles and will be on file as required by New York State.

Motion was made by Councilperson Laughlin to adopt the Public Health Emergency Plan Document, seconded by Councilperson McCarty.

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

Carried

Approval of IT Infrastructure Upgrade

Supervisor Allinger reported Spectrum representatives had come to assess the phone/internet upgrade and it has been determined it would be beneficial to have the infrastructure upgrade done prior to the phone/internet upgrade. Motion was offered by Councilperson Laughlin to move forward with the quote from SCT and schedule the infrastructure upgrade, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Community Choice Aggregation- Councilperson James reported the TCOOG Community Choice Aggregation- Energy Committee will be submitting a grant application to the Park Foundation for funds to hire a coordinator/educator to perform a study regarding Community Choice Aggregation.

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers offering the Newfield Town Board's support of the grant application submission to the Park Foundation for funds for a study and hiring a coordinator/educator, seconded by Councilperson James.

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

Carried

Results from Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

Supervisor Allinger reported 28 people had responded to the Hazard Mitigation survey on the Town website. The draft should be completed soon by Tompkins County Planning.

Newfield Heat Smart Campaign No Comments?

NEW BUSINESS

At 8:46 PM, a motion was made by Councilperson James to move into an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues seconded by Councilperson Powers.

At 9:20 PM, Executive Session ended and the Regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board resumed.

At 9:20 PM, Councilperson Laughlin offered a motion to move to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

March 26, 2021

Karen Miller Kenerson, RMC
Town Clerk