

The June 24, 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, Heather McCarty, Casey Powers, Town Bookkeeper Blixxy Taetzsch, Town Clerk Karen Miller Kenerson and 5 others. Councilperson Laughlin was absent

Supervisor Allinger called the Town Board Meeting to order at 7:01 PM, Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Allinger.

*Agenda Approval-* no additions were requested

*Privilege of the Floor-*

Robert Lynch- announced he was suspending his Tompkins County Legislature campaign and intention to run for his current Enfield Town Board seat in 2023.

Old Business

*Review of the Solar and Battery Storage Law*

The purposed amended Solar and Battery Storage Law was reviewed by the Town Board and Planning Board. Notes were made for revision, set back distances will be discussed and determined by the Town Board.

*Newfield Beautification Program*

Randy Brown stated there were no youth applicants for the summer gardening program. Mr. Brown requested that Rebecca Roe be hired to care for the focus areas (Town Hall, Fire Hall, Welcome Signs and Newfield School District sign area) for 12 hours a week July thru August.

Motion was made by Councilperson James to approve the hire of Rebecca Roe for the Summer Beautification Gardening position, not to exceed 12 hours per week at \$17.50/hour, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Vote AYES 4 Allinger, James, McCarty and Powers

NAY 0

ABSENT 1 Laughlin

Carried

*TCCOG Energy Committee Update on Community Choice Aggregation Grant*

Councilperson McCarty stated the grant application was accepted with only a partial amount of \$50,000 funded, CCA is reorganizing and may be asked to join with a MOU with Tompkins County. Climate Task Force has 71 points so far with several items being uploaded that will qualify for a bronze certification.

Heat Smart Communities- Priority actions: sustainability elements in the community, greenhouse gas inventory, climate change education, event at Mill Park (permission was asked of the Town Board for this, and approved).

*Welcome Box at Covered Bridge*

The Hamlet Beautification Committee would like to install a welcome box near the Covered Bridge with a sign in box. This request was approved, Supervisor Allinger will be in contact regarding the placement.

Action Item

*Standard Work Day Resolution*

**Resolution No.36 – 2021 Standard Work Day and Reporting for Elected Officials**

Whereas, Regulation 315.4 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations (NYCRR) defines the reporting process for elected and appointed official, and

Whereas, the current NYCRR requires employers to pass a Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution establishing the standard work day and average days worked per month for all elected or appointed officials participating in the New York State and Local Retirement System, be it therefore

Resolved, that the Town of Newfield, Location Code 30626, hereby established the following updated standard work days for the titles listed below and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities:

Title	Standard Work Day	Name	Term Begin and End Dates	Average Days Per Month
Councilperson	6	James, Joanne	1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021	1.67
Councilperson	6	Laughlin, Chris	1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021	1.65
Town Supervisor	6	Allinger, Michael	1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021	9.29
Highway Superintendent	8	Berggren, Kevin	1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021	27.23
Town Clerk	8	Kenerson, Karen	1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021	22.42

and be it further,

Resolved, that this resolution will be publicly posted for 30 days and submitted to the Office of the State Comptroller within 15 days after the end of the posting period.

Motion was made by Councilperson Powers approving the Standard Work Day and Reporting for Elected Officials. Motion seconded by Councilperson McCarthy.

Vote AYES 4 Allinger, James, McCarty and Powers

NAY 0

ABSENT 1 Laughlin

Carried

July 8, 2021 is the next business this meeting will be in person. AV equipment hopefully will be installed prior.

*Broadband Committee-* Supervisor Allinger stated Newfield is greatly underserved and it is not financially feasible to service some of the rural areas.

*LED Upgrade-*

Supervisor Allinger reported hopefully this fall. A staging area will need to be located.

At 9:19 PM, Councilperson Powers offered a motion adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin

Respectfully Submitted,

July 5, 2021

Karen Miller Kenerson, RMC  
 Town Clerk