

The July 22, 2021 regular work session meeting was held in person at the Newfield Town Hall. Zoom participation was available to those who wished to attend.

Present were: Michael Allinger, Supervisor, Councilmembers- Joanne James, Christine Laughlin, Heather McCarty and Casey Powers, Town Bookkeeper Blixey Taetzsch, Town Attorney Tom Smith, Town Clerk Karen Miller Kenerson and 12 others.

Supervisor Allinger called the Town Board Meeting to order at 8:09 PM, Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilperson Laughlin.

Agenda Approval- No additions

Privilege of the Floor- none

*Communications-*Supervisor Allinger congratulated Town Clerk Karen Miller Kenerson on being selected to serve as New York State Town Clerk Association District 6 Director.

Supervisor Allinger stated NYS DEC would like to install monitor test wells at the old Smith Road dump site. Supervisor Allinger and Highway will meet a DEC representative next week.

Supervisor Allinger announced a grant check had been received for the Mill Park Music Series.

The Broadband survey has been completed and results will be submitted to Supervisor Allinger.

Hunt Engineering will be on retainer for grants involving the Inflow and Infiltration study, not to exceed \$10,000 annually.

Supervisor Allinger received a complaint from a resident of Blue Heron Lane (a private road) that the road had washed out and in need of repair. Code Officer Alan Teeter confirmed there was damage and needed repair. Mr. Teeter will contact the land owner.

Action Items

Discussion on Adopting Local Law No. 2 of 2021 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law§3-C for the Fiscal Year 2022.

Motion was offered by Councilperson Laughlin approving the adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2021, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

NAY 0

Carried

Discussion and Adoption of Local Law No. 3 of 2021 NYS Stretch Code

Discussion Councilperson Laughlin stated she felt it was a person's choice to chose what types of energy efficiency to have installed in their home. She does not support the adoption.

Councilperson McCarty stated with certain things she understands not want the government involved, but with Climate Change she does not feel building contractors are willing use energy efficient materials on their own accord. Councilperson McCarty commented she would like to see life as we know it to continues, and to have what we need to preserve what we have.

Councilperson James stated with the dramatic changes attributed by climate change causing the conditions she supports the stretch code adoption.

Councilperson Powers commented that if EV wiring availability is all that has to be made available to the electric service, and if the service is there that may increase the possibility of the home owner purchasing an electric car. Councilperson Powers supports the adoption.

Code Enforcement Officer Alan Teeter commented the Town could adopt energy stretch for only commercial buildings not residential.

Supervisor Allinger agreed he would like to see contractors building speculation homes use the stretch code.

Blix Taetzsch asked if cost differential information would be beneficial for a decision?

Councilperson McCarty commented the energy code adoption would save money for the home owners in the long run.

The Energy Stretch Code discussion was tabled until the August 12, 2021 meeting.

Old Business- none

New Business

Planning for Ribbon Cutting at Newfield Recreation Park and Policy and Procedures

Recreation Director Austin Kuzcek suggested August 21, 2021 as the ribbon cutting date for the Newfield Recreation Park on Van Kirk Road, along with a chicken BBQ. A basketball tournament will be organized to take place at this time also. George Taylor reviewed the names suggested for the field dedications along with banners for the major donors. Motion was made by Councilperson Powers to name the park "Newfield Community Park", seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

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

NAY 0

Carried

Discussion – Flood planning and mitigation in the Valley Manor MHP (West Branch of Cayuga Inlet)

Due to the late hour this discussion will be tabled until the August meeting.

At 9:34 PM motion was offered by Councilperson McCarty to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson James.

Respectfully Submitted,

August 4, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

July 29, 2021

Karen Miller Kenerson, RMC
Town Clerk