

The August 12, 2021 regular business meeting was held in person at the Newfield Town Hall and remotely via Zoom.

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 7:00 PM, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Approval- Councilperson McCarty asked to have Community Choice Aggregation added to Old Business.

Privilege of the Floor- none

Presentations

Elizabeth Graeper Thomas: CLWIO (Cayuga Lake Water Intermunicipal Organization)-Ms. Graper Thomas reviewed the goals and needs of the CLWIO and a request for continued funding.

Lori Duncan and Proposal for Pickleball in Newfield- Ms. Duncan presented a proposal to the Town Board with the thought of bringing Pickleball to Newfield suggesting either the NCSD tennis courts or to the Newfield Community Park. It was suggested that perhaps pickleball could become part of Recreation program. This will be discussed further in budget season.

Approval of June 10, 2021, June 24, 2021, July 8, 2021 and July 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the June 10, 2021 Business meeting was offered by Councilperson James, Seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

Motion to approve the June 24, 2021 Meeting was offered by Councilperson James, Seconded by Councilperson Power's.

Vote	AYES	4	Allinger, James, McCarty and Powers
	NAY	0	
	ABSTAIN	1	Laughlin

Carried

Motion to approve the July 8, 2021 Business meeting minutes was offered by Councilperson McCarty, seconded by Councilperson Laughlin.

Vote	AYES	4	Allinger, James, Laughlin and McCarty
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NAY 0
ABSTAIN 1 Powers
Carried

Motion to approve the July 27, 2021 Meeting was offered by Councilperson Laughlin, seconded by Councilperson McCarty.

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

Carried

Approval of Audit and Claims of Abstract 8 Vouchers

Councilperson McCarty. The Board authorized the payments of the following amounts:

General and Lighting District Vouchers 204-236	\$26,256.57
Highway Fund Vouchers 127-152	\$79,083.13
Recreation Fund Vouchers 14-16	\$462.06
Sewer Fund Vouchers 44-50	\$7,352.26
Water District 1 Fund Vouchers 38-78	\$2,198.32
Water District 2 Fund Vouchers 52-56	\$950.53
Trust & Agency Vouchers 23-23	\$4,751.88

Vouchers were audited by Councilpersons James, Laughlin and McCarty.

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

Carried

Reports

Highway Department- Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren was on vacation.

Water/Sewer Department- Water Supervisor Berggren was on vacation.

Recreation- Recreation Supervisor Austin Kuczek reported summer camp had ended and was now in the process of finishing up administrative items. Austin stated the Town Park ribbon cutting will be scheduled in September. There will be a Chicken BBQ fund raiser on August 28th with thanks to Rob Jordan from the Covered Bridge Market for arranging donations for the event. Austin requested help from the Town Board regarding information about the parks formation to be put onto a vinyl sign for the ribbon cutting. A 3v3 basketball tournament is being planned for either the 28th or the day of the ribbon cutting. Austin commented that in 2020 NCS

had requested use the Van Kirk Road Athletic fields for games, the school will confirm if this request is still warranted. Fall programming- soccer is set to return to IYB league this year. Sign-ups are planned to begin soon. Interest has been shown for Cheerleading, a conditional statement for the cheer program will be drafted for approval.

Code Enforcement- Code Enforcement Officer Alan Teeter reported 7 Building Permits issued in July included-3 mobile home permits, 2 reroof, 1 cell tower, and 1 renovation. Mr. Teeter reported he received a mold complaint. Mr. Teeter also reported the Burdge Hill solar project was ready for close out.

Planning Board- Leo Tidd reported the edits for the solar law are being completed, and that a job description for an intern for the Newfield Hamlet Rehabilitation is being drafted. Mr. Tidd confirmed TG Miller has been consulted for the striping on Main, Bridge and Shaffer Streets as suggested in the Cornell Design Connect project.

Tompkins County Legislature- Representative Dave McKenna reported the County is looking into purchasing more property for county buildings in Ithaca.

Finance and Personnel- Bookkeeper Blix Taetzsch reported half of the ARPA funds have been received. Ms. Taetzsch noted that since we had received ARPA funding it is now time to begin how the Town might use it. She has prepared a summary of guidelines of Federal compliance requirements and has suggested a discussion regarding this at the August 12th meeting.

Ms. Taetzsch stated she has begun preparing the 2022 budget document and has a tentative draft calendar in place for approval. Ms. Taetzsch report included that summer camp is now wrapped up and that the final paychecks have been issued to the staff, and that Rebecca Roe continues working for the Town Beautification Program.

Climate Smart Communities- Councilperson McCarty reported the Clean Heat program has 10 participants. Martha Gold will be filling the committee seat vacated by Heidi Erickson.

Councilperson McCarty also noted the Energy Benchmarking information needs to be updated with required information.

TCCOG- Councilperson James reported that TCCOG there had been a meeting regarding Community Choice Aggregation plan.

Supervisor's Report- Supervisor Allinger reported there are 269 units underserved and not eligible for funding due to the remoteness. ST8 is creating a grant proposal to fund the suspended Fujitsu study. Supervisor Allinger reported on the waste water grant has been completed and submitted.

Action Items

Approval of NCSD 202/221 Tax Collection Agreement

Motion was offered by Councilperson Powers to authorizing Supervisor Allinger to sign the NCSD 2021/2022 Tax Collection Agreement, seconded by Councilperson James.

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

Carried

Seasonal Road Use on Connecticut Hill by the Elmira Snowmobiling Club

The Board agreed for the Supervisor to sign the Seasonal Use Agreement.

Approval of Local Law No. 3- 2022 – A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 1 of 2006 “Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Protection and Building Code”, to add provisions for a local energy code.

Motion to adopt Local Law No. 3 – 2021 was offered by Councilperson Powers, seconded by Councilperson James.

Discussion- Councilperson Laughlin stated she does not support the NY Stretch. Supervisor Allinger stated after much thought and research he felt it is a step to mitigate a problem not being well handled presently. Councilpersons James, McCarty and Powers support the NY Stretch.

Vote AYES 4 Allinger, James, McCarty and Powers
 NAY 1 Laughlin

Carried

Old Business

Discussion and determination of buffer distances pertaining to the new Solar Law

Planning board Chair Leo Tidd provided a visual presentation showing various setback distance examples. Edits were agreed upon and made.

Community Choice Aggregation – tabled until the August 26th meeting.

New Business

Begin Discussion on ARPA funding-Bookkeeper Taetzsch reviewed guidelines for ARPA use and suggested discussion at the next work session.

2022 Budget Calendar and Preliminary Budget Discussion-Bookkeeper Taetzsch reported department heads and agencies have been sent budget request information for the 2022 Town of Newfield Budget. The preliminary budget will be presented prior to the September business

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meeting. Suggested budget workshop sessions have been scheduled and has been posted in TEAMS.

Flood Planning and Mitigation in Valley Manor-tabled for the future.

At 10:02 PM motion was offered by Councilperson Laughlin to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Respectfully Submitted,

August 18, 2021

Karen Miller Kenerson, RMC
Town Clerk