

The March 24, 2022 Newfield Town Board meeting was held in person at the Newfield Town Hall and remotely via Zoom.

Present in person were: Supervisor Michael Allinger, Councilmembers- Joanne James, Christine Laughlin, Casey Powers, Town Bookkeeper Blixly Taetzsch, Town Clerk Karen Miller Kenerson. Attending via Zoom were Councilpersons Heather McCarty and one other attendee.

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

Agenda Approval- no additions or corrections were requested.

Privilege of the Floor- None

Communications- None

Presentations- None

Action Items

Authorize Renewal of Participation in Tompkins County Recreation Partnership

Discussion of Town Partnering cost and to promote Newfield Recreation participants to look into the various programs. Board will approve Supervisor to sign 5-year agreement at the April Business meeting pending resolution.

New Business

Discussion – Reimagining Newfield Recreation Program

Immediate staffing needs are being met by the Newfield Recreation Advisory Committee; Spring Sport signups will be April 6th. Discussion regarding a stipend for sport coordinators to lead the programming. A special meeting will be scheduled for March 31st for Recreation Advisory Committee and Town Board to discuss needs and long-range goals.

Honoring Newfield High School 2022 New York State Class C Basketball Champions

Highway street signs are being made honoring Newfield as the Home of the 2022 NYS Class C Basketball Champions; installation areas are not known yet. Monday Supervisor Allinger will deliver a proclamation to the Basketball Team at a school assembly.

Discussion- Braver Politics

Councilperson McCarty presented the Braver Angel initiative program offerings to the Town Board as a tool to develop skills and commitment for communication to work together and with constituents across differences. Possible areas of discussion could be regarding the Main Street intersection and the NEWHARP project. A special meeting will be planned for this activity in the future.

Old Business

Critical Environmental Areas (CEA's) in Newfield

Data was received by Jeffner Allen regarding property proposed as CEA's. Karen and Blixly will align data with property owners and tax maps. Future Meetings will include the Town Board meeting with the property, adjacent property owners and the general public for a public presentation about Critical Environmental Areas, Public Hearing for community opinion and possible adoption.

At 9:05pm motion was offered by Councilperson Laughlin to move to an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue involving salary and related issues, seconded by Councilperson McCarty.

At 9:50 pm, motion was offered by Councilperson James to return to a public meeting, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

At 9:51 pm, motion was offered by Councilperson Powers adjourn, seconded by Councilperson James.

Respectfully Submitted,

March 25, 2022

Karen Miller Kenerson, RMC
Town Clerk