

The April 14, 2022 business meeting was held in person at the Newfield Town Hall and remotely via Zoom.

Present in person were: Deputy Supervisor Christine Laughlin, Councilmembers- Joanne James, Heather McCarty, Attorney Tom Smith, Town Bookkeeper Blix Taetzsch, County Legislature Representative Randy Brown, Town Clerk Karen Miller Kenerson, and 4 others. Attending via Zoom were Councilperson Casey Powers, Planning Board Chair Leo Tidd and 5 others.

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

Agenda Approval- none

Privilege of the Floor- none

Approval of March 10, 2022 Public Hearing and Business Meeting minutes and March 24, 2022 minutes

Motion to approve the March 10, 2022 Public Hearing and Business meeting minutes and March 24, 2022 minutes was offered by Councilperson James, seconded by Councilperson McCarty.

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

Carried

Approval of Audit and Claims of Abstract 4 Vouchers

Motion to approve the Abstract 4 vouchers was offered by Councilperson Powers seconded by Councilperson James.

General, Fire and Lighting District Vouchers 589-127	29,870.56
Highway Fund Vouchers 40-69	\$215,069.12
Recreation Fund Vouchers 4-5	\$62.45
Sewer Fund Vouchers 16-23	\$2,056.45
Water District 1 Fund Vouchers 32-45	\$11,403.46
Water District 2 Fund Vouchers 26-42	\$9,603.34
Trust & Agency Vouchers 9-11	\$3,948.15

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	NAY	0	
	ABSENT	1	Allinger

Carried

Reports

Highway Department- Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren was absent

Water/Sewer Department- Water Supervisor Berggren was absent

Recreation- Michael Jordan: spring sports coordinator reported baseball and track signups were held in person and online with good numbers. Practices are scheduled to begin after spring break for baseball and the week of May 3 for track and field.

Code Enforcement- Code Enforcement Officer Alan Teeter reported 6 building permits in March (1 new home, 3 roofs, 1 cell tower co location and 1 garage). Mr. Teeter also noted he had attended annual Code Enforcement conference and training in Syracuse and has completed the 24 hours of certification training. Mr. Teeter also stated the Town would need to adopt a local law that will give him the authority to enforce the new and additional changes to the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and building code.

Planning Board- Leo Tidd noted the Planning Board is working with TG Miller PC on the hamlet plan. A representative from Dollar General introduced a project for the Depot Rd and Route 34/96 area. The Sperling project application is expected at the May meeting.

Finance and Personnel- Bookkeeper Blix Taetzsch reported the February the financial statements and bank reconciliations were in TEAMS for Board review. Summer camp registrations have 25 children registered so far and the Recreation Program has 130 children signed up for spring sports. Blix also stated she is working on the ARPA funds report. A one-time election will need to be listed in the report how the Town plans to use the funds for general community priority support.

Tompkins County Legislature- Representative Randy Brown reported Lisa Holmes has been appointed as County Administrator by the Legislature. Real estate re-assessments have been sent to property owners and generally have gone up. If people are concerned about their assessments they should contact TC Assessment, Assessment appeals will be happening in May at local municipalities. The County approved a contract with a Rochester firm to handle the administration of the American Rescue Funds Grants. Single family housing and affordable housing continues to be a focus for the Legislature. Covid continues to be on the front burner, but hospitalizations have dropped. The Tompkins County Health Department and Mental Health have integrated with a focus on mental health initiatives. The County and State have received funds from a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers, with programs being funded for the next ten years. The Office of the Aging has hire 2 home health care aides due to the shortage of home health providers. The Food Policy Council plan will be presented to the Legislature at an upcoming meeting regarding Tompkins County food supply, logistics and local production. Newfield Varsity Basketball team will attend the May 17th Legislature meeting where a proclamation will be read to acknowledge their accomplishment as New York State Division C Champions. A new bottle bill has passed, details and local impact to come.

Climate Smart Communities- Councilperson McCarty reported 2 priority actions still need to be completed for bronze certification. The energy study is wrapping up and Taitem Engineering will present to the Board in the near future.

Clean Energy Communities- Councilperson Heather McCarty reported the advanced energy benchmarking has been completed and has been added to the Town Website.

EMC- Michelle Henry reported Greenspring Natural Cemetery presented at the EMC meeting. There will be a UNA field trip in June on Durfee Hill Rd, and Scott Doyle will be stepping down from TC Planning for a new position.

TCCOG- Councilperson James reported the Energy Committee put a proposal to the State for Clean Energy.

Supervisor's Report- Supervisor Allinger' s report summarized the Newfield Hazard Mitigation grant program discussion, Youth Services, Recreation Committee, Tompkins County Planning, Preferences for Recreation Director position, Tompkins County Shared Services, new County mass notification system, NYS DEC public comments on the Newfield draft unit management plan, Broadband in North and Mid Newfield and the Cayuga Lake Watershed.

Action Items

Appointment of Matthew J. Watros as Deputy Town Historian under Alan Chaffee

Motion was offered by Councilperson James to approve the appointment of Deputy Town Historian to Matthew J. Watros under Alan Chaffee, seconded by Councilperson McCarty.

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

Carried

Appointment of Vanessa Greenlee to the Planning Board Vacancy

Motion was offered by Councilperson McCarty to approve the appointment of Vanessa Greenlee to the Newfield Planning Board for a term ending May 8, 2025, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

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

Carried

April 2022 Budget Modifications

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2022 – April 2022 Budget Modifications

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the 2022 budget based on actual revenues and expenditures in 2022, and

WHEREAS, a detailed listing of each budget adjustment by Fund has been provided below, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Newfield Town Board approves the budget modifications as outlined below.

Account #	Account Name	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Modified Budget
GENERAL FUND REVENUE				
3021	State Aid Court Funding	\$ -	\$ 665.00	\$ 665.00
Total Revenue Adjustments			\$ 665.00	
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES				
1110.401	Justice Court - Grant Contractual	\$ -	\$ 665.00	\$ 665.00
1220.4	Supervisor - Contractual	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 2,735.00
1220.2	Supervisor - Equipment	\$ 400.00	\$ (35.00)	\$ 365.00
Total Expenditure Adjustments			\$ 665.00	

Account #	Account Name	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Modified Budget
WATER #1 FUND EXPENSES				
W1-7340.4	Transmission/Distribution Contractual	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
W1-1990.4	Transmission	\$ 31,070.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 21,070.00
Total Expenditure Adjustments			\$ -	

Account #	Account Name	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Modified Budget
WATER #2 FUND EXPENSES				
W2-8340.4	Transmission/Distribution Contractual	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
W2-1990.4	Contingency	\$ 12,415.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 2,415.00
Total Expenditure Adjustments			\$ -	

Motion was made by Councilperson James approving the April 2022 budget modifications as presented, seconded by Councilperson McCarty.

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

Old Business

Continued Discussion on Recreation and Park Reimagining

Blix explained the possible structures needed for listing the Recreation Director position on the County Personnel site: Part time seasonal which would be non-competitive position where the Director would organize and orchestrate the various activities for the Recreation Department. Or a full-time position that would be listed

as a competitive civil service position. After discussion, Councilperson McCarty offered the motion to post the Recreation Director position as a part-time seasonal position on the Tompkins County Personnel website, seconded by Councilperson James.

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	NAY	0	
	ABSENT	1	Allinger

Carried

New Business

None Criminal Court Cases- The Newfield Justice has reached out to the Board regarding the District Attorney not prosecuting non-criminal cases and how to move forward. This includes Dog and DEC tickets. The Town attorney will look into this.

At 7:56 pm, motion was offered by Councilperson McCarty to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Powers.

Respectfully Submitted,

April 19, 2022

Karen Miller Kenerson, RMC
Town Clerk