

The regular meeting of the Newfield Town Board was called to order at 7:00PM by Supervisor Driscoll. Present: CP James, CP Laughlin, CP Hart, CP Dolge and Supervisor Driscoll. Also present: Town Atty. Edward Hooks, Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren, Water/Sewer Supervisor Rob Brewer and County Legislator Dave McKenna.

The meeting was open with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Driscoll.

Motion was made by CP James to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2010 Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by CP Hart. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - There were no correspondence.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dorothy Sholeen, 1357 Elmira Rd., stated that she couldn't remember how many years ago she worked with law enforcement to have the signs for 90 decibels, noise ordinance put up on Elmira Rd. Her question to the Board is what sort of enforcement is being done and how many tickets are being issued. Supervisor Driscoll will look into this. Also regarding Route 13 from Buttermilk Falls on up to the Newfield turn off the speed limit changed from 45 to 55. There are many driveways and businesses that are very difficult to turn off into safely when people are driving 60 MPH. She is concerned about the safety of the drivers. CP Dolge stated that the Town has no authority to change speed limits. Mrs. Sholeen asked if someone could find out who they need to talk to. Supervisor Driscoll stated he would look into her issues and get back to her.

Joan Victoria, Cayutaville Road, stated that she had met Supervisor Driscoll a few months ago about the gas drilling at a meeting at the fire hall. She wanted to encourage everyone to learn all they could about the gas drilling and encouraged them to see a movie that is showing this weekend called Gas Land. She also asked what the Town Board had been doing regarding this issue. Supervisor Driscoll suggested Ms. Victoria stay for the rest of the meeting for a presentation by Steve Messmer, Delta Engineering.

Tom Gerow, Blakeslee Hill Rd., stated that the Friends of Blakeslee Hill came together again this year to clean up their road. Garbage and other debris was picked up and was placed by the fishing pond. Mr. Gerow thanked the Highway Dept. for picking up the garbage and disposing of it for them. Two overflowing pick-up trucks of trash were removed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mill Park – Supervisor Driscoll stated that he had met with Lynn Watros whom would like to have \$200.00 to finish a corner of Mill Park with landscaping and split rail fencing. Motion was made by CP Dolge to approve the expenditure of \$200.00 to make the improvements of Mill Park. Motion was seconded by CP Laughlin. All approved.

Financial Reports – A discussion was held on the Mary Financial Reports. CP James reviewed with the Board some corrections that were made. There were some formula errors that were not picking up all the figures. These corrections were made by the Bookkeeper.

OLD BUSINESS

Library Request - The Board considered and discussed the request of the Newfield Public Library that the Town contribute money to be used by the library to assist in providing library services to the residents of Newfield.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2010

Following discussion, upon motion of CP James and seconded by CP Dolge, it was RESOLVED as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Newfield Public Library, a free association library registered as such under New York Education Law, provides comprehensive material and services to meet and promote the educational, literary, recreational and informal needs of the Newfield Community; and,

WHEREAS, the Town further recognizes the need to support the library by assisting it to provide services to Town residents by employing Newfield youth during summer of 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is allowed under and by reason of Town Law 64 and Education Law 256 to expend monies to support the library because it is accessible by its services available to all residents of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town shall pay the Newfield Public Library from general funds, the sum of \$500.00 to be used by the library for the purposes above provided and the Supervisor hereby is authorized to perform an/or direct to be performed all such acts necessary to effect this resolution.

A discussion was held regarding the amount of money to be dedicated to the library for this 1 time donation. CP James stated that the reason she suggested the \$750.00 was that the library was expecting this \$,1500 from the County and that the Newfield Public Library is an excellent service to the community and to the taxpayers and is used by the public school and residents of Newfield. We found that in closing the books for 2009 we were in better shape that originally was anticipated. CP Hart suggested a lot less than \$750.00 primarily for the fact the Library received a 15% increase last year which was above the goal we were trying to shoot for, for everyone at 3%. They did receive an increase from the school taxes which he believed was \$3,000.00. He does agree with CP James that it is a good asset for the community. But when they appeared at the last Board Meeting they stated that they would find the funds regardless of whether the town gave them the money or not. CP Hart recommended \$250.00. CP Laughlin stated that she felt the same way CP Hart does and felt that \$500.00 would be her recommendation. CP Dolge stated that he was concerned about setting precedent of this kind of action. The Town has a budget and we expect everyone to stay within the budget and not come back to the Board mid year and ask for additional monies, unless it is an emergency. He believes that providing youth employment is important and this was an unforeseen situation he would be inclined to support the Library in this request but not for \$1500.00. Supervisor Driscoll asked if anyone would like to make a friendly amendment to CP James' proposal. CP Laughlin stated that she would request a friendly amendment to paragraph 5 with the monies to be given to the Library will be \$500.00. CP James agreed to this friendly amendment.

Ayes	Nays
CP James	
CP Laughlin	
CP Hart	
CP Dolge	
Supervisor Driscoll	None

Motion carried.

Oeschner Land Lease and Environmental Impact Survey - Atty. Hooks reviewed with the Board the Short Environmental Assessment Form. When the Board agreed to lease by permissive referendum and this is property being held by the town for purposes of ultimately developing a park the Town is required to do a short Environmental Assessment Form. The Form was reviewed and filled out. Motion was made by CP Dolge authorizing Supervisor Driscoll signing the Short Environmental Assessment Form. Motion was seconded by CP Laughlin. All approved.

Atty. Hooks stated that the Permissive Referendum time has not expired as of yet. There was a full 30 days from the day of publication. Motion was made by CP Dolge authorizing Supervisor Driscoll to sign the Lease with Mr. Oeschner when the Permissive Referendum is over barring any objections from the public. Motion was seconded by CP James. All approved.

Supervisor Driscoll introduced Steve Messmer who is an Engineer with Delta Engineers. Mr. Messmer talked to the Board and the Town regarding a proposal being presented regarding road use agreements and maintenance. Mr. Messmer stated that Delta had begun working on the road use plan for about 2 ½ years. It started in Sullivan County. Many Towns in NY may be experiencing increased traffic due to activity of new energy technologies, such as Marcellus Shale gas drilling and wind farms. Such traffic may exceed the capacity of local roads. This may result in serious problems for Municipalities, including public safety concerns, road damages and impacts on local highway budgets. Delta is in partnership with the Multi-Municipal Task Force to provide engineering services for the development of Road Use Agreements. This group is working to create a method of coping with the traffic that accompanies these new energy technologies. There are 3 phases to follow when making a road use agreement. Phase 1 – Road Network Data Baseline. Phase 2 – Adopt Local Law and RUA permit process, Establish town link into web based automated RUA processing center. Phase 3 When the large development begins, Towns will enter RUA Permit info into a Web based RUA Management Center. The cost for these services would be \$8,500.00. There was a lengthy discussion held with the Board after Mr. Messmer's presentation. Supervisor Driscoll asked that Board Members to send an email to Mr. Messmer with any questions they may have. A work session will be scheduled in July to discuss this matter.

Motion was made by CP James to approve the payment of the June 2010 Monthly Bills. Motion was seconded by CP Dolge. All approved.

General Fund Totaling	\$19,706.53
Highway Fund Totaling	\$29,838.91
Street Light District	\$ 1,207.03
Sewer District	\$29,032.16
Water District #1	\$ 1,861.63
Recreation	\$ 3,718.44
Water District #2	\$ 1,355.91

REPORTS

Supervisor – No Report

Highway – Highway Superintendent Berggren stated he had met with Barton and Loguidice work will be starting on June 28th. Main St. will be closed on the 28th. Hoping the work will be done by Labor Day. Working on some spots on Jackson Hollow Rd. that were really bad. Cleaning pipes on Van Buskirk Gulf Rd.

Water/Sewer – No Report.

Code Enforcement Officers – Code Enforcer Tony Petito reported that all is going well with the cases that he is working on.

Recreation – CP Laughlin reported that the meeting was not held on the 9th but they would be meeting on the 16th. To date there are 63 children signed up for summer camp. All employees have been hired and Scholarships are now being reviewed. Food services are all in order.

County Legislator – County Legislator Dave McKenna reported that after about 3 hours of discussions the County Clerk and the Sheriff's salaries were set.

There being no further business motion was made by CP Dolge to adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM. Motion was seconded by CP James. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Crance
Town Clerk

June 24, 2010
Date