

Town of Newfield Town Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2011

The regular meeting of the Newfield Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Driscoll at 7:00PM. Present: CP Laughlin, CP Hart, CP Trask and Supervisor Driscoll. Also Present: Town Attorney Edward Hooks, Recreation Director, Dustin James, Highway Superintendent Kevin Berggren and Water/Sewer Supervisor Rob Brewer. Absent: CP James due to a family emergency.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR -

Brian McIlroy resident of Newfield asked what the solution was with the Workers Comp from last month's meeting and what penalties were paid. Supervisor Driscoll stated that the Town was going with NYS Health Ins. Fund. He had signed the agreement with True Ins. yesterday and prior to that signed the cancellation of the Perma policy at True Ins. The penalty will be paid, according to Jay True later in the month.

Amy Heffron resident of Newfield asked how much is the penalty. Supervisor Driscoll stated that the penalty would be 10% which will be between \$5500 and \$6000.00. A discussion was held at which point Supervisor Driscoll stated he did not want to use Privilege of the Floor for this type of discussion, Privilege of the Floor is for residents to come and talk to the Board. The Board should not be responding at this time.

Mrs. Heffron stated that she would like to comment on the Recreation Board and requested that the Board look at the by-laws carefully before voting tonight.

Diane Van Schoonhoven Newfield resident expressed her concerns regarding the web site and getting the minutes on the site.

MINUTES - Supervisor Driscoll stated he would like to have it clarified that under New Business item A second paragraph last sentence he stated the \$10,000.00 of contingency funds should state general contingency funds. This will be so noted. Motion was made by CP Trask to approve the minutes of the February 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by CP Hart. All approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Tompkins County Animal Control - A presentation by Abigail Smith, Executive Director of the Tompkins County SPCA, was given to the Board and the Community.

She reviewed the duties of the SPCA and the budget to providing services to the Town. The Board will review this report at the Work Session and discuss the contract between the Town and the SPCA.

B. Adoption of Storm water Management Plan – Cindy Schulte, Storm water Coordinator reviewed the Management Plan with the Board. She also stated that an audit with DEC will be done on February 23, 2011. This audit is to check and be sure we are in compliance with the Storm water law. After discussion motion was made by CP Hart to approve the Storm water Management Plan as written. Motion was seconded by CP Laughlin. All approved. The Plan will be kept on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Motion was made by CP Hart to approve Supervisor Driscoll signing the contract for the Floating Classroom for \$1500.00. Motion was seconded by CP Laughlin. All approved. This contract is part of the Town's Storm water education program.

C. Request to forgive and release Mr. Fred Schmidt from HUD Mortgage – Supervisor Driscoll stated the Mr. Schmidt called and was asking to be released from a HUD Mortgage loan he has with the Town of Newfield. A discussion was held and the Board felt that Mr. Schmidt should write a letter to the Board and request exactly what he is looking for and why he wishes to be released from this obligation. The Board also requested that Mr. Schmidt tell the Board when he took out the loan. Supervisor Driscoll will contact Mr. Schmidt and request him to write the letter.

D. Town Recreation Committee By Laws – CP Laughlin reviewed the revised by-laws for the Recreation Committee. After discussion motion was made by CP Laughlin to approve the Recreation Committee By-laws. Motion was seconded by CP Trask. All approved.

## REPORTS

Highway Superintendent – Highway Superintendent stated the new tractor has arrived and is working well. The 10 wheel plow truck was returned for changes.

Water/Sewer – Supervisor Driscoll stated that there was a job description for a MEO/Water/Sewer person in their packets. Mr. Brewer would like to post the job description for 3 days. One of the highway crew has received both his C & D water

licenses and should be making .50 cents more per hour. Mr. Brewer asked if the applicant needs to fill out a new application. Supervisor Driscoll will contact Tompkins County Personnel and will get back to Supervisor Brewer.

Recreation - Recreation Director Dustin James reported on the programs for recreation and the total participation in the group. All is going well in his area. CP Hart stated that he has been on the Recreation Committee for about 8 years and he is thoroughly impressed with the job that Dustin is doing.

County Legislator - County Legislator Dave McKenna reported that a group of legislatures went to Albany last week and the outlook wasn't good in the area of reducing mandates. What will affect Tompkins County is the Broad Band. There is a good group of people working on getting access for rural areas. The County will be re-districting and are looking for volunteers to work on this service.

Supervisor - Supervisor Driscoll stated the he needed to set up a time and date for a work session. Supervisor Driscoll will email the Board Members with specific dates and times to see which will work for all of them.

Motion was made by CP Laughlin to approve the payment of the February 2011 bills. Motion was seconded by CP Trask. All approved.

General Fund totaling	\$ 52,256.22
Highway Fund totaling	\$ 77,302.51
Street Light District totaling	\$ 988.60
Sewer District #1 totaling	\$ 136.05
Water District #1 totaling	\$ 7,540.88
Recreation totaling	\$ 7,488.83
Water District #2 totaling	\$ 2,184.13

There being no further business Supervisor Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Crance  
Town Clerk

February 24, 2011  
Date