

Town of Newfield Public Hearing
November 9, 2011

The Public Hearing for the 2012 Town of Newfield Budget was called to order at 6:45PM. Present: CP Trask, CP Hart, CP James, CP Laughlin. Also present: Town Atty. Edward Hooks, Highway Supervisor Kevin Berggren and Water/Sewer Supervisor Rob Brewer

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

Supervisor Driscoll stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comment and opinion on the 2012 Town of Newfield Budget.

Diane Harrison, Shaffer Rd. resident thanked the Board Members for giving up their salaries for next year. She noticed that the Supervisor did not take a cut in pay and asked why? Supervisor Driscoll stated he choose not to because he is working a great deal at the Town Hall and feels that it is a tough time and the compensation is not unreasonable. Given that in years past compensation for this position has been as high as \$22,000.00 and thinks it is not unreasonable to leave his at where it is. Mrs. Harrison then asked that it was her understanding that he was collecting unemployment and wondered how that was? Supervisor Driscoll stated that it was brought up at the work session last night and they will be addressing that in January at the first meeting.

Chris Harrison, Shaffer Rd resident stated that NYS labor laws state that if you work more than one day in a week you have to report that. Supervisor Driscoll stated he is doing that. He is reporting one day per week. Mrs. Harrison stated that she was wondering why it is in the budget that he did not take a cut when you were taking other monies from the state as well as his pay. Supervisor Driscoll stated that he was entitled to it and he has declared his time at unemployment and he has told them who he is and what he does.

Diane Van Schoohoven thanked the Board for their hard work and she hopes they don't have an increase in the taxes.

Tina Winstead from the Newfield Public Library thanked the town for their support over the years, it was much appreciated. They also understand and appreciate the hard work that went into the budget for the library. The reduction is about \$2300.00 or 17% and is a tiny amount in the Town's overall budget but it does a lot for our tiny library. She respectfully requested that the money be put back in for the library for 2012.

There being no one to speak further the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Crance
Town Clerk

Nov. 23, 2012
Date