

AUGUST 23, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Board of the Town of Newfane, Niagara County, New York met at the Town Hall, 2737 Main Street, Newfane, New York on August 23, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING/Notice of Hearing was published on August 15, 2023 and posted on August 15, 2023.

Supervisor Syracuse opened the Hearing at 6:45 p.m. and 4 residents were present.

The following were present:

Supervisor: John Syracuse
 Councilman: Rick Coleman
 Councilwoman: Laura Rutland
 Councilman: Troy Barnes
 Councilwoman: Susan Neidlinger
 Attorney: James J. Sansone, P.C.

Town Supervisor read the Notice of the Public Hearing:

Notice is hereby given, that, pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, and the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the Town Board of the Town of Newfane, will hold a public hearing at the Town of Newfane, Town Hall, 2737 Main Street, Newfane, New York, on the 23rd day of August, 2023, at a meeting commencing at 6:45 P.M., to consider the Local Law Amending §184-3 of the Town Code of the Town of Newfane, to change notice to and fees charged to persons defined in §184-1 of said Code, for cutting and removal of overgrown weeds, grass and other vegetation, on property defined in §184-1 of said Code.

The text of the proposed Local Law is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, where it may be examined during regular business hours. A summary of the major provisions of the proposed Local Law is as follows: §184-3 Inspection; removal by Town, of the Code of the Town of Newfane is hereby REPEALED and REPLACED with the following:

§184-3. Inspection; removal by Town. Within 7 days after notice by certified mail is sent to any person defined in §184-1 above, in violation of said Section, the Town Superintendent of Highways or his or designee, shall make an inspection and shall cause weeds, grass and other vegetation on such lands or portion thereof to be cut and removed. The cost to such owner of such cutting and removal, shall be a minimum fee of \$150.00, in addition to the expenses incurred by the Town, and a \$100.00 surcharge for administration shall be certified by the Superintendent of Highways or his or her designee, and shall thereupon become and be a lien upon the property on which said weeds, grass and other vegetation were located, and shall be added to and become and form a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such lot or land, and shall bear interest the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the same officer and in the same manner as taxes levied and assessed against such property.

Supervisor Syracuse opened the floor to questions/comments:

Mr. Bill Reabold, 6315 West Lake Road, Burt, New York had a complaint about neighbor's grass.

Mr. Patrick Van Noort, 6329 East Lake Road, Burt, was inquiring about the ditch on his property and who cleans it out.

A MOTION was made by Councilwoman Neidlinger, seconded by Councilman Barnes to close the Public Hearing.

All present voted Aye.

Motion carried.

Public Hearing adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Newfane, Niagara County, New York met at the Town Hall, 2737 Main Street, Newfane, New York on August 23, 2023.

The following were present:

Supervisor: John Syracuse
 Councilman: Rick Coleman
 Councilwoman: Susan L. Neidlinger
 Councilwoman: Laura L. Rutland
 Councilman: Troy D. Barnes
 Attorney: James J. Sansone, P.C.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Supervisor Syracuse opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. 14 residents were present. A prayer was read by the Town Clerk. The Pledge to the flag was given.

APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Councilman Coleman, seconded by Councilwoman Rutland to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2023 Regular Meeting.

All present voted Aye.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office:

Town of Newfane and Olcott Tourism Minutes, August 1, 2023

Town of Newfane Work Session, July 11, 2023

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Highway Superintendent Jon Miller, excused. Supervisor Syracuse said the Highway Department has been busy paving.

Water Superintendent, Mike Mills, busy with water taps, getting ready for the winter.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Nick Irr, everything is going well, there is compost for residents.

Code Enforcement/Building Inspector, Mike Klock, summer a lot of complaints about grass mowing, hopefully under a new law there will be help enforcing the complaints.

Dog Control Officer, Jeffrey Newman, 4 dogs were running loose on Drake Settlement were taken to SPCA, owners were notified but yet have not picked up dogs. Working on delinquent dogs and answering dog calls.

Marina Director, Nick Glosser, excused. Supervisor Syracuse said the Marina is busy and doing good.

Tourism, Gina Guido-Redden, The Visitor Guide Committee began their efforts to get the guides out a month earlier in 2024 because of the early dates involved with the bicentennial celebrations which begin in early March and the Eclipse in early April. Free movie series, August 24, Doctor Dolittle and August 31, Horton Hears a Who.

The Park after Dark was a big success.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN/RESOLUTION NO. 40, 2023/RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PASSING OF LOCAL LAW NO. 6, 2023 AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF NEWFANE TO REZONE PREMISES KNOWN AS 6520 RIDGE ROAD IN THE TOWN OF NEWFANE, NEW YORK FROM MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICT (MHP), TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2) UNDER THE TOWN OF NEWFANE ZONING ORDINANCE

Resolution No. 40, 2023 was removed from the agenda for further reconsideration with Town Attorney, James Sansone.

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REGULAR MEETING – (con't)

PAY BILLS

A MOTION was made by Councilwoman Neidlinger, seconded by Councilman Barnes to approve the payment of claims totaling \$393,235.71 as audited by the Supervisor and Department Heads and as per Abstract Sheets dated August 23, 2023 which will be filed with the official record:

General Fund.....	\$ 81,036.96
Voucher #'s 33142 -33345	
Highway Fund.....	164,388.78
Voucher #'s 33142 -33345	
Water Dist.....	12,430.70
Voucher #'s 33142 -33345	
Sewer Dist.....	29,356.10
Voucher #'s 33142 -33345	
Refuse District.....	66,764.35
Voucher #'s 33142-33345	
Lighting District.....	5,556.85
Voucher #'s 33142 -33345	
Trust & Agency.....	24,992.53
Voucher #'s 33142 -33345	
Capital Projects.....	<u>8,779.44</u>
Voucher #'s 33142-33345	
TOTAL APPROVED:	\$ 393,235.71
All present voted Aye.	Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPERVISOR SYRACUSE:

- Saturday August 26, 2023 2nd Annual Community Day, 3:00pm-10:00 pm.
- Work Session, Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 5:00pm.
- Halloween Trick and Treat Hours, October 31, 2023, 4 – 7 pm.
- November Board Meeting rescheduled to Wednesday November 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm.
- December Board Meeting rescheduled to Friday, December 29, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

ATTORNEY SANSONE:

- Olcott Beach Jazz Festival, September 3, 2023
- Carousel Park doing great this year.
- Thanked the Tourism Committee for the concerts at the park.
- Thanked Gina for organizing the Park after Dark.

COUNCILWOMAN NEIDLINGER

- The Mural on Main Street has been repainted.
- Harvest Fest, August 26, 2023, 90 West Band, Food Vendors and School Dunk Tank.
- 5 k Race August 27, at 8:30 am, benefit Miller Hose Fire Company.

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None.

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REGULAR MEETING – (con't)

ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Councilman Barnes seconded by Councilwoman Neidlinger, to adjourn the meeting.
All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Mildred M. Kramp, RMC, CMC
Town Clerk

Next Regular Meeting:
September 27, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.