

NOVEMBER 20, 2024

REGULAR BOARD 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 November 20, 2024.

The following Board Members were present:

Supervisor: John Syracuse

Councilwoman: Susan Neidlinger

Councilman: Peter Robinson

Councilman: Robert Horanburg

Excused: Councilman Richard Coleman

Others present: James Sansone, Town Attorney, Jon Miller, Highway Superintendent/Water Superintendent, David Schmidt, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Nick Irr, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, JoAnn Harig, Real Property Appraisal Technician, Karen Young, Tourism, Mary L. Zeller, Confidential Secretary, and 7 residents.

PRAYER & PLEDGE

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A prayer was read by the Town Clerk and the Pledge to the flag was given.

MINUTES FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK

Newfane Golden Agers Meeting Minutes October 10th and 24th, 2024

Town Board Work Session Minutes September 12, 2024

Tourism Committee Minutes November 12, 2024

MISCELLANEOUS FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK

None

APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Town Board Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes October 23, 2024

Supervisor Syracuse asked for a MOTION to approve the Town Board Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes held on October 23, 2024. Moved by Councilman Horanburg, second by Councilwoman Neidlinger, on the question. Hearing no questions, all were in favor, no one was opposed.

All present voted Aye. Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

TOWN/TAX COLLECTOR/HIRE JENNIFER HARRIS DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

The Town Clerk read a letter from Terri L. Iannucci, Newfane Receiver of Taxes, to the Town of Newfane Honorable Board as follows: I would like to request your acceptance of rehiring Jennifer Harris, 6809 Lake Road, Appleton, New York, as my Deputy Tax Collector. Jennifer has proven to be a valuable asset to this office. If accepted, her wages would increase 3% over last year (which equates to \$20.16). I would also like to request petty cash in the amount of \$100.00 to help the upstart of operations for the 2025 tax year. The following is a listing of collection hours for the 2025 tax season: January 2-3, 9am to 4pm Monday – Friday; February 1-28, 1pm to 4pm Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday; March 1-30, 1pm to 4pm Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday; and March 31, 9am to 4pm, The Supervisor entertained a MOTION to accept the recommendation. Moved by Councilwoman Neidlinger, second by Councilman Robinson on the question. Hearing no questions, all were in favor, no one was opposed.

All present voted Aye. Motion Carried

TOWN/WATER/REIMBURSE PAYMENT OVERAGE/JOYCE ROBERTS

The Town Clerk read a letter from Cailynn Feeley, Water/Sewer Department Clerk as follows: To the Honorable Town Board. The owner of 6513 Charlotteville Road has sold the property. A final bill was issued for the sale of the property. The Water Department is requesting the Town of Newfane refund Joyce Roberts in the amount of \$29.48, due to a credit on the water account from overpayment. Please make check payable to Joyce Roberts in the amount of \$29.48. The Supervisor entertained a MOTION to accept the refund request. Moved by Councilman Horanburg, second by Councilman Robinson on the question. Hearing no questions, all were in favor, no one was opposed.

All present voted Aye. Motion Carried

TOWN/CLERK/MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE/WOLCOTT

The Town Clerk advised the Town Board Members that she had mailed Applications to the Mobile Home Park owners for their License Renewals for the 2025 calendar year. The renewals are due by the end of December, 2024. As they come in, she will request approval from the Board to issue the License Renewals. She received the first one back and that is from Susan Wolcott, park located at 6285 Ridge Road in the Town of Newfane. The Supervisor entertained a MOTION to approve the issuance of the Mobile Home Park License for 2025. Moved by Councilwoman Neidlinger, second by Councilman Horanburg on the question. Hearing no questions, all were in favor, no one was opposed.

All present voted Aye.

Motion Carried

TOWN/SUPERVISOR/MILLER HOSE ROSTER/RIEDEL

The Town Clerk read a letter from Alexis Marvin, Secretary for the Miller Hose Fire Company, Inc. as follows: Please add Brian Riedel of 6261 Hatter Road to the Miller Hose Co. Inc. active roster. The Supervisor entertained a MOTION to approve the adding of Brian Riedel to the Miller Hose Company Active Roster, effective immediately. Moved by Councilman Horanburg, second by Councilwoman Neidlinger on the question. Hearing no questions, all were in favor, no one was opposed.

All present voted Aye.

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

The following department heads were in attendance and gave a report on their department. Jon Miller, Highway Superintendent and also the Water/Sewer Superintendent, reported that on the Highway side they have most of the Veteran's Banners taken down, we've been going around trying to do a last repair of pothole patching before the plants close up, we've done some roadside ditching as well as off road ditching. Next week we will begin working on all the holiday lighting, tree trimming and decorations throughout the Town. There are about three pipe jobs that need to be put in yet and we'll start putting the plow equipment together over the next couple of days. On the water side, Mike did a great job of getting everything caught up before he retired. All the irrigation meters are done and in, we are working on the water service inventory, most everything is winterized for the season, only 2 left is Fish Park and the Ontario Street bathrooms. Nick Irr, Chief Operator of the WWTP advised the that plant is running good, the construction is ongoing, they started putting up the walls on the preliminary building, about one-third of the way through. Still have plenty of compost available. David Schmidt, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, stated that it has started to calm down a bit for now which has allowed him to start going through procedures in his office to try to get more organized. Karen Young, Tourism Committee, stated the 2025 Visitor's Guides are at the printer as we speak. We will have 30,000 Guides by January so we can start getting them distributed. We will have volunteers at the Fishing Expo and will have the Guides, hopefully literature and new pictures to display around for people to read and see. We are pushing Christmas right now. The Light up Newfane, the Living Nativity followed by the Santa at the Log Cabin with all the Village Fair Shops open is being pushed and we are hoping to get people out and about all over the Town. This has reached 20,000 people on Facebook so let's hope it brings them out. The Christmas Tree at the Olcott Gazebo is being decorated and the Carousel Park will all be lit up as well.

NEW BUSINESSTOWN/SUPERVISOR/RESOLUTION #35 – 2024 DOG PARK BANK ACCOUNT

The Supervisor brought forth RESOLUTION #35 -2024 THE APPROVAL OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEWFANE TO INSTRUCT M&T BANK TO CREATE A BANK ACCOUNT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED TO ACCEPT AND DISPERSE FUNDS AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE FUTURE DOG PARK INITIATIVE. WHEREAS, the Town of Newfane is desirous in our pursuit of the creation of a dog park within theTown of Newfane, and WHEREAS, this project has been receiving donations of over \$1,000.00 to date with the anticipation of more to follow as this project grows, now therefore be it RESOLVED, by their signatures below, the Town Board of the Town of Newfane respectfully requests M&T Bank to create a bank account specifically designated for the Town of Newfane to accept and disperse funds as they pertain to this future dog park initiative. The Supervisor entertained a MOTION to accept the Resolution. Motion made by Councilwoman Neidlinger, second by Councilman Horanburg on the question. Hearing no questions, all were in favor, no one was opposed.

All present voted Aye.

Motion Carried

TOWN/SUPERVISOR/2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE The Supervisor entertained a MOTION to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule. Motion made by Councilman Robinson, second by Councilman Horanburg on the question. Hearing no questions, all were in favor, no one was opposed.

All present voted Aye.

Motion Carried

TOWN/SUPERVISOR/SET 2025 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Supervisor advised the Board that he had picked a day and time for the 2025 Reorganizational Meeting without knowing any of their schedules so that is up for discussion. All Board Members were available on January 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The Supervisor entertained a MOTION to schedule the 2025 Town Board Reorganizational Meeting for January 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Motion made by Councilwoman Neidlinger, second by Councilman Horanburg on the question. Hearing no questions, all were in favor, no one was opposed.

All present voted Aye.

Motion Carried

PAY BILLS

The Supervisor entertained a MOTION to approve the payment of claims totaling \$1,037,862.46, bills paid in November, 2024, Vouchers #36896-37115, as audited by the Supervisor and Department Heads and as per Abstract Sheets dated 10/24/2024 to 11/20/2024 which will be filed with the official record.

General Fund	\$ 202,360.09
Highway Fund	\$ 108,252.22
Water Fund	\$ 59,768.22
Sewer Fund	\$ 88,555.82
Lighting District	\$ 6,351.80
Refuse District	\$ 70,662.36
Trust & Agency	\$ 923.50
Capital Projects	\$ 500,988.45
TOTAL APPROVED	\$1,037,862.46

Motion made by Councilwoman Neidlinger, second by Councilman Robinson on the question. There were no questions, all were in favor, no one was opposed.

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Dormer, 6072 Exchange Street, asked if in respect to the Dog Park, will that be a 501c3? The Supervisor advised it will be a government entity.

Councilwoman Neidlinger wanted to thank Bill Davis for doing all the decorating at the Newfane Gazebo, it is greatly appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD

We are collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly for the annual drive.

We are collecting winter coats and accessories for the annual drive.

Hess Road Wesleyan Church is hosting free women's clothing on 11/22/2024 and 11/23/2024

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!!! Town Hall closed on November 28 and 29.

Next Town Board Work Session Wednesday December 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Town Hall Closed December 24 and 25

Next Town Board Meeting Monday, December 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Happy New Year! Town Hall closed January 1, 2025.

Please keep the family of Marty Horanburg in your prayers. Marty was a staple in this community and will be greatly missed.

Councilman Robinson thanked the Town for supporting the Annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive.

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ADJOURN

The Supervisor entertained a MOTION to adjourn. Motion made by Councilwoman Neidlinger, second by Councilman Robinson on the question. Hearing no questions, all were in favor, no one was opposed.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Lakes
Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting Monday, December 30, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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