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TOWN OF NEWFANE TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION JANUARY 9, 2025

Town Board Members Present:

John Syracuse, Councilwoman Sue Neidlinger, Councilman Pete Robinson, Councilman Rick Coleman

Excused Members were:

Councilman Robert Horanburg

Others present:

Jim Sansone - Town Attorney, Larry Dormer, Bruce Zeller, Max Russell and a Wilson Government Student.

The Meeting was called to order at 7pm.

A moment of silence was taken for the passing of President Jimmy Carter.

The Work Session Minutes of December 11, 2024, were presented.

- Sue Neidlinger made a motion to accept the December 11, 2024, minutes.
- Rick Coleman seconded.
- All were in favor and the motion passed.

RESOLUTION #1-2025 Amendment to the Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement for 2024 – 2029 TOWN EXTENDING CONTRACT #D014848 FOR 2024-2025

- Rick Colman made a motion to accept this amendment.
- Pete Robinson seconded.

- A Roll Call vote took place:
 - Councilwoman Sue Neidlinger - AYE
 - Councilman Rick Colemand - AYE
 - Councilman Peter Robinson - AYE
 - Supervisor John Syracuse - AYE
- All were in favor and motion passed.

Supervisor Syracuse was notified by the Tourism Committee that the vacant seat on their board was being taken by Kris DeGlopper-Banks.

- A motion was made by Pete Robinson to accept this recommendation.
- Seconded by Sue Neidlinger.
- All were in favor and motion passed.

New Business:

The TextMyGov Emergency Alert System will be going live on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. We have posted this information on our Town Website & Facebook for the public to see, along with flyers at all office windows in Town Hall to be handed out. E-mails were sent out to employees. People will be receiving an initial text message, and they can OPT-IN or OPT-OUT. And if they don't receive an initial text they can text NEWFANE to "91896" to opt in. This program will come in handy as we can zone in on certain areas when problems arise. EX: water main breaks, road closure, tree down, etc.

The Town Community Days to be set for Saturday August 23rd & Sunday the 24th. Sue Neidlinger wants to verify with Rodney about Saturday night music. And then the Town would get a band for Sunday as the talk was to tie in the Sunday race that Luke Adinolfi orchestrates. They really want to make it a 2-day event and more family oriented with Saturday and Sunday activities. They will verify dates for the 2 days. They are looking for someone to take over the Parade for this year, so they are keeping it off the agenda until someone steps up. The Newfane Little League football is on Saturday and many people are tied up for that, so the attendance on the normal Saturday activity is down. The Town wants to make it a family affair, thus the idea of 2 days of events. In preparation for a parade, there was discussion about where funds can come from for bands that would come. It's been hard in the past to get the band's here. The Supervisor mentioned that there are Niagara County Partnership funds which Casino Revenues aid, and that the Town has received in the past. These come from the Niagara County Legislature. Michelle and Roger Phillips were huge helpers with the Parade this past Bicentennial year. The idea of a possible "Parade Manager" ad be put on the Town Facebook and Tourism Pages. Someone may be interested. This all needs to start soon. It was mentioned that the Tourism Book date for the August Community Days will be missing the Sunday date but there will be enough publicity to inform people by summer.

The Supervisor Informed the Board that:

- He is working on a Grigg-Lewis Foundation grant for the Newfane Dog Park.
- Lifeguards for the Beach will be contacted soon.
- A meeting with the school for the summer Rec Program is being set up soon. They are still working on a date.
- The Community Room is busy and booked for usage for Non-Profit groups only.

Public Comments: Larry Dormer: Exchange St commented to Rick Coleman of his appreciation for the Ditching Committee doing a great job. He has also heard from others the great job that is being done!

There was a motion to adjoin made by Pete Robison and seconded by Rick Coleman. All were in favor and motion passed.

The Government Student met with the Board and got signatures and was invited back again.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L Zeller
Confidential Secretary