

Town of Enfield Public Hearing for

**“A Local Law to authorize the public bodies of the Town to use video conferencing technology to participate in public meetings.” 6:00 pm**

**Regular Town Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

**6:30 pm**

**In-person and Via the Zoom Meeting Platform**

**Present:** Supervisor Stephanie Redmond, Town Councilperson’s; James Ricks, Jude Lemke, Robert Lynch, Cassandra Hinkle (6:03 pm); Town Clerk Mary Cornell; Code Office Alan Teeter.

**Supervisor Redmond opened the Public Hearing at 6 pm**

**Public Comments:** Councilperson Lemke explained the purpose of the law. Councilperson Lynch shared that this law is a little different than the first law the Town passed. "This law states that, *in the event of certain extenuating circumstances, a Town Board Member may participate virtually from a private location but we have to have an in-person quorum.* "This helped the Planning Board last week when a member of the Town Planning Board was absent due to having Covid. If this law is passed then it will expire on July 1, 2024, as will the Law that was passed at the State Level. Councilperson Lynch read the law which was passed at the State Level. Councilperson Ricks asked who determines if it is an extenuating circumstances and Councilperson Lemke shared it would be the Town Supervisor. Cortney Bailey asked if this policy would affect the public's attendance or only Town Board Members. Councilperson Lynch shared that if the Town Board Members have this option then the public should have an option to attend virtually. Nancy Spero is happy that The Town Board is offering Hybrid meetings and that she has the option to attend in-person or virtually.

**Supervisor Redmond closed the Public Hearing at 6:30**

**Supervisor Redmond called the Regular Town Board Meeting to Order at 6:30 pm**

**Privilege of the Floor:** James Ricks shared a letter that he wrote and sent to the Ithaca Voice. Councilperson Lynch led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance, and shared that we are a thinking, caring and opinionated board. We ponder and we mix it up at times. The two most important and frequent things are **one - don't fight** and **two - get back to meeting in person.** We had a possible contentious topic to handle this summer and it was passed on to our Town Planning Board for review. He gave an update on the ongoing issues within the Cayuga Nation.

**Additions and Changes to the Agenda:** N/A

**Correspondence:** NYSDOT Approval of speed reduction for Rte. 79. Senator O'Mara's office thanked the Town Board for the Town's Resolution No.2022-72 Supporting Bills S.9131/A.10155-A.

**Water Protection Committee – Nancy Spero.** They last met on August 24<sup>th</sup>. They talked briefly on Flood Insurance. Steven Winkley is continuing to work on mapping in Enfield. They discussed regulated Environmental facilities in Enfield. Their next meeting will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm via Zoom. Councilperson Lynch shared that if any members of the Water protection committee are interested in joining the Counties Committee they are invited to do so.

**Enfield Community Council – Cortney Bailey.** They completed the Summer Camp Program which was a success. They are ramping up for the Harvest Festival (September 24<sup>th</sup>). If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Cortney, Vera or Colleen. The festival will start at the Fire Department and expand to the Enfield Community Center. Youth Programming

is just starting up again. Supervisor Redmond asked if anyone from the ECC has attended any of the seminars and/or are planning on applying for any of the ARPA grant funding. Cortney shared she has spoken with Aileen Grainger the acting Principal at Enfield Elementary School and Aileen shared that the school will be submitting emergency sheltering and will then share with the Town Board and the ECC. The ECC will wait to submit their plans until they have seen the school's plans. Cortney shared that she will work on this more after the Harvest Festival concludes.

**Food Pantry – Diane Aramini.** The full report is on file with the Town Clerk's Office. Councilperson Lynch thanked the volunteers of the Food Pantry for their hard work and the extensive hours that the volunteers give. Supervisor Redmond asked if the paving in front of the Courthouse has helped. Both Diane and Councilperson Lynch shared it has been a huge improvement.

**Cayuga Lake Watershed IO – Stephanie Redmond.** They met in person for the first time in three years, it was nice to put names with faces. They discussed protecting steep slopes and runoffs, and taking actions to protect both surface and ground waters. They are assisting municipalities in finding needed funding for storm water events and protecting waterways.

**Tompkins Health Consortium – Stephanie Redmond.** They are in the process of an independent audit. There will be a 6.5% increase in fees the next budget year, and they have had many new members. A fully insured Medicaid plan for municipality members. They had a walk to end Alzheimer's on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Cemetery Committee – Cassandra Hinkle.** The lawns were taken care of and are nicely manicured. She walked the cemeteries and has not seen any groundhog issues.

**Environmental Management Council – Stephanie Redmond.** A letter of support was received from New York State Climate Leadership. Many members of the council attended an event at Cayuga Lake Summit. They met again to discuss issues involving Cayuga Lake. They will be having an informational flooding event at the TC Public Library with various local speakers. Enfield resident Maureen Molton will be sharing her experience with Flooding in her home.

### **Monthly Reports**

**County Legislator – Randy Brown.** American Rescue Grants application process creation has been completed. The full report is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

**Town Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Redmond.** In addition to the normal duties of the Office of Town Supervisor. She met with the Fire Department for their quarterly meeting, met with the Town insurance rep, and attended calls with other Town Supervisors.

**Town Clerk Report – Mary Cornell.** In addition to performing the normal duties of the Clerk's office the clerk is working with Xerox to obtain a loaner machine until the ordered machine is in. The Clerk worked to find a dog enumerator and updated/provided the board with the documentation related to the enumeration.

**Highway Superintendent Report – Buddy Rollins.** Summer projects have been completed. The lights have been installed in the Salt Barn and the paving for the floor has been scheduled. They are starting on Fall Projects. They have another culvert pipe to install when the weather permits. He had a request regarding a 10-wheeler plow truck. The last truck went for more than he wanted to pay and another truck has come up. He asked for approval to look at the new truck and possibly purchase it (~\$40,000).

Supervisor Redmond motioned and Councilperson Lemke seconded for Highway Superintendent Rollins to purchase a 2013 International dump truck with plow.

Vote: Councilperson Hinkle, Aye; Councilperson Lemke, Aye; Councilperson Lynch, Aye; Councilperson Ricks, Aye; Supervisor Redmond, Aye; Carried.

**Code Enforcement Report – Alan Teeter.** He issued 8 building permits this past month (3 new homes). One was for Cooter’s Custom. He worked on the Local Code Enforcement Law with Guy Krough and it has been finalized. He worked on two complaints, one has been taken care of and the other one is ongoing. He signed a survey map for the Fingerlakes Land Trust. They will hold the land and the Stone-house for a few years and it may then be passed on to the NYS Parks.

**Volunteer Fire Company – Alan Teeter/Ellen Woods.** Alan shared there were 36 calls this past month. Trainings this month will include truck checks, Solid Fuel/Chimney Fire training, an extrication training and, the last training will be EMS/Truck Training. Ellen is speaking as the EMS Director. The Fire Company is now a red cross training center. They are looking forward to offering trainings to the Town/Highway Department. They have three new members in training, and it is a blended training which offers needed flexibility. The Fire Department Board of Directors asked her to present a resolution to the Town Board that she is hopeful has been seen by all Town Board Members. They have an email going out to remind members that they will facilitate flu shots and Covid Booster vaccination clinics. Councilperson Lynch shared that a full 50% of the calls are for EMS services and they have a real shortage of EMS volunteers within the Fire Department community and that out of the new members 2 have EMS experience/backgrounds.

**Planning Board Report – Dan Walker.** The Planning Board met last meet in-person and via Zoom. They discussed Site Plan and subdivision regulation’s; the review process will be ongoing. Councilperson Lynch shared that the Planning Board is doing a great job.

**Tompkins County Council of Government – Robert Lynch.** The next meeting will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The full report is on file with the Town Clerk’s Office.

## **Consent Agenda**

Audit Claims  
Approval of August 2022 Minutes

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lynch.

Vote: Councilperson Hinkle, Aye; Councilperson Lemke, Aye; Councilperson Lynch, Aye; Councilperson Ricks, Aye; Supervisor Redmond, Aye; Carried.

**Discussion: National Flood insurance Program – Alan Springett.** Postponed.

**Discussion: CCA 3.0 – Paul Fenn.** Paul is the President of Local Power LLC based in Western Massachusetts. Which is a Community choice aggregation (CCA). They are operating on a 30-year-old policy with 50 million Americans receiving services today and 30 million of customers are located in California. It is quite a demonstrated Energy Business Model as CCA’s built a lot of renewable energy systems. Expanding on providing renewable energy is only part of the solution. You have all the energy usage in concentrated areas, and to try to improve the 2.0 model, they are adding point of use. Instead of using farm land they will decarbonize and retro fit the buildings and add solar panels to the tops of buildings which are located in cities. That is what they are about as a company and the reason why the City of Ithaca engaged with them as they can provide a service the meets or beats the utility rates. They are assisting low income and small business owners. They want to engage local municipalities to manage in partnership with private businesses. Supervisor Redmond asked what would happen if people didn’t pay their bills? Paul shared that they have designed the programs with hi-churn (turnover of clients) and the risks that brings. Supervisor Redmond asked what meet or beats meant.

Councilperson Lemke asked what kind of projects would they be looking for in Enfield. Paul shared that they would focus on houses and farms. Councilperson Lynch shared that he attended the TCCOG meeting with Supervisor Redmond when Paul gave a presentation. He asked Paul if CCA was an ESCO (No they are an administrator) to be an ESCO you must also sell the product. Being a CCA saves you money which is why both political parties support it. He also asked Paul if the City of Ithaca accepting the lowest or is this just an agreement between the town, the supplier and Local Power LLC. (The CCA administrators are a small class of customers. Councilperson Lynch asked why the Town cannot find bids on their own. Supervisor Redmond thanked Paul for attending the Board meeting. Paul commented that he appreciates the opportunity and skepticism. At this point if you don't do anything you can always join later. This is not a marketing effort just an educational tool.

**Discussion: Senior Citizens Tax Exemption – Jay Franklin.** If a seniors income is under the designated limit then their property assessment will be cut in half. Depending on what the Town decides to allow as a deduction will determine what is applied. The Town of Enfield currently has an M which is \$24,000. The state does not allow an increase. The previous maximum was \$29,000. 105 residents would be impacted by this. The County will be meeting next week to decide on raising their limit to \$35,000. He can send an analysis to the Town Board. Councilperson Lemke asked if the limit is \$50,000. Supervisor Redmond asked the Town Board members what dollar amounts they would like to consider is \$35,000 a good figure. Councilperson Lynch asked Jay when he needs an answer, he would like to have the information by the middle Friday of this December. Jay will send Clerk Cornell sample resolutions that they have used in the past. Supervisor Redmond would like to see it at \$35,000 and \$40,000. Councilperson Lynch would also like to see it at \$29,000. We should share this information with our residents as well. Ellen Woods commented that she would like to see our Seniors get as much as a discount as possible. The Town gets tax monies first, but some of this money is County money. She would like to see how many seniors would benefit from this. Jay shared that you can also allow exemptions for low income/disabled land owners. Jay will include these numbers as well in the analysis. Councilperson Lynch would like to present the three different options at our November meeting and have the public weigh in. Jay shared that he will be presenting the possible exemptions for EMS workers and Firefighters, during the October TCCOG meeting. He will be working with the County department of emergency response and is hopeful he can bring something consist to the board.

**Discussion: Local Law # 2022 Code Enforcement Law**

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Hinkle seconded to hold a Public Hearing on October 12, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Vote: Councilperson Hinkle, Aye; Councilperson Lemke, Aye; Councilperson Lynch, Aye; Councilperson Ricks, Aye; Supervisor Redmond, Aye; Carried.

**Resolution # -2022 Move to Adopt Local Law #5 of 2022 “A local law to authorize the public bodies of the Town to use video conferencing technology to participate in public meetings”**

WHEREAS, upon proper notice a Public Hearing was held on the 14th day of September 2022, where all persons wishing to speak regarding proposed Local Law #5 of 2022 were heard by the Enfield Town Board, and

WHEREAS, after consideration of all information presented and available, it is the determination of the Enfield Town Board that the Town will be best served adopt Local Law #5 of 2022- “A local law to authorize the public bodies of the Town to use video conferencing technology to participate in public meetings”, so now therefore it be

RESOLVED: that the Town Board of the Town of Enfield hereby enacts, adopts and approves Local Law #5 of 2022 in the form as presented to this meeting, being the same as was presented at the Public Hearing; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk file this Local Law with the New York Department of State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lemke seconded. A Brief Discussion followed.

Vote: Councilperson Hinkle, Aye; Councilperson Lemke, Aye; Councilperson Lynch, Aye; Councilperson Ricks, Aye; Supervisor Redmond, Aye; Carried.

After the initial vote Councilperson Lynch suggested amending the language of the resolution to include the related policy.

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lemke seconded to amend the resolution as follows.

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RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk file this Local Law with the New York Department of State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Vote: Councilperson Hinkle, Aye; Councilperson Lemke, Aye; Councilperson Lynch, Aye; Councilperson Ricks, Aye; Supervisor Redmond, Aye; Carried.

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Hinkle moved to accept the amended resolution.

**Resolution # 73-2022 Move to Adopt Local Law #5 of 2022 "A local law to authorize the public bodies of the Town to use video conferencing technology to participate in public meetings"**

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RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk file this Local Law with the New York Department of State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Vote: Councilperson Hinkle, Aye; Councilperson Lemke, Aye; Councilperson Lynch, Aye; Councilperson Ricks, Aye; Supervisor Redmond, Aye; Carried.

#### **Resolution #74 -2022 Enumeration Agreement**

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lynch seconded. Discussion. The Town Clerk went over the enumeration process and the agreement with the Town Board. Councilperson Ricks suggested raising the per dog fee that the enumerator would receive to \$5.00 per dog, after deliberation the Board members agreed to increase the fee per dog to \$4.00. Councilperson Lynch shared that the Town Clerk had requested the Town Board approve an enumeration and we should do so.

WHEREAS, the Town Board discussed the Enumeration Agreement; and

RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Board authorizes Supervisor Redmond to engage the services of Pat Baker to conduct a dog enumeration.

Vote: Councilperson Hinkle, Aye; Councilperson Lemke, Aye; Councilperson Lynch, Aye; Councilperson Ricks, Aye; Supervisor Redmond, Aye; Carried.

**Discussion: Illegal burning of garbage.** Supervisor Redmond would like to create an educational brochure, etc to educate the public. Councilperson Lynch agreed. Ellen Woods spoke on responding to trash calls and strongly encourages people to not burn trash as burning plastic can cause cancer. Supervisor Redmond shared a Flyer will more expensive, but might be most effective in providing education to community members. She asked Board members to brainstorm ideas. Councilperson Lynch shared that we are moving in the right direction.

#### **Resolution #75-2022 Environmental Management Council Appointment**

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lemke seconded.

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby appoints Stephanie Redmond to represent the Town of Enfield on the Environmental Management Council

Vote: Councilperson Hinkle, Aye; Councilperson Lemke, Aye; Councilperson Lynch, Aye; Councilperson Ricks, Aye; Supervisor Redmond, Aye; Carried.

**Standard Workdays Resolution**

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lemke seconded. Discussion: Several board members expressed confusion on how to read this resolution. Clerk Cornell shared she worked with Town Bookkeeper Blixy T. to complete the resolution as it can be a confusing process.



Received Date

**Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials**

Employer Location Code

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

**RS 2417-A**

(Rev.11/19)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Enfield / 30576 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

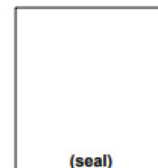
Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
<b>Elected Officials:</b>									
Barry "Buddy" Rollins			Highway Superintendent	01/01/22-12/31/23	8	30.21	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Cornell			Town Clerk	01/01/22-12/31/23	6	24.81	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I, Mary Cornell, secretary/clerk of the governing board of the Town of Enfield, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 20\_\_ on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Enfield on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**Affidavit of Posting:** I, Mary Cornell being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on \_\_\_\_\_ and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the: \_\_\_\_\_

- Employer's website at: townofenfield.org
- Official sign board at: 168 Enfield Main Rd, Ithaca NY 14850
- Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: \_\_\_\_\_



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Vote: Councilperson Hinkle, Aye; Councilperson Lemke, Aye; Councilperson Lynch, Aye; Councilperson Ricks, Aye; Supervisor Redmond, Aye; Carried.

**Discussion: Schedule Special Town Board Meeting for September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to review the Tentative Budget.** Councilperson Lynch had a question regarding state retirement. The general fund \$22,700 was budgeted but we have only spent \$5,000. Will more be spent. Former Clerk Woods spoke on issues with NYS Retirement and that she did not receive full credit for 2020. Councilperson Lynch shared that is it going to be a challenging budget year.

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lynch seconded.

Vote: Councilperson Hinkle, Aye; Councilperson Lemke, Aye; Councilperson Lynch, Aye; Councilperson Ricks, Aye; Supervisor Redmond, Aye; Carried.

**Discussion: Town Board resolution from the Fire Department**

Councilperson Lynch read the resolution. The radios are above the original request from the that was provided to the Town Board. This request was submitted to the County for the original request from ARPA, they are submitting this request to the county and also included a request for new radios. They have not gone through any of the process and whatever the process is the Fire Department will follow whatever request the County lays out for organizations.

Councilperson Lynch shared it would make a cleaner resolution if we had a dollar figure of what is being proposed to the community rescue funds. A resolution will be added to the agenda of the next Special Town Board Meeting to be voted on.

Privilege of the floor: Tom Joyce reported on the issues with the Cayuga Nation and a Cayuga Police report. Marcus Gingerich spoke on the large increase for the per dog collection fee for the Dog Enumerator. He has many questions about the presentation by Paul Fenn that was given tonight. He does not think that this presentation is as clean and accurate as it was described and needs careful consideration. Supervisor Redmond shared that the idea with the CCA is that more people are involved and we have more leverage/ buying power.

Announcements:

Adjournment: Councilperson Lynch motioned and Councilperson Hinkle seconded; Adjourned: 10:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Cornell*

Mary Cornell  
Town Clerk