

Town of Enfield
Regular Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm
In-Person and Virtually Via the Zoom Meeting Platform

Attendance: Supervisor Stephanie Redmond; Councilpersons, Cassandra Hinkle, Robert Lynch; Town Clerk Mary Cornell.

Virtual Attendance: Councilperson Jude Lemke (6:58 pm)

Excused: Councilperson James Ricks.

Call to Order: Supervisor Redmond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Privilege of the Floor: Ann Rider publicly thanked the Volunteers of the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company and is grateful for the age ranges of the Volunteers. She brought to the Town Board's attention the quality of the volunteers and their willingness to always volunteer.

Tom Joyce gave a medical update for James Ricks. James had numerous small vessel strokes that may not necessarily heal and could get worse. James is struggling with controlling his blood pressure. He is in good spirits and he does not appear to have any lasting complications.

Robert Lynch gave a brief statement as a Councilperson. He focused on plans in the City of Ithaca to demolish the former Joe's Restaurant and replace it with a high-rise apartment house. Did you ever dine at Joes Restaurant in the City of Ithaca, Councilperson Lynch asked. The citizens of Ithaca never took the opportunity at a recent Planning Board meeting to give their opinion on that building being demolished and a multi-unit apartment building built in its place, Lynch said. Councilperson Lynch tied the Joe's Restaurant planned demolition to challenges facing an Enfield building. Two doors down from where we our meeting tonight is the Old Enfield Baptist Church, which is currently owned by a private citizen, Lynch said. The building is deteriorating and some town residents would like the building torn down. Councilperson Lynch would like to see someone purchase the building and fix it. He would like our future generation to point to the historic landmarks in the town as part of our community.

Additions and Changes to the Agenda: Supervisor Redmond would like to move the Enfield Clean-Up Days discussion to before old Business. Addition of a Resolution to assign American Rescue Plan funds to the Enfield Community Council, and a resolution for the County ARPA funds redistribution. Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel.

Correspondence: N/A

Discussion: Enfield clean up Days. Judy Hyman - In the past a group of volunteers did a clean-up of Bostwick Rd ditches and it looks better. Judy explained that she thought it might be nice for the Town to do a Town wide ditch and road clean-up. She is hopeful that the County will provide the bags and pick up the trash bags once they have been filled. Ed & Helen Hetherington shared that the Fire Company clean ditches on some of the side roads, as well as rte. 327 Supervisor Redmond communicated with the Tompkins County Highway Dept and they are willing to provide trash collection bags. The Town of Enfield Highway Department has proposed clean-up days for May 18-20. Supervisor Redmond suggested coordinating with the Fire Company and others within the Town. Supervisor Redmond asked Debbie Teeter and Ann Rider if they would coordinate with the Fire Company. Judy asked if the dates could be set by the locate groups involved. Clerk Cornell will look into having an electronic sign-up sheet. The Town Ditch clean-up day will be held May 6, 2023 starting at 8 am a post will be added to the website in early April.

Quarterly Reports:

Environmental Management Council – Stephanie Redmond. They are seeking volunteers to produce the bi-weekly newsletters. The Village of Groton and the Town of Ulysses are working on updating their comprehensive plans.

Enfield Community Council – Debbie Teeter/Ann Rider. Debbie Teeter - They just booked their 4th large event for the year. The kitchen has been consistently booked. They have twice weekly fitness classes. The Rhubarb festival will be held on May 20th, 37 people have signed up for the Chamber of Commerce event. 57 people attended the Cabin Fever Event and they had almost 50 people at the Valentines Event. They currently have a full board and they may increase the total board members by two. The quarterly newsletter is ongoing to rave review. The local quilters group is using the facility and has completed the top of the ECC quilt. They are selling tickets for the quilt, see Ann Rider or Debbie Teeter for more information. They sponsored Basketball again this year and it was held at Enfield Elementary School. The Enfield Fire Company jointly sponsored and provided funds for the uniforms (donated funds are raised from the BBQ's).

Tompkins County Youth Report – Lisa Monroe/Randy Brown. They are looking for additional Board members to help meet quorum. They have funding available specifically for youth mental health services. There is a high need for lifeguards in this area and the Ithaca YMCA is offering lifeguard certification for \$50.00.

Food Pantry: Robert Lynch – Read the full report submitted by Food Pantry director Owens and the full report is on file with the Town Clerks Office.

Cayuga Watershed IO – Stephanie Redmond. Rebecca Schneider gave a talk on ditch water runoff and ditching best practices. They are working to move the water into bio-streams and ponds instead of directly into our water supply. They next meet on March 22.

Tompkins Health Consortium – Stephanie Redmond. They did a presentation on no cost programs available through the Consortium. They will offer a class on advance care planning on April 18th. In honor of national nutrition month, they are having several food drives throughout the month. They have had public outreach on hypertension and cholesterol awareness. More information can be found on their website.

Cemetery Committee – Cassandra Hinkle. The full report is on file with the Town Clerk's Office. Councilperson Hinkle moved and Councilperson Lynch seconded to hold the Cemetery clean-up on Saturday May 13, 2023 starting at 10:00 am. Contact Cassandra for more information.

Water Protection Committee – Stephanie Redmond. They are almost finalized with the water protection plan which will then be submitted to NYS for approval. Once this approval has been received, they will submit the plan to the Town Board for Final approval.

Monthly Reports

County Legislature – Randy Brown. The full report is on file with the Town Clerk's Office. Councilperson Lynch shared that a resolution would be presented later tonight which will assist in Randy's request for Town Board input. Councilperson Lynch inquired about the resolution in state legislation of support of climate change (562A). In January 2030 Code Enforcement officers will not be allowed to issue permits for fossil fuel ranges or furnaces in new homes. Randy believes that climate change is important and the state is putting the cart before the horse as NYSEG can't support the current grid needs.

Town Supervisors report – Stephanie Redmond. She attended the planning board meeting, the water resource meeting, and met with the Fire Company for their quarterly liaison meeting. She met with Art Cap solutions in addition to the regular duties of the Office of Town Supervisor.

Town Clerk Report – Mary Cornell. Tax Season is wrapping up. Dog Enumeration will resume this weekend, residents can expect to see enumerator P. Baker in the next several weeks.

Highway Superintendent Report – Buddy Rollins. The highway department has been completing normal winter projects and has been able to start getting spring projects organized.

Code Enforcement Report – Alan Teeter. He issued one new building permit and will be approving two more in the next few weeks. He completed his training and the Town earned 250 points. Training topics included - In 2030 NYS will no longer allow fossil fueled heating/appliances and parts will not be available. They spoke of coverage when code enforcement officers are on vacation/out of the office. There is a shortage of code enforcement officers and many cover more than one municipality. Applegate Solar Farm is looking to apply for their building permit after experiencing a ~1 year delay. Alan will present a resolution next month for the Town to establish a permit for re-roofing. He will also have an application available for review. Councilperson Lynch highly recommends that the Supervisor and Councilperson Lemke confer to the legal obligations of the solar operator requirements with the changes in the Solar Law. Supervisor Redmond has asked for Estimates as they showed a much lower cost estimate than they had previously given. Councilperson Lynch will confer with Councilperson Lemke on Solar Law issues.

Volunteer Fire Company Report – Alan Teeter. 19 calls last month. March Trainings may include - truck checks, SCBA training, rescue training, and either grass fire or ice water training. There will be a Chicken BBQ on March 12th. Narcan trainings are in development more information will be provided to the Town Board as it becomes available.

Planning Board Report – Dan Walker. They did the preliminary site plan review for Breezy Meadows and they have set a public hearing for the April 5, 2023. Dan attended FEMA's consultation coordinator mapping meeting at the Tompkins Co Public Library. This meeting was to update everyone on the mapping schedule. They are looking at a public open house where the public can talk about the flood mapping in April or May, they will be sending documents to the town and asked Dan to provide them with a location to view the maps, Dan provided them with the Town Hall's address. The maps are available on the FEMA website, he will provide Clerk Cornell with the link.

Tompkins County Council of Govts – Robert Lynch. The full report is on file with the Clerk's Office. March 23, 2023 will be the next TCCOG Meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Audit Claims: General Fund vouchers #57-78 dated March 8, 2023 in the amount of \$129,964.92.
Highway Fund vouchers #26 - 44 dated March 8, 2023 in the amount of \$37,669.05.
Fire Company vouchers #60 & 69 dated March 8, 2023 in the amount of \$30,442.75.

Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2023

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Hinkle seconded. No discussion.

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

Old Business:

Withdrawn - Resolution # - 2023 A Resolution to provide health insurance coverage eligible to the Office of Enfield Town Clerk.

New Business

Presentation from Tompkins County Solid Waste about the Food Scraps Program

Jeremy Betterley - He has worked with the County for ~6 years and his area of focus is the Organics program which focus on food scrap recycling. They have been collecting ~500 tons of compost donations each year. The product is sent to Cayuga Compost and they have 17 collection sites throughout the county and Enfield would be a great addition to the

program. Supervisor Redmond had shared the documents/plans that were sent to her with the board via email. When you sign up or come to one of the drop sites you can get a one-gallon kitchen caddy and compostable bag liners. All food scraps, paper towels, napkins can be collected. Jeremy shared the draft plan via his computer screen. They would like to take advantage of the Saturday Food Pantry hours for collection hours. Councilperson Lynch asked if it is true that State Law requires large entities to recycle their food scraps.

Supervisor Redmond motioned and Councilperson Hinkle seconded to participate in the Food Scrap Recycling Program and providing a location (land) for use by Tompkins County Solid Waste.

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

Review of Town Financials - Presentation by Bookkeeper Blix Taetzsch.

The last outside audit had not taken place since 2018 and an unmodified audit report had not been given before. Incorporating all of this information together the Town did receive a 2021 unmodified audit report which had been sent to Town Board members via email. The auditors have started the 2022 audit. There were no comments or findings from the audit. She suggested the Town board may want to hear from the auditors when they complete the 2022 audit.

Councilperson Lynch asked for Blix's input on the Salt Barn Bond. Blix and Supervisor Redmond are looking into providing an itemized report to the DEC, which is the same information that Supervisor Redmond had already sent last summer. Blix shared that all of the work has already been completed. Do we go to bonds or do we stay with bond anticipation notes? Municipal solutions will provide the most recent recommendations and may provide the best advice at this time. Until we receive the funds from the DEC the town is unable to look into long-term financing. The bands expire in ~June 2023. To seek long-term financing Municipal Solutions will need as much lead time as possible.

Resolution # 38-2023 Approval of Final 2022 Budget Modifications

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the 2022 budget based on the final results of revenues and expenditures in 2022, and

WHEREAS, a detailed listing and description of each budget adjustment by Fund has been provided to the Town Board for review as presented below, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Board approves the budget modifications as outlined below.

Account #	Description	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Modified Budget
Expenditures				
DA5112.4	EWR Expenditures	\$ 30,981.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 30,982.00
DA5112.3	PAVE NY Expenditures	\$ 59,442.00	\$ (1.00)	\$ 59,441.00
DA5130.2	Machinery - Equipment	\$ 210,457.45	\$ 14,795.00	\$ 225,252.45
DA5130.4	Machinery - Contractual	\$ 95,000.00	\$ (6,270.00)	\$ 88,730.00
DA5130.45	Diesel and Gas Fuel	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 75,340.00
DA5140.1	Brush, Weed Removal - Personal Service	\$ 25,304.00	\$ 6,442.00	\$ 31,746.00
DA5142.1	Snow Removal - Personal Service	\$ 57,850.00	\$ 24,960.00	\$ 82,810.00
DA5110.1	General Repairs - Personal Service	\$ 149,700.00	\$ (31,402.00)	\$ 118,298.00
DA9030.8	Social Security	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 18,710.00
DA9060.81	Health Insurance	\$ 65,900.00	\$ (1,210.00)	\$ 64,690.00
Total Expenditure Adjustments			\$ 8,865.00	
Revenues				
DA2665	Sale of Equipment	\$ 2,870.00	\$ 8,865.00	\$ 11,735.00
Total Revenue Adjustments			\$ 8,865.00	

Description of Proposed Adjustments: These highway fund year-end adjustments cover overages in spending on equipment, fuel, seasonal salaries, snow removal salaries, and social security. The salary overages really just reflect a change in the classification of salaries, with savings in general repairs salaries covering these overages. In total, salaries did not exceed the original budget plan. Funds from the sale of equipment, plus savings in machinery contractual costs covered the overages in equipment and fuel spending. A minor overage in social security was covered by savings in health insurance.

Account #	Description	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Modified Budget
Expenditures				
A1220.13	Supervisor - Deputy Supervisor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1.00	1 \$ 5,001.00
A1220.41	Supervisor - Contractual	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1.00)	1 \$ 1,499.00
A1320.4	Auditor - Contractual	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 19,200.00
A1316.42	Bookkeeper - Contractual	\$ 400.00	\$ 15.00	2 \$ 415.00
A1316.44	Bookkeeper - Payroll Fees	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (15.00)	2 \$ 3,985.00
A1330.4	Tax Collector - Contractual	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 15.00	3 \$ 4,015.00
A1410.11	Town Clerk - Personal Service	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 1.00	3 \$ 22,001.00
A1410.12	Town Clerk - Deputy Personal Service	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1.00	3 \$ 12,001.00
A1410.4	Town Clerk - Contractual	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 70.00	3 \$ 4,370.00
A1420.4	Attorney - Contractual	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 12,880.00
A1620.2	Buildings - Equipment	\$ 300.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,600.00
A1620.43	Buildings - Web/IT Services	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 530.00	3 \$ 7,530.00
A1670.4	Central Print and Mail - Contractual	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (717.00)	3 \$ 1,283.00
A3310.4	Traffic Control - Contractual	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 290.00	4 \$ 3,790.00
A3010.4	Public Safety - Contractual	\$ 2,420.00	\$ (290.00)	4 \$ 2,130.00
A3520.4	Dog Enumeration	\$ -	\$ 100.00	3 \$ 100.00
A5132.4	Gargage - Contractual	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 710.00	5 \$ 4,210.00
A5182.4	Street Lighting - Contractual	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,200.00
A5010.2	Supt Highway - Equip	\$ 500.00	\$ (230.00)	5 \$ 270.00
A5010.4	Supt Highway - Contractual	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (480.00)	5 \$ 1,020.00
A7310.4	Youth Program - Contractual	\$ 52,305.00	\$ 877.00	\$ 53,182.00
A7555.4	Beautification - Contractual	\$ 500.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 710.00
A8020.4	Planning - Contractual	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 2,270.00
A8810.4	Cemeteries - Mowing	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 100.00	6 \$ 8,100.00
A8810.41	Cemeteries - Burial Coordinator	\$ 1,900.00	\$ (100.00)	6 \$ 1,800.00
A9050.8	Unemployment	\$ 2,660.00	\$ 225.00	7 \$ 2,885.00
A9060.81	Health Insurance	\$ 13,900.00	\$ (225.00)	7 \$ 13,675.00
Total Expenditure Adjustments			\$ 14,037.00	
Revenues				
A2680	Insurance Recovery	\$ -	\$ 4,630.00	\$ 4,630.00
A3005	Mortgage Tax	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 9,407.00	\$ 49,407.00
Total Revenue Adjustments			\$ 14,037.00	

Description of Proposed Adjustments: These General Fund budget adjustments address final adjustments needed to cover spending through the end of the 2022 budget year, incorporating accounts payable at 12/31. Many of the adjustments are minor, in some cases due to rounding or other minor differences from the budget plan. You will notice that, where possible, savings in spending in the same budget area are being used to cover these minor overages. These offsetting entries have been coded with the same number to display offsetting amounts. The remaining adjustments are being covered by excess revenue in two areas - one represents funds received to mitigate the cost of the asbestos removal in the court house, and the other is excess mortgage tax revenue. Mortgage tax revenue exceeded the original budget in total by over \$30,000, and we are only using a portion of that to balance to cover the remaining budgetary needs.

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Hinkle seconded. No further discussion.

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

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ENFIELD**

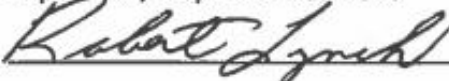
RESOLVED, that the undersigned members of the Town Board of the Town of Enfield, Tompkins County, New York upon reading the Appointment of Hearing Officer executed by Stephanie Redmond, Supervisor dated December 23, 2022; the Notice of Public Hearing published on January 3, 2023 in the Ithaca Journal; and the report of Hearing Officer dated January 23, 2023 for the Public Hearing held on January 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.; hereby approve the "Approval of Borrowing" attached hereto and further direct that the Enfield Town Supervisor execute such "Approval of Borrowing" on behalf of the Town Board.

Dated February 8, 2023

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ENFIELD




Supervisor, Stephanie Redmond



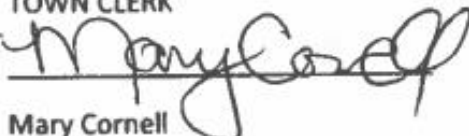
Robert Lynch

Jude Lemke

James Ricks


Cassandra Hinkle

TOWN CLERK



Mary Cornell

REPORT OF HEARING OFFICER

Public Hearing

January 23, 2023

7:00p.m.

Dennis Hubbell, President of the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company, having been appointed Hearing Officer on December 27, 2022, by Stephanie Redmond, Supervisor of the Town of Enfield, pursuant to a certain Notice of Public Hearing published in the Ithaca Journal on January 3, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto, and such public hearing having been duly scheduled and held pursuant to such Notice on January 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company, located at 172 Enfield Main Road, Ithaca, New York 14850, now reports as follows:

The hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. by the Hearing Officer and the following people appeared and were heard:

No one present

The hearing duly closed at 7:30 p.m. there being no further appearances.

Dated: January 23, 2023



Dennis Hubbell, Hearing Officer

Attachments: Notice of Public Hearing

Affidavit of Publication

PUBLIC HEARING

January 23, 2023

7:00 p.m.

NOTE: YOU MUST PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS BELOW IN ORDER TO APPEAR; COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER; ANY WRITTEN DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE HEARING OFFICER BEFORE THE HEARING COMMENCES.

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NO ONE PRESENT

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lynch seconded. No further discussion.

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

Discussion: Recycle Bin for Food Pantry

Councilperson Lynch explained the background on loading the boxboard from the Food Pantry on a consistent basis. Councilperson Lynch had received some comments of concerns from Enfield residents. He would like to know how the dumpster will be monitored, etc. Clerk Cornell shared that the dumpster will be emptied weekly and if there become any issues with people dropping off trash that the dumpster can be locked. Casella is the service provider and they have stated that they will still empty the dumpster even if trash is put in with the recycling. It will be charged as trash instead of the recycling rate. The consensus of the board is to allow the dumpster and it can be readdressed if there are any issues that arise.

Discussion: Purchase of building signs for the Town Hall and the Town Courthouse

Clerk Cornell shared that residents have complained of lack of signing on the Town Hall and the Town Courthouse. Clerk Cornell had worked with Superintendent Rollins on designing and choosing the correct material, locations for the signs that were presented at the meeting. The board is in agreement to purchase signs utilizing funds from the contingency account to purchase the signs. Cost estimates are project the signs should be under \$2,000.

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Hinkle seconded.

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

RESOLUTION #2023-Tabled A Resolution to Assign American Rescue Plan Funds to the Enfield Community Council

Whereas, the Enfield Community Council (ECC) provides many valuable services to the Enfield Community, including its sponsorship of youth programs, summer camp, and various community activities that benefit persons of all ages; and

Whereas, the Enfield Town Board provides recognition of these community benefits through its multi-year contract with the ECC and allocates through that contract for 2023 an annual subsidy of \$52,456 to assist in ECC's programming; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftereffects have curtailed the Enfield Community Council's ability to fulfill its mission, have temporarily diminished participation in ECC activities, have restricted fundraising, and have imposed upon the ECC financial hardship; and

Whereas, on February 27, 2023, the Enfield Community Council Board of Directors adopted a 2023 Budget projecting a shortfall of revenues under expenses of nearly \$20,000, a shortfall reflective of the ECC's short-term financial challenges; and

Whereas, in documentation received by this Town Board subsequent to the 2023 budget's adoption, the ECC Board of Directors has projected that not only will it incur a \$20,000 financial shortfall in 2023, but also that a deficit of about half that amount, or \$10,000, will occur in 2024; and

Whereas, by its Directors' statement, duly received by this Board, the Enfield Community Council has requested the Town Board to, in its words, "award \$30,000 in Covid Relief Funds to get us through the next two years when we will become solvent; "and

Whereas, The Town of Enfield has received an award of federal funding under the American Rescue Plan (ARPA), the Town's unallocated balance of which stands sufficient to cover the ECC's total \$30,000 request; and

Whereas, allocation of the \$30,000 requested by the ECC clearly comports with the federal government's stated intention under ARPA that funds be purposed, whenever possible, to provide post-pandemic relief; and

Whereas, this Town Board believes the ECC stands worthy of the Board's assistance and that honoring the organization's request provides a fitting use of ARPA funds; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Enfield Town Board hereby assigns \$30,000 from its allocation under the American Rescue Plan to the Enfield Community Council for the purpose of covering the organization's projected short-term, pandemic-created losses for fiscal years 2023 and 2024, and that such allocation stands in addition to this Town's funding to the Enfield Community Council under its current contract.

Councilperson Lynch moved and Councilperson Lemke seconded. Discussion: ECC Funding

Deb Teeter from the ECC. She has been treasurer of a lot of organization's and she has been on the ECC board in the past and she came back on the board when she heard that they may be able to purchase a new building. The pandemic put a kink in their plans. They are seeing now that they can pay their own way with rentals and events, they made what they think is a very sound projection of events/rentals and the Rhubarb Festival has potential. When they are able to increase rentals and events then she thinks they will be able to meet their budget on their own. She thinks the future is bright and she thanks those that first started the community council savings. They could cover the deficit with reserves, it would however, deplete their reserves. The Community Council now has nine members on their board and they have a solid budget. Deb asked if there were any questions. Blix asked what the monies would be used for, Deb answered for a budget shortfall. Blix shared that the lost revenue due to the pandemic may be a qualifying event and asked for more detailed financial documents.

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Hinkle seconded to table this resolution until financial documents are received and reviewed.

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

Resolution #40-2023 Personnel Committee Appointment

Resolved the Town Board makes the following appointments, to be renewed annually

- **Personnel Committee**- Supervisor Stephanie Redmond; Councilperson Jude Lemke; Town Clerk Mary Cornell; Highway Superintendent Buddy Rollins, Bookkeeper Blix Taetzsch

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lemke seconded. No further discussion.

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

Town Clerk Health Insurance referral to Personnel Committee for review:

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lemke seconded. No further discussion.

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

Resolution #41-2023 A Resolution to Authorize Study toward Establishment of an Enfield Fire District

Whereas, on February 27, 2023, at a regularly-scheduled Quarterly Meeting between representatives of this Town Board and the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company (EVFC), discussion commenced regarding the possible creation under New York State law of a “Fire District” to replace the current “Fire Protection District” under which the EVFC provides fire protection services to the Town of Enfield; and

Whereas, the Enfield Town Board previously considered such a transition to a Fire District model of fire protection governance and did so to the point of holding an Informational Public Hearing on August 24, 2007, but took no further action thereafter; and

Whereas, this current Town Board believes circumstances may have changed during the intervening 16 years so as to make it advisable for the Board to revisit the issue and consider the relative merits of having a Fire District system of governance provide fire protection services in this Town; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Enfield Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to engage the services of legal counsel to research the steps needed toward replacement of the current “Enfield Fire Protection District” with a “Fire District” to serve this Town; and be it further

Resolved, that adoption of this Resolution in no way commits this Town Board to the afore-stated transition to a Fire District, but merely seeks to inform this Town Board and its constituents of the legal requirements for said transition so as to aid in their further deliberations.

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lynch seconded. No further discussion.

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

RESOLUTION #42-2023 A Resolution to seek Renewed Funding for Enfield Applicants under the Tompkins Community Recovery Fund

Whereas, in October 2022, the Town of Enfield and several of its non-for-profit municipal organizations, including the Enfield Community Council (ECC), submitted timely applications for funding under Tompkins County’s \$6.5 Million Community Recovery Fund; and

Whereas, among those applicants, the Enfield Community Council sought \$206,000 from the Community Recovery Fund to construct an addition to its Community Center to provide, in part, a mental health services wing; and the Town of Enfield sought \$26,591.53 to purchase communications radios for the Enfield Highway Department, and also \$97,040.00 for a Main Street Revitalization of Municipal Buildings, the latter application to include replacement of the Enfield Town Hall’s roof; and

Whereas, on December 5, 2022, the Tompkins County Legislature’s Community Recovery Fund Advisory Committee recommended its apportionment of the Community Recovery Fund, but did not recommend any awards to the Town of Enfield or to any Enfield-based applicant, yet did recommend \$510,098 to Second Wind Cottages for construction of campsite-type shelters for the homeless in Newfield; and

Whereas, the Town of Newfield in February 2023 imposed a one-year moratorium on new campgrounds within its town, an action which prompted Second Wind Cottages to seek significant modification of its prior recommended application by the Community Recovery Fund Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, on March 6, 2023, the Advisory Committee declined to approve Second Wind Cottages’ application modification, leaving its proposal likely unbuildable in view of the Newfield moratorium and because of other factors; and

Whereas, Tompkins County Legislator Randy Brown has indicated he will move at the County Legislature’s March 21, 2023 meeting to delete Second Wind Cottages’ funding application from those eligible for support under the Community Recovery Fund; and

Whereas, Legislator Brown has further indicated to members of this Board that should the Legislature remove Second Wind Cottages’ application from consideration, he will move in April as a member of the Advisory Committee to redirect available Community Recovery funds to support funding for the Enfield Community Council’s October 2022 application and/or for the Town of Enfield’s applications for communications radios and its Main Street Revitalization of Municipal Buildings initiative; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Enfield Town Board hereby endorses the efforts of Tompkins County Legislator Randy Brown to seek Community Recovery Fund support for these Enfield-based projects and encourages the full County Legislature to approve this funding; and that it be further

Resolved, that the Clerk shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Hon. Shawna Black, Chairwoman of the Tompkins County Legislature, to the Hon. Dan Klein, Chair of the Tompkins Community Recovery Fund Advisory Committee, and to the Clerk of the Tompkins County Legislature for distribution to all legislators.

Councilperson Lynch moved and Councilperson Hinkle seconded. Discussion: Councilperson Lynch moved to amend the resolution with the addition of the last Resolved and Supervisor Redmond seconded.

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

Annual Meeting Report:

Supervisor Redmond moved to postpone the discussion of the annual meeting and Councilperson Hinkle seconded.

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

Executive Session:

Supervisor Redmond moved to go into executive session to discuss a matter of personnel and Councilperson Hinkle seconded.

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:35 pm and returned from Executive Session at 10:10 pm.

Supervisor Redmond moved to send a letter to the Enfield Volunteer Fire Company and Councilperson Hinkle seconded. No further discussion.

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

Privilege of the Floor: N/A

Announcements: N/A

Adjournment: Supervisor Redmond moved to adjourn, adjourned 10:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cornell

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Town Clerk

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