

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held by the La Fayette Town Board on July 6, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the La Fayette Commons Office Building at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of La Fayette.

Present: Gregory Scammell, Supervisor
Thomas Bailey, Councilman
William Mc Connell, Councilman
Adrian Shute, Councilman

Absent: David Knapp, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Pete Paul, Dep. Supervisor

1. Supervisor Scammell called the Town Board Meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.
2. The Town Clerk took the Roll. Councilor's Knapp absent. All else present.
3. Pledge to our U. S. Flag led by Town Councilor Bill McConnell.
4. **Councilmen McConnell moved and Bailey seconded the motion to accept prior meeting minutes of June 8, 2009 as submitted by the Town Clerk. Motion carried.**
5. **Central LaFayette Water District.**

Councilor McConnell discussed the items needing to be decided upon tonight. August 7th is the latest date the town can submit a 3 page document stating the Town of LaFayette wishes to be listed on the EFC list for grant money. This doesn't put the town under any obligation. Hopefully it could be submitted to the Albany office in July.

Boundaries.

Supervisor Scammell said he has had questions from the people in Cardiff in or near the mudslide area expressing concern that they aren't included. He senses the people in the Hamlet area would rather have sewer than water.

Councilor Shute got a call from someone on Route 11A too and they wondered why they weren't included. He thinks they might be able to be a separate district. He doesn't know about expanding this district to include all those residents.

Councilor Bailey doesn't know how that would be cost positive. There are no units on the hill. You pay for the construction by the foot and he thinks this could become very expensive along the hill.

Supervisor Scammell said there are two residents on the north side.

Councilor Shute said there are some residents on Ortloff Rd.

Supervisor Scammell noted you would have another bridge problem.

Councilor McConnell said you are limited by the amount of water the water authority will allow us to have.

Supervisor Scammell said the other piece with the boundaries is have we checked with the last person at the end of the boundary to see if they want to be included?

Councilor Shute said heading south on Route 11, it's a little more clear cut of who is pro for it. Some people just past Bob Burton's property are anti. Going east on Route 20, Applewood seemed natural due to the density. He's not sure about going north on Route 11.

Supervisor Scammell noted there are 3 residents just past Applewood.

Councilor McConnell suggested directing the engineers to plan within the boundaries that were surveyed but also to add how far it could go in each direction.

Supervisor Scammell was under the impression the boundaries have to be set by public hearing time.

Councilor McConnell said the map does have to be finalized.

Supervisor Scammell said the same type of testing should be done where it goes up LaFayette Road.

Councilor Shute said the 3 people on Route 20 could be talked to and asked if they wish to be included in the district. There's no question about going north on Sentinel Heights Rd. because we have to go down Sentinel Heights to get the water. As far as going to McClary, again, you are going for the density.

Supervisor Scammell asked for those in the Town of Onondaga who wish to hook up to the line where it goes by their homes, what portion of the cost do they pay if they form a district in the Town of Onondaga? It would seem they should pay a similar amount as the Town of LaFayette residents.

Councilor McConnell said there is interest up there.

Councilor Shute said according to Kevin Gilligan when we discussed this at an earlier meeting, those people would have to pay equal to what the people in LaFayette pay.

Supervisor Scammell said the boundaries need to be set before the public hearing is held.

Councilor McConnell said we would have to ask the engineers to go back and set the maximum boundaries allowable or go by what the survey has shown.

Councilor Shute said on most of the boundaries we have a natural limitation. The only place that there really isn't one is on Route 20 East.

Councilor McConnell thinks we should ask the engineers what the water limitations as far as boundaries are.

Councilor Bailey said it will rely heavily on the engineering data to set the parameters.

Councilor Shute said we are paying the engineers because they are supposed to have some expertise in this area. No matter where we set the line, it will be an arbitrary line and we should trust the engineers input for where the best boundaries are.

Supervisor Scammell doesn't think we can look to the engineers to find out if a neighboring property would like to get water.

Pete Paul asked if there is water allocated for potential property usage increase of a vacant parcel.

Councilor McConnell doesn't believe so. He would recommend asking the engineers to come to the next Town Board Meeting with their recommendation for boundaries due to water usage limits.

Supervisor Scammell asked about the sewer study.

Councilor McConnell hasn't heard back on this yet. The scope is within the Hamlet or maybe smaller. In reality he doesn't think these two items will compete with each other due to available grants. The available funding for sewer is more than what is available for drinking water. He said John Langey will have to do a couple of hours research to prepare the resolution to schedule a public hearing for the water district. He doesn't think we can set a public hearing unless we are sure of the boundaries.

Supervisor Scammell was thinking by the time we get to the public hearing, we would have some tentative boundaries and at the public hearing we could amend them if we needed to. At the public hearing we could contract or expand on them if needed.

Councilor Shute asked if we could amend the boundaries.

Councilor McConnell said yes.

Councilor Shute thinks going into the public hearing we should go with the boundaries the engineers have defined for us. Maybe in the meantime, we could talk to the people near the boundary limits to see if they want to be in the district.

Councilor McConnell said he will talk to the attorney tomorrow and ask if we can expand or contract on the boundaries and will look to the engineers regarding the boundaries and how far they could be expanded.

- **Open items?**

- **Authorize resolution for public hearing.**

Councilor's McConnell moved and Shute seconded the motion to authorize the Town Attorney to prepare the resolution for the public hearing for the water district to be ready for consideration at the next Town Board Meeting on July 13th. Motion carried.

- **Authorize engineering documents.**

Councilor's Bailey moved and McConnell seconded the motion to authorize the Town Engineer to prepare the final map, plan and an estimate of cost. Motion carried.

- **Update timeline.**

Supervisor Scammell said for folks in the Hamlet, he thinks we should let them know it will cost "X" amount for sewer and "X" amount for water to see if they can afford both.

Councilor Bailey discussed the consolidation of districts that is being looked at by the state.

Supervisor Scammell said he doesn't know where the state is going with this. He would not be happy to have to pay for a water district that he isn't included in.

Councilor Bailey said if there is a cost saving measure for OCWA by combining Coye Rd. Water District, Northeast LaFayette District, etc., he thinks it would be beneficial.

Supervisor Scammell said no one has ever showed him where the consolidation of districts will help his constituents.

6. Councilor's McConnell moved and Shute seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

The Special Town Board Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Kelly
Town Clerk

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