

January 7th, 2020 LaFayette Town Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on January 7, 2020 at 6: p.m. in the Meeting Room of the LaFayette Commons Office Building at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette.

Present: Daniel Fitzpatrick, Supervisor
Steve Zajac, Councilor
Melanie Palmer, Councilor
William McConnell, Councilor
Carole Dwyer, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Jackie Bush Roorda, Town Clerk

Attorney: Jeff Brown
Budget Officer: Tom Chartrand

Others Present: John Greeley, Highway Superintendent
Dave Prince, Library, LCC, Parks
Ralph Lamson, Bldg. & Code Enforcement
Dave Knapp, Onondaga County Legislative Chair
Mike Stiner
Kristin Colburn
Mike LaCava
Steve & Kathleen Pitoniak
Herb & Rosemarie Brodt
David & Robin Sandwick
Chris Keenan, Chair Zoning Board

1. Supervisor Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM and welcomed all in attendance. He then recognized Boss Tacos and thanked them for the wonderful food they provided for the organizational meeting. He also wished them luck in their future endeavors and stated that he hopes that they open up seven days a week.
2. The Town Clerk, Jackie Roorda took the Roll. All present.
3. Town Board Minutes of December 10, 2019 Regular Meeting.

R-7-2020 Councilor Palmer moved and Dwyer seconded the motion to accept the December 10th, 2019 Meeting Minutes as submitted by Town Clerk Jackie Roorda. Motion carried 5-0.

Daniel Fitzpatrick	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Steve Zajac	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes

Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
William McConnell	Councilor	Voted	Yes

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. OCEBA (Onondaga County Municipal Employee Benefits Agreement)

R-8-2020 Councilor Palmer moved and McConnell seconded the motion authorizing Supervisor Fitzpatrick to sign the Agreement regarding municipal employee insurance benefits between Onondaga County and the Town of LaFayette. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Daniel Fitzpatrick	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Steve Zajac	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
William McConnell	Councilor	Voted	Yes

B. Annual agreement with LaFayette Trail Riders, Inc. to utilize a strip of land owned by national grid.

Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that this is an annual agreement wherein the Town gives permission for the Lafayette Trail Riders, Inc. to ride snowmobiles on this strip of property owned by National Grid.

R-9-2020 Councilor McConnell moved and Palmer seconded the motion authorizing Supervisor Fitzpatrick to sign the annual 2020 Agreement between the LaFayette Trail Riders, Inc. and the Town of LaFayette wherein they have permission to ride snowmobiles on the strip of land owned by National Grid. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Daniel Fitzpatrick	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Steve Zajac	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
William McConnell	Councilor	Voted	Yes

5. REPORTS

A. Departmental

1. Town Supervisor Report

a. Budget Officer Tom Chartrand submitted the Monthly Financial Report, and advised of the following; there are no transfers of appropriations at this time as the 2019 bills are still coming in. Revenues are above normal thanks

to the Court Fines being close to budget, the additional rent from the cell tower monies for the severity plowing and extra chips money in State Aid and reimbursement for Pave New York about \$50,000. Tom will have many more financial details next month after all the 2019 end of the year reports are in.

2. Highway Superintendent – written report read by John Greeley

Equipment: All plows are active ready.

Roads: The Highway Department plowed 17 times since last TB meeting.

3. Town Clerk - Jackie Roorda advised that the December, 2019 and Annual 2019 reports were in the Board's meeting packet for their review.

Roorda complimented and thanked Boss Tacos for handling the food for the reception/ Open House prior to the meeting and the Old Tymes Café for the deserts, commenting that both were delicious. She also thanked Deputy Town Clerk, Kristin Colburn and her husband, Jay for picking up and delivering so many of the items needed for this event.

Roorda also reported that there is a CPR recertification Saturday, January 11th from 1pm -6:30 pm at the VFW if anyone in LCC or the Town needs it.

4. Building and Zoning Code Enforcement - Ralph Lamson's Annual Report for all building permits was provided to the Board.

5. Justice Court

a. November 2019 Justices Reports.

Judge Perrin had 79 cases and turned over \$7,535.00 to the Town of LaFayette for November, 2019.

Judge Shute had 121 cases and turned over \$11,995.90 to the Town of LaFayette for November, 2019.

b. October 2019 Monthly Justices Shute and Perrin audits/review of records reports were included for the Board's review.

6. Library: Dave Prince stated that the library will soon be embarking on the library remodeling project, which will encompass refurbishing the foyer and the main circulation desk.

In addition, in order to make space to store the historical materials they anticipate receiving from the Town Historian, the Library Board will be cleaning out the storage utility room area of the library on January 11, 2020. They will coordinate the discarding of any trash or unneeded items with the Highway Department.

7. LCC: Dave Prince noted that winter sports, wrestling and basketball, for grades 5th and 6th boys and girls are underway. The ski program began Friday, January 10th, with the chaperones on Fridays continuing through February 28th, weather depending. Volleyball for girls grades 3 through 6 and basketball for boys and girls grades 2 through 4 will commence after the February school break.

Adult programs have resumed after the brief hiatus over the holidays. Programs will include senior exercise, yoga and men’s basketball as well as hall walking. Also, he has been contacted regarding a potential replacement instructor for the aerobics program.

8. Parks and Recreation – Prince advised that the Parks Department took delivery of the new John Deere 1575 tractor with 72-inch side discharge mowing deck and 60-inch snowblower on December 17, 2019. An invoice directly from John Deere is expected.

Following the delivery of the snow blower, there has been enough snow to use the unit to clear off the walking path on two occasions, during which the unit performed excellently. The unit was used to clear off the central portion of the walking path around the pond, which could not be cleared in the past using the old yellow tractor with a plow.

Dave also submitted photos documenting the condition of the Bush hog (batwing) mower which is used to mow larger fields, e.g., the Toolon ballfields at the Apple Festival grounds, for the Board’s review.

7. ATTORNEY: Jeff Brown advised that the indemnification clause of the OCCRA Agreement with the Town previously presented and approved, will not be amended. He explained that since the agreement is uniformly shared with many municipalities, it cannot be amended for a single Town. He further advised that although the clause isn’t perfect, the Town has meaningful protection.

R-10-2020 Councilor McConnell moved and Palmer seconded the motion authorizing Supervisor Fitzpatrick to sign the agreement between Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency and the Town of LaFayette, as presented. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Daniel Fitzpatrick	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Steve Zajac	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
William McConnell	Councilor	Voted	Yes

8. NEW BUSINESS – No New Business

9. OPEN COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC - Mike LaCava thanked the Town Board for appointing him as a Member of the LaFayette Planning Board. Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that the Board appreciates his acceptance and looks forward to having him as part of the Planning Board.

10. Motion to audit and pay bills.

General Fund	15376-15423	\$145,151.33
Highway Fund	15424-15434	\$ 79,277.77
Range ABSTRACT	15435-15436	\$ 11,872.76
Special District	15437-15440	\$ 87,599.57
Trust & Agency	15441	\$ 170.00

R-11-2020 Councilor McConnell moved and Palmer seconded the motion to audit and pay the above listed bills. Motion carried 4 - 0.

Daniel Fitzpatrick	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Steve Zajac	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
William McConnell	Councilor	Voted	Yes

11. Motion to adjourn.

R-12-2020 Councilor Dwyer moved Palmer and seconded the motion to adjourn Motion carried 4 - 0.

Daniel Fitzpatrick	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Steve Zajac	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
William McConnell	Councilor	Voted	Yes

The Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline G. Roorda
Town Clerk