

October 8th, 2019 LaFayette Town Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on October 8th, 2019 at 6:30 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
Carole Dwyer, Councilor
William McConnell, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Jackie Bush Roorda, Town Clerk
Budget Officer: Tom Chartrand
Attorney: Jeff Brown
Highway Superintendent: John Greeley

Others Present: Steven & Kathy Pitoniak, Don Moody
John Mueller, Fred Hill, Dan Kwasnowski
Sue & Dave Eiholzer, Richard Walker
Sean Doolittle (LaFayette Fire Dept.)

1. Supervisor Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed all in attendance. Councilor Dwyer led the pledge to the U.S. Flag.
2. The Town Clerk, Jackie Roorda took the Roll.
3. Town Board Minutes of September 10th, 2019 Regular Meeting.

R-118-19 Councilor McConnell moved and Palmer seconded the motion to accept the October 8th, 2019 regular 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. Supervisor Fitzpatrick introduced Dan Kwasnowski, AICP Planning Director for Syracuse Onondaga Planning who gave a brief presentation regarding conceptual themes for a new comprehensive plan for municipalities in Onondaga County. Their proposed themes are:

Economic Growth & Development – Create place where people want to live & do business through:

Community Engagement – Community & design-based planning
Strong Centers – Character, function, value & place making

Transportation Corridors – Planning corridors for high performance & future development

Agriculture – Protect, promote, & grow

Greenways & Greenbelts – Protect, conserve & restore

Housing & Neighborhoods – Diverse, efficient & attractive

Mr. Kwasnowski advised that he has been talking with Supervisor Fitzpatrick and Ryan McMahon, County Executive regarding Route 20 tourism to promote safe, functioning future development; update the Farmland Protection Plan; Hamlet Planning and opportunities for economic development. He advised that the full plan would cost approximately \$85,000. Funds would come from the County, Town funds and private sector, possibly ICHOR/whole package would look at funding from the County.

Councilor McConnell advised that the current Comprehensive Plan is fairly new and questioned what things need to be changed. Kwasnowski advised that this new plan would try to find ways to draw people together, agricultural development/transformation element having a relationship with land owners and business owners and the hamlet planning as the Route 20 & Route 81 corridor improving buildings in character.

Supervisor Fitzpatrick asked if anyone had any more questions. None were presented. He thanked Mr. Kwasnowski for his presentation.

B. Coye Road Water District – Councilor Zajac advised that this is a standard lease between OCWA and the Town of LaFayette. The current 40-year lease has expired and this would be an extension of the previous lease. This matter was tabled until next month to give the Board time to review the contract.

C. SPCA Annual Agreements – Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that this matter will be tabled until the November 12th, 2019 meeting.

D. Flower Boxes/Planters - The Board reviewed the letter to be sent to sponsors of the planters with regard to the maintenance, drop off and pick-up of the boxes and the annual fee of \$50.00 per planter to cover these expenses.

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Councilor Palmer moved and Zajac seconded the motion authorizing the Town Clerk to mail the drafted letter to the list of sponsors who currently have a planter in 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

D. Town Safety Officer's Resignation – Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that Safety Officer, Tom Rezsnyak submitted his formal letter of resignation on September 14, 2019 and thanked him for his numerous years of service to the Town as Safety Officer.

E. Lease of old highway garage property. Attorney Jeff Brown advised that Resident Ken Johnson is interested in leasing a portion of the old highway property for

his business of selling sheds. Brown reported that Councilor Dwyer researched vacant land, the study of open land in order to come up with the appropriate amount to charge to lease this portion of the site of the previous highway garage. The research indicated that \$900 for the year would be fair. Things to be considered is if the land becomes taxable, is it the responsibility of the Lessee because the business is on Town property, whether a survey should be done, whether \$900 was fair, what is the Town's liability if there are issues in the future, provisions allowing the Town to get out of the Lease. Attorney Brown advised the Lease will stipulate that "The property is leased in its as is condition". This matter will be moved to the November meeting.

6. REPORTS

A. Departmental

1. Town Supervisor

a. Town Supervisor's Monthly report was provided by Budget Officer Tom Chartrand. Tom reported that court fines are up to 62% to date, Chips money came in as well. He also reported that there are no transfer of appropriations this month.

2. Town Attorney – Attorney Jeff Brown advised that he has nothing to report at this time.

3. Highway Superintendent – submitted his written report and read as follows.

Equipment: 2019 Case Loader has been delivered. 2019 F-550 has been delivered. Paint restoration has begun on all plow trucks.

Roads: Mowing ops continue – All other road maintenance is finished for 2019. Speed Limit on Commene Road. (Joshua Shute Email) needs Board approval to reach out to NYSDOT for study. 45 Mph to 30 Mph. Suggest a petition from residents requesting lower speed limit.

Building: Building floor will be cleaned – scrubbed and sealed prior to winter season.

Parks: Old Pavilion at Vinegar Hill has been torn down and recycled.

Supervisor Fitzpatrick will reach out to Josh Shute regarding his concerns with the speed limit on Commene Road.

4. Town Clerk

a. Monthly Report for September and payment to Supervisor's Account were in the packet for Town Board review.

b. Town Clerk Roorda advised that hunting license sales have slowed down a bit, she is all set for her "Passport Day" on Saturday, November 2nd, 2019 between 9:00am and 1:00pm. She also mentioned the Defensive Driving training scheduled for November 16, 2019 from 9 am – 3 pm in the meeting room.

5. Building and Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Lamson submitted his written report for building permits, issued to date for 2019.

6. Justice Court -

a. Justices Monthly report for August 2019

120 - Total cases for Judge Perrin; \$11,890.00 was taken in for the month of August 2019.

140 - Total cases for Judge Shute; \$12,257.00 was taken in for the month of August, 2019.

b. 2019 July Audit/Review of Justice Court Records were distributed for review by the Town Board.

7. Library – August 2019 Board of Trustees Minutes & Director’s Report were available for the Town Board’s review. Dave Prince advised that the Library is trying to get on board to be a location/ contact for the 2020 Census as a rumor is going around that the majority of this will be done online.

8. Parks & Rec. – Dave Prince reported after all the flower boxes are picked up and stored, he will be getting the parks closed up as far as the bathrooms, dumpsters, etc... He did find a flyer taped to the Northern end bathroom doors about “Freedom Football” it appears to be a pick up flag football game at the park on Sundays. There is a contact number and with the Board okay he will follow up on this with them. Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised him to do so. He gave the board members a breakdown of the cost of replacing the mower/ plow that is used at the park to maintain the walking trail. The two models with different options range from \$39,800 - \$41,000 but that could be reduced with scaling back on some of the options.

9. LCC – All fall programs are wrapping up as we head into the winter sports programs including ski club that offers discounted rates at Song Mountain. There will be sign ups and informational meeting on Thursday, November 24th. And basketball, volleyball and wrestling will start up after November 1st depending on availability of space.

7. OPEN COMMUNICATIONS –

Sean Doolittle advised that this past month they had 41 ambulance calls, 6 fire calls (1 was cancelled). At the end of the month they will be getting bids on a Rescue Pumper combination vehicle but it will take about a year to build. They will also be looking at updating other equipment i.e. Jaws of Life which are 17 years old and not working as well with the safety updates on newer vehicles.

Resident Steve Pitoniak asked for clarification regarding the shed business interested in renting the old highway property. Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that Ken Johnson’s sale of sheds on his private property is out of line with Town Codes and therefore he approached the Town regarding renting the old highway garage property. Mr. Pitoniak also inquired about the cost for Onondaga County to update the Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised the total cost would be approximately \$80,000 with the Town’s portion would be \$30,000 and County grant of \$50,000.

8. Motion to audit and pay bills.

General Fund	14980-15015	\$ 25,293.09
Highway Fund	15017-15031	\$161,067.07
Special District	15033	\$ 90.58

R-120-19 Councilor McConnell moved and Palmer seconded the motion to audit and pay the above listed bills. 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

Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that the regular portion of the meeting is over, however the Town Board will be moving to the tables in the back of the meeting room to continue the Preliminary Budget workshop. This is an open meeting therefore anyone interested in staying is welcome.

R-121-19 Councilor Zajac moved and Dwyer seconded the motion to set the Public Hearing regarding the Spectrum Cable Franchise Agreement for November 12, 2019 at 6:30PM. Town Clerk Jackie Roorda will post the legal notices in the appropriate locations. 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

R-122-19 Councilor Zajac moved and Palmer seconded the motion to withdraw the Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law 2-2019 overriding the Tax Levy limit in New York, previously scheduled for November 12, 2019 at 6:30PM. Motion carried 4 - 1.

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

R-123-19 Supervisor Zajac moved and Dwyer seconded the motion to move the 2020 Tentative Budget to the 2020 Preliminary Budget. 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

R-124-19 Councilor McConnell moved and Supervisor Fitzpatrick seconded the motion to set the Public Hearing to adopt the 2020 Final Budget for November 7, 2019 at 6:00PM. Town Clerk Jackie Roorda will post the legal notices in the appropriate locations. 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

9. Motion to adjourn.

R-125-19 Councilor McConnell moved Zajac and seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. 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

The Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline G. Roorda
Town Clerk