

Town of LaFayette
Town Board PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 5:00 PM

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

Absent: Jerry Marzo, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Jackie Bush Roorda, Town Clerk

Budget Officer: Tom Chartrand

Others Present: Dave Knapp, County Legislator
Mark Chambers, C&S Engineers
Jeannie Gleisner, CNYRPDB
Kelly Wypych, LaFayette Advisory Conservation Comm.
and residents

1. Supervisor McConnell called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM
2. Town Clerk, Jackie Bush Roorda took the Roll. Councilor Marzo absent.
3. Pledge to our U.S. flag led by Councilor Dwyer.
4. PUBLIC HEARING - 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Supervisor McConnell advised this application to Onondaga County is an opportunity for the Town to put together a list of areas for which the Town desires to seek funding. In the last 2 years we were successful in getting money for the community center, which is on pause at this time.

R-80-22 Councilor Dwyer moved and Palmer seconded the motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2022 Community Development Grant and 5-year plan. Motion carried 4 - 0.

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

Mark Chambers of C & S Companies advised they modified the 2021 grant application by taking off items that were completed last year and addressing priorities for the 2022 5 Year Plan. The rough draft application's 1st choice is to replace some playground equipment and add workout stations at Stafford Park; 2nd is to build a bridge connecting the future Community Center to Stafford Park; 3rd to build a lean-to near

the pond at Stafford Park; 4th is to plant additional trees along Route 81 @ Stafford to decrease noise and 5th is to stabilize the Kennedy Creek bed within the park area.

Chambers advised that there is another capital improvement project grant that the Town can apply for as well which also has a deadline of May 6th, 2022, in addition to the \$50,000 grant. The Town will have to come up with a Capital improvement project to focus on and asked the Town Board for their thoughts or ideas of a project.

Councilor Zajac commented that the bathhouse at the northern end of the park needs to be rebuilt and heated to allow year-round use. It's old and in bad shape and he feels the facility and the attached covered pavilion should be larger to give more area for people to sit. He also suggested making it more handicap accessible.

Legislator Dave Knapp advised that some years the budget works out well with these grants and other years it doesn't. It just depends on how much money the Federal Government gives out. In the past this grant has been very helpful to the Town of LaFayette. Dave has worked on this committee for numerous years and was able to secure money for the walking path, south-end 2nd pavilion, volleyball court, some playground equipment and monies for the future senior center.

Councilor Dwyer suggested adding more trees along Route 81 to block out noise. Supervisor McConnell advised that Cornell is donating 12 pine trees for that reason and the highway crew will be picking them up in the near future.

More discussions took place regarding replacing the north-end bathroom facility. Supervisor McConnell said that when Dave Prince was opening the building in the spring, leaks were found and doors need replacing along with other repairs. He said that he recently received two phone calls from residents who use the walking path during the winters who inquired if it could be heated year-round.

Councilor Zajac advised taking the building down and rebuilding a larger facility with heat would use up the \$150,000 grant or maybe more money. Councilor Dwyer suggested sidewalks could be an option for this grant. Dave Knapp advised that some towns have used the grant money for sidewalks however with the downtown restructuring of Route 81, the Department of Transportation is looking at improving roads in surrounding areas that will be taking on more traffic. Supervisor McConnell is meeting with DOT and advised the LaFayette four corners could be getting done in the next two years which would include sidewalks, etc. He reiterated Mark Chambers' suggestion to apply for the \$150,000 capital improvement grant focusing on the rebuilding of the bathroom facilities at the north end of the park and also apply for the \$50,000 Community Development Grant.

Supervisor McConnell asked if there was anymore questions or comments from the Town Board or those in attendance, none were voiced.

R-81-22 Councilor Palmer moved and Dwyer at seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing regarding the 2022 Community Development Grant and 5-year plan. Motion carried 4- 0.

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

R-82-22 Councilor Palmer moved and Zajac seconded the motion authorizing Supervisor McConnell to sign the 2022 Community Development Block Grant application with Onondaga County as proposed and discussed during the Public Hearing on April 26th, 2022, for the Town of LaFayette. Motion carried 4 - 0.

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Jeanie Gleisner Grant/ CNYRPDB proposal to assist the Town with any or all grant opportunities at no cost & presentation: Jeanie explained what the CNY Regional Planning & Development Board does with regard to grant projects.

- It is a public agency that was established in 1966
- Provides a range of services associated with the growth of communities in CNY.
- Program areas are: Economic Development; Environmental Mgmt.; Land Use & Transportation Planning
- They partner with communities, funding agencies & consultant teams
- They do this through project planning & grant writing:
 - The projects are clearly defined (cost, scope, budget and schedules)
 - Community Feedback
 - Town Board review & decisions
 - Grant reporting, Progress payments and Reimbursements

Jeanie informed that:

- We can do this here in LaFayette
- Grant levels are higher than ever

- It is a good time to build Town assets at little to no cost to taxpayers, each grant is a little different.
- CNY RPDB can help the Town “Pro Bono” in defining & submitting a funding package proposal (for multiple grant opportunities) as soon as this summer
- Grant funded rehabilitation could start as soon as October 2022

R-83-22 Councilor Palmer motioned and Dwyer seconded to accept Jeanie Gleisner services at no cost to the Town, as the program manager with the CNY RPDB. Motion Carried 4-0

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

B. Approval of the Updated LaFayette Lacrosse State Championship Signs

R-84-22 Councilor Dwyer motioned and Palmer seconded to approve the installation of the updated Lacrosse State Championship signs on the Welcome to LaFayette sign locations. Motion Carried 4-0

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

- C. Re- Affirmation of the 2022 SPDES Appointments
- Ralph Lamson - Chair & Stormwater Manager
 - Melanie Palmer - Member & Assistant Stormwater Manager
 - Mark Chambers - Engineering Member

R-85-22 Supervisor McConnell motioned and Councilor Zajac seconded the above listed appointments to the SPDES Board. Motion Carried 4-0

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

D. C & S Companies Professional Services for Soil & Groundwater remediation at 5998 US Route 20 & 2484 US Route 11, LaFayette.

Supervisor McConnell advised that this project is for the removal of a tank at the Route 11 site, the installation of five wells to be used for

water sampling (just like the ones drilled at the old highway facility) and the remediation plan is included in this project.

R-86-22 Councilor Zajac motioned and Councilor Palmer seconded the motion to authorize Supervisor McConnell to sign the agreement with C & S Companies for the Soil & Groundwater remediation project. Motion Carried 4-0

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

6. Communications from the Public:

1. Mary Anne Murphy inquired about the wells being dug in at the corner building located in the hamlet. Supervisor McConnell advised that these are not for potable water they will be used to sample water for potential contamination for past seepage. Also wanted to know why we are unable to get water in the hamlet and as a business owner it would be beneficial. Supervisor McConnell stated that we have done the Hydrogeological study of the hamlet using ARPA funds and based on the study the board has to determine the best way to proceed and the necessity.
2. Legislator Dave Knapp informed the board that there have been some significant multi-casualty accidents at the corners of US Rte. 20 and Apulia Road (Big Bend area) recently and he is working with both the County & State D.O. T. to see what can be done to help rectify this.

7. Transfers:

Budget Officer Tom Chartrand informed the board that we have received the 2nd insurance recovery from the Highway garage damage and he wanted to get the Transfer started in case we received a bill at the May 10th meeting.

GENERAL FUND

To:

A5132.2	Garage	Equipment	<u>\$20,250.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$20,250.00</u>

From:

A599	Surplus	Insurance Recovery	<u>\$20,250.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$20,250.00</u>

R-87-22 Councilor Zajac moved and Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the transfer of appropriations as defined above. Motion Carried 4-0

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

8. Motion to audit & pay bills

General Fund	19199-19206	\$ 9,265.68
Highway Fund	ACH	\$ 2,265.68
Special District	19198	\$ 549.00

R-87 -22 Councilor Palmer moved and Dwyer seconded the motion to audit and pay the above listed bills. Motion carried 4 - 0.

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

9. Motion to adjourn.

R-88-22 Councilor Dwyer moved and Palmer seconded the motion to adjourn Motion carried 4-0

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

The Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Roorda

Town Clerk