

September 10th, 2019 LaFayette Town Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on September 10, 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
Code Enforcement: Ralph Lamson
Highway Superintendent: John Greeley

Others Present: Dave Knapp, Onondaga County Legislature Chairman
Steven & Kathy Pitoniak
John Mueller, Herb & Rosemary Brodt,
Richard Walker

1. Supervisor Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed all in attendance. Councilor Palmer led the pledge to the U.S. Flag.
2. The Town Clerk, Jackie Roorda took the Roll.
3. Town Board Minutes of August 13th, 2019 Regular Meeting.

R-106-19 Councilor Palmer moved and Dwyer seconded the motion to accept the August 13th, 2019 regular Meeting Minutes as submitted by Town Clerk Jackie Roorda. Motion carried 4 – 0; 1 abstained.

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

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Tully Valley Water Supply – Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that we have received some feedback from residents on the options for maintaining their water service. Legislature Chairman Dave Knapp and Supervisor Fitzpatrick are reaching out to the residents involved inviting them to an informational meeting on September 28th at the Cardiff Fire Dept. Chairman Knapp commented that the main goal is to be sure that everyone this affects has all the facts. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. Legislature Chair Dave Knapp reported that he will be there to represent the Apple

Festival Committee, as they also are affected. He advised that if a water district ends up being created it will only affect the people in the district and they will have to come to the polls to vote in favor of it. Attorney Brown stated that the Town should confirm the long-term viability of the springs currently being utilized before any decisions are made.

R-107-19

Councilor McConnell moved and Zajac seconded the motion to authorize a letter be sent to LaFayette residents affected by Honeywell's offer to provide individual wells instead of the current community spring system and inviting them to an information meeting regarding the future of their water supply. 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. Spectrum Cable franchise agreement & build-out map – Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that the Town Board is not ready to move forward at this time. More discussion regarding franchise fees and missed pockets of service are needed prior to a Public Hearing being scheduled.

C. 2019 Agreement for the Central NY Stormwater Coalition amended & updated August 6, 2019. - Attorney Jeff Brown advised that the Town is required by NYS law to monitor the Stormwater and submit a report annually. Ralph Lamson commented that there have been two (2) changes to the bylaws; one being to allow an electronic vote and secondly to allow one individual to represent multiple municipalities. The annual cost is between \$3400 - \$3600.

R-108-19

Councilor McConnell moved and Zajac seconded the motion to authorize Supervisor Fitzpatrick to execute the 2019 Memorandum of Agreement for the Central NY Stormwater Coalition as amended & updated August 6, 2019. 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. Update regarding survey to subdivide the old highway property - Supervisor Fitzpatrick asked Councilor Dwyer if there is any update. Councilor Dwyer requested this matter be tabled until next month. She advised that she is trying to come up with a monthly lease rate, however it is difficult as there are very few comparable properties to assist in figuring the fair market value for a lease of the property.

E. 2019 Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation – Attorney Jeff Brown advised that Onondaga County has been working for some time on this and it is an appropriate document authorizing the adoption of the 2019 County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

R-109-19

Councilor McConnell moved and Dwyer seconded the motion to authorizing Supervisor Fitzpatrick and Town Clerk Roorda to execute the Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette Authorizing the Adoption of the 2019 Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update as follows. Motion carried 5 – 0.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LAFAYETTE

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE

2019 ONONDAGA COUNTY MULTI- JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, all jurisdictions within Onondaga County have exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County and local economy; and

WHEREAS; pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs, including the preparation of Hazard Mitigation Plans; and

WHEREAS, Onondaga County, with a Planning Partnership of Onondaga County municipalities, has gathered information and prepared the 2019 Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (the “Plan”), in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership has completed a planning process that has engaged the public with opportunity for input and public comment, assessed the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, developed a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and created a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy; and **WHEREAS**, the Town of LaFayette has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of LaFayette adopts in its entirety, the 2019 Onondaga County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (the “Plan”) as the jurisdiction’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.

ADOPTED on this 10th day of September, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: 5 NOS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Danial Fitzpatrick, Supervisor
Town of LaFayette

Jacqueline Roorda, Town Clerk
Town of LaFayette

F. Resignation of James P. Nakas, Planning Board Chair – Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that after serving 30 plus years on the Planning Board, several of which he was Chairman, he is officially resigning his position. Supervisor Fitzpatrick thanked him for his many years of service and Councilor Zajac advised that Jim Nakas always generously donated his payment for being on the Planning Board to the LaFayette Community Council.

Councilor McConnell said it was good working with Jim Nakas throughout the years and questioned who will be taking over as Chair and who will fill the Board Member vacancy? Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that he has spoken with Planning Board Member, Brad Bush who has run several meetings as Chair in Nakas' absence. He is willing to take over as Chair after October 1st, 2019 when Nakas is formally retired. Fitzpatrick advised that he has spoken to a couple individuals who may be interested in becoming Planning Board Members and is waiting to hear back from them.

R-110-19 Councilor McConnell moved and Supervisor Fitzpatrick seconded the motion to appoint Brad Bush as Chairman of the Planning Board effected October 2nd, 2019. 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

G. Coye Road Water District Contract – Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that he is getting more information to present to the Town Board and the matter was tabled until next month.

H. Maplewood Rural Cemetery request for assistance – Supervisor Fitzpatrick requested that Art Goldsmith address his request to the Town Board. Art advised that the cemetery is in need of attention for tasks such as road construction, or tree removal as well as overall budget consideration for 2020. He also requested the annual salary for lawn maintenance. He is offering his service, knowledge, a list of contact people for the cemetery and its Association. He understands that the Town Attorney is checking into the legalities. Attorney Jeff Brown advised that we are here to assist in whatever way we can.

Supervisor Fitzpatrick said that they will do some checking on accounting practices and will get back to him before next month's meeting.

I. Budget Workshop Reminder - Supervisor Fitzpatrick reminded that Budget Workshops are scheduled for September 18 & October 8, 2019 at 5:30PM.

J. Mass Gathering permit for the 2019 LaFayette Apple Festival - Supervisor Fitzpatrick asked if anyone had any questions. None were voiced.

R-111-19 Councilor McConnell moved and Palmer seconded the motion to approve the 2019 LaFayette Apple Festival Mass Gathering permit and to waive the application fee. 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 County Legislature Chair Dave Knapp has another meeting to attend and asked him to give an update.

Chairman Knapp reported that he has secured \$123,000 extra money for plowing county roads which the Town should receive in October or November.

He was also able to secure \$35,000 that will help with the Jamesville Grove drainage project.

Lastly, he advised that he secured \$50,000 from the Community Development Federal Grant to fix drainage pipes, big cracks, redo some fencing and resurface the tennis courts in 2020.

Supervisor Fitzpatrick thanked Mr. Knapp for all he has done and continues to do for our Town.

6. REPORTS

A. Departmental

1. Town Supervisor

a. Town Supervisor's Monthly report was provided by Budget Officer Tom Chartrand. Tom reported that it has been a quiet month, the general fund is at 120% because SOTS became part of the general fund and there is a \$500.00 transfer for refuse and garbage. He then asked John Greeley to present his request to purchase a new loader. Money will need to be transferred if the Town Board approves the purchase.

John Greeley explained that the 2005 Case loader had repairs of \$26,000 last year, it's 15 years old and used loaders are at a premium in the fall. He is requesting to purchase a brand-new Case loader. The listing price is \$295,914, and Monroe Tractor gave the Key Customer price of \$176,015 plus \$35,000 off for trading in the old loader leaving a balance of \$131,000. It's under State contract and comes with a 3-year maintenance warranty. He feels it will be wise for the Town Board to use the extra severity rate plowing money and buy the loader without financing for \$131,000. Supervisor Fitzpatrick asked if there were any questions, none were voiced.

Tom Chartrand advised the Town Board can move the funds to the Highway Funds and then transfer back when the funds are available for the extra severity rate.

R-112-19 Councilor McConnell moved and Zajac seconded the motion to declare the old loader surplus and set the residual value at \$35,000.
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-113-19 Councilor Zajac moved and McConnell seconded the motion to purchase a new Case 721G loader from Monroe Tractor under NYS OGS Contract number PGB22792 at the price of \$166,000 with the surplus loader trade in at \$35,000 for a net cost to the Town of LaFayette of \$131,000.
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-114-19 Councilor Zajac moved and Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the transfers as listed below. 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

GENERAL FUND

To:

A8160.4	Refuse & Garbage	Contractual	<u>\$500.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$500.00</u>

From:

A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	<u>\$500.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$500.00</u>

HIGHWAY FUND

To:

DA5110.4	Repairs	Contractual	\$134,000.00
DA5130.2	Machinery	Equipment	<u>\$131,000.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$265,000.00</u>

From:

DA9950.0	Transfer to Reserve	Intrafund Transfer	<u>\$265,000.00</u>
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TOTAL \$265,000.00

Budget Officer Chartrand also advised that he has not received a lot of budget requests for 2020 and needs to have them all by Friday in order to be prepared for the September 18, 2019 budget workshop.

2. Town Attorney

Attorney Jeff Brown reported that he has spoken with Reggie Parker at DEC who confirmed the DEC executed an agreement with Suit Kote to remove the milling piles, and restore the property on Route 20 to its original state by November 1st. That is the intent of Suit Kote from what DEC has heard.

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

Roads: Currently, brush pick up is underway.

All town brush from last year has been ground up and mulch will be available in the Spring for residents free of charge. Mowing ops will continue.

Jamesville Grove project: Thank you Legislator Knapp for securing the Highway Department over \$34,000 in additional moneys to help defray the cost of the Grove project. Request the Board approve transfer of \$100,000.00 from Capital reserve to see project through. Project is planned to be completed in 2019. 95% of winter road sand for the 2019/2020 season has been hauled to NYS DOT. Ditching and shoulder ops will continue throughout the fall.

Equipment: Paint restoration and prep work will begin soon on the snow plows. The last three years the Highway Department has seen a significant increase on maintenance costs of the 2005 Case loader. Chairman Knapp secured the Highway an additional \$123,000. Greeley recommends the Board transfer money to pay for loader. There is no better time to trade and pay cash for a new loader for the Town.

NYS DOT will be installing new crosswalks and traffic control devices and a new traffic light in Town to protect children in school zones and residents crossing Route 20 and 11. These are positive steps in the right direction.

Greeley advised the Board that as most knew his Deputy, Steve Robson was in a logging accident at his camp and will be out of work for quite a while for him to recover. He is requesting that the Town Board appoint Don Skinner as interim Deputy Supervisor in case of an emergency with the rain and snow season coming upon us. Councilor Dwyer asked if the Highway Dept. will be alright down a man. Greeley said that he is working on Plan B, but right now it looks like it will be fine. He stated that he would like to hold off until the end of October to see where Steve is at with his recovery, he may be able to get into truck if it's an automatic transmission. Also, he will need to look at hiring another sub for the winter only.

R-115-19 Councilor Zajac moved and Palmer seconded the motion to temporarily deputize Don Skinner, during Steve Robson's recovery, with no additional

pay and use of the Town vehicle in case of an emergency. 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. Town Clerk

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

b. Town Clerk Roorda advised that it's been a busy month with hunting license sales, passports, marriage licenses and Planning and Zoning Board items.

c. Branch's Driving School – Town Clerk Roorda advised that she spoke with Court Clerk Carleen LaRonde and has arranged for the Defensive Driving training to be scheduled for November 16, 2019 from 9 am – 3 pm in the meeting room and it will be on the website and in the newsletter

d. Trash Schedule – Councilor Dwyer brought up at the last meeting that residents are confused about the recycling pick up schedule. Roorda spoke with Ashley at Dependable Disposal who advised that residents can call to request a duplicate recycling schedule.

e. Passports – Roorda advised that with all of the new travel regulations coming in 2020 she will be holding a "Passport Day" on Saturday, November 4th, 2019 between 9:00am and 1:00pm. Residents may bring their passport applications, etc. to her office in the Town Hall for her to process. This is a great source of revenue for the Town as well.

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 June 2019

86 - Total cases for Judge Perrin; \$7,386.00 was taken in for the month of July 2019.

92 - Total cases for Judge Shute; \$9,803.00 was taken in for the month of July 2019.

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

7. Library – No Report

8. Parks & Rec. - No Report

9. LCC – No Report

7. OPEN COMMUNICATIONS –

8. Motion to audit and pay bills.

General Fund	14870-14899	\$ 31,652.62
Highway Fund	14900-14912	\$ 67,248.30
Special District	14913-14915	\$ 11,000.90
Trust & Agency	14916	\$ 552.50

R-116-19 Councilor Dwyer 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

9. Motion to adjourn.

R-117-19 Councilor McConnell moved Palmer 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 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline G. Roorda
Town Clerk