

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette on January 8, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the LaFayette Commons Office Building on Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette.

Present: Gregory Scammell, Supervisor
Norman Paul, Councilor
Thomas V. Dadey, Jr. Councilor
Sandra Smith, Councilor
David Knapp, Councilor

Recording Secretary Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent
Mary Doster, Assessor
Kevin Gilligan, Town Attorney
Marshall Taylor, Assessor/Clerk
Nancy Buczek, Syracuse Newspaper
Cindy Heckerman

1. Supervisor Scammell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Roll call was taken. Everyone present.
3. Town Councilor Sandy Smith led the pledge to the U.S. Flag.
 - **Councilor's Smith moved and Dadey, Jr. seconded the motion to accept the January 2, 2001 Organizational Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Communications.

A. Residents.

There was nothing from the residents.

B. J. Roy Dodge: Town of LaFayette creation via legislative act and first town meeting.

"...the Town's actual birthday will be on March 14th. While it was created by the Legislative Act of April 15, 1825 it did not come into existence to the "2nd Tuesday of March" 1826. This was the first Town Meeting and organization of all activities. You may wish to observe the event at your Board meeting of March 12. I would be pleased to produce a commemorative account of the first meeting and do anything the board might wish to help observe the event. In many ways it is a more important date than the creative legislation because by it things actually got started."

Supervisor Scammell said he would be happy to contact Roy and have him prepare something if the Board would like him to.

The Board was in favor of this.

C. Cornell Cooperative Extension: Reducing the Impacts of Stormwater Runoff Conference.

"March 2, 2001...A one-day conference on stormwater runoff and control options for municipal officials, municipal personnel, construction and development industry, and planners."
Supervisor Scammell asked Leon if he knew about this.

Leon said yes.

Councilor Knapp asked if this is what we have been discussing in previous meetings.

Leon said yes. He thinks someone from the Town Board should go to this.

Supervisor Scammell asked what day of the week it was.

Leon said it's on a Thursday from 9 to 2.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. will check his schedule and let Supervisor Scammell know by the next meeting if he can attend. He asked Councilor Paul if he could go.

Councilor Paul said he might be on vacation.

D. Paine Webber Inc.: Merger.

“...Paine Webber Group, Inc. and UBSAG completed their merger on November 3, 2000...Due to the recent change in Paine Webber Inc.’s primary dealer status, we believe it is appropriate for you to review the laws, charter or other governing documents under which you operate to determine whether any restrictions exist which could affect your ability to continue to deal with Paine Webber, Inc...”

Supervisor Scammell asked Kevin Gilligan to review this when he gets a chance.

Councilor Knapp asked if this deals with the Service Award Program.

Supervisor Scammell said yes.

Councilor Paul asked if as clients each member would get a copy of this.

Kevin would presume so.

Leon was given a copy and will check into this.

E. Mid-State Communications: Groth Road Communications Tower Annual Maintenance Quote.

“Mid-State Communications & Electronics, Inc. hereby submit the following proposal to provide service to perform a complete tower inspection on the 195-ft. self-supporting tower structure located on Groth Rd...\$800.00 per year.”

Supervisor Scammell said he contacted them and requested a bid regarding the tower on Groth Road.

Councilor Knapp asked if there was a rule of thumb when we need to begin having this.

Supervisor Scammell said our contract says we are responsible for the maintenance of the tower.

Councilor Paul believes the sooner the better. He would rather have them find something when it was small rather than wait until it’s a major problem.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if this could be part of the new carriers’ agreement.

Kevin said you are talking \$800/year. He would think they would try to knock off about \$50/month for this.

Councilor Smith asked if this is the only company he got a response from.

Supervisor Scammell said it’s the only contact he had.

Councilor Smith asked if they have a good reputation.

Supervisor Scammell said Niagara Mohawk recommended them.

Councilor’s Paul moved and Knapp seconded the motion to accept the proposal from Mid-State Communications & Electronics, Inc. to perform a complete tower inspection on the 195-ft. self-supporting tower structure located on Groth Road for the year 2001 in the amount of \$800.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Scammell will contact Mid-State and get this going.

F. New York State Thruway: Multi-Modal Check Replacement.

“...check number 026736...in the amount of \$25,061.00...”

Supervisor Scammell said this is a replacement check for one which was lost in the mail from the Multi-Modal payment.

G. Syracuse Post-Standard: Regional Unemployment Stats.

“Syracuse’s strong job market grew even more in November, the state labor Department said Thursday. There were 8,400 more people collecting paychecks in Cayuga, Madison, Onondaga and Oswego counties last month than in November 1999. That represented an increase of 2.4 percent, giving Syracuse one of the highest job growth rates among the state’s metropolitan areas. The state’s growth rate was 1.9 percent. The area’s private sector employment...rose 2.7 percent outpacing increases of 2.3. percent in the state...Syracuse’s unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in November...3.6 percent in October and 4.2 percent in November last year...labor force expanded by 4,000 people from November of last year to November of this year. Roger Evans, a state labor market analyst, said the rise in the number of people joining the local work force is helping to lessen the greatest threat to continued job growth: a shortage of people...”

- H. Onondaga County Legislature clerk Nancy Skahen: Allocation of Onondaga County Water District.

LaFayette's rate is .996 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.
Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if anyone knew why LaFayette, Fabius and Pompey were listed twice.
No one knew.

- I. Onondaga County legislature Clerk Nancy Skahen: 2001 Town Tax Rates.

The 2001 town tax rates, fixed, ratified and confirmed for LaFayette are: Town" \$3.9621 and County \$4.1442 making a total of \$8,1064 per thousand.

- J. Acting Director of Regulatory Reform David Bradley: GORR Speakers Bureau.

"...If you have an event planned that you think might benefit from GORR's presence, let us know. We will work with you to facilitate a dialogue, enliven your meeting, and educate your audience..."

- K. The Association of Towns: 2001 Training School and Annual Meeting.

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"The 2001 Training School and Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at the Hilton New York & Towers, New York City, February 19-21, 2001. This is a training session for town officials..."

Supervisor Scammell said the resolutions are also included. He asked if the Town Board wanted to wait until the next Town Board Meeting to review the resolutions or decide on them tonight.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said he supports all of them.

Supervisor Scammell agreed.

Councilor Knapp said they all look fine to him.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said he urges our delegate to support the 8 resolutions. He asked Mary Doster if she would be interested in being a delegate.

Mary said she doesn't know if she will have a class that last morning or not. She must attend all of the classes to get reimbursement from the state. She can find out by the next meeting if she has a class or not.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked Mary Jo to check with some of the other people to see if they would be interested in case Mary can't.

- L. Onondaga County Planning Federation: 2001 Annual Municipal Training Program.

"2001 Annual Municipal training Program...January 31, 2001, 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. At Drumlins Country Club..."

Supervisor Scammell said this has also been sent to the Zoning and Planning Boards.

- M. Other.

Supervisor Scammell advised New York has dropped 1/3 according to the 2000 census. The current population is 18,976,457. WE probably won't have anything out on this until March.

Councilor Paul said at the Organizational Meeting we talked about one of the newspapers not being around any longer. Could we also put any legal notices in the Pennywise.

Mary Jo said we already do. She will check the delivery areas for the Pennywise to see if all of Jamesville is taken in or if ads would have to be placed in the Scottsman too.

Mary said eventually the Herald Journal will phase out all together.

5. Reports.

- A. Departmental (4th Monday).

- B. Committee (2nd Monday).

1) Communications and Technology.

Councilor Knapp advised Mrs. Schoeck is out of Town so he will talk to her about the mailing of the Newsletter when she gets back.

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- Town web site.

Mary Jo said this is currently up and new information is being added weekly. The Optimist Club has asked for a link to be set up on it for them.

- Town Office phone system & extra phone line for fax. Syracuse Telecommunications. Bid.

Supervisor Scammell has a bid for a phone system from Syracuse Telecommunications in the amount of \$4,733. We can get more information on other types of systems or whatever the Board would like to do.

Mary said she doesn't believe this quote includes the extra phone line for the fax machine.

Supervisor Scammell said the bid was back in October so it doesn't include this. He asked the Town Board for their thoughts.

Marshall said we are putting in new computers everywhere. Mary Jo has a fax from her workstation that shares a line with her computer. The Tax Collector faxes a lot of things to people and can't send a fax over the existing phone system because it can't handle it. The guy could come in and program it but he doesn't know if it's capable of programming.

Supervisor Scammell asked the Town Board what they would like to do.

Councilor Knapp said it looks like the quote needs some updating.

Supervisor Scammell said other than the fax line which is separate, he thinks this is it. If you are going to go out and get other bids, he thinks we should proceed with it.

Mary said this is this guy's business. It's not a sideline for him.

Councilor Paul asked Mary if she could find out a couple of his customers.

Mary said he is installing one in Geddes.

Councilor Paul said he means someone who has used the system for awhile.

Marshall asked what the Town Board would like to accomplish. Is the intent to give someone inside and outside access to email? Are you just trying to do faxing? The Justice Dept. contacted him today to help straighten out the problems they are being faced with on their computers. He would like to know where the Town Board would like to go with this. He is happy to help out any way he can.

Supervisor Scammell said he isn't sure they know this. WE listed out some features but clearly once the current system was installed, it didn't meet our needs. The Procurement Policy says "All estimated purchases of supplies and equipment between \$3,000 and \$10,000 require a written request for a proposal and written/fax quotes from not less than 3 vendors."

Councilor Paul asked where this bid came from.

Mary said from the specs. He bid last time.

Councilor Paul asked if anyone knew why he wasn't picked last time.

Mary said he has his old bid and the bid sheets with him when he came in.

Councilor Paul asked if Marshall knew anyone who would come in and talk to the individual people to see what they need. If you want to bid on something or have something that will be good for us, why not go for a little extra money to have what we need.

Marshall said he believes we need to meet with every person to see what he or she needs for the jobs they do. There are lots of people who would do this. The gentleman who gave this quote might do this.

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Mary said he could come in and talk to everyone.

Councilor Paul asked if there was an expanded system, would he want to bid on this too?

Marshall said yes. They can come meet with the individuals and decide a system that can be built on. Today if we are going with the web page which was created so the Town can communicate with the residents, how many people do you want to be able to communicate with the residents? How many systems are you going to have to do the work you want to do? Your line for emailing could be the same line you use for faxing.

Mary Jo said we have one extra line in the office that is not in use. It has been turned off.

Marshall said we need to know how many lines we need, etc. before we ask someone for a quote.

Supervisor Scammell said it's not like we have one system we want because we don't know what we want so we are asking the individual vendor to come and determine what we need.

Marshall said he would ask the vendors to decide and make their presentations to the Town Board. Councilor Smith asked if it wouldn't be a good idea for all the departments to get together beforehand to decide what they need.

Marshall said yes You can say what you would want and the vendor can tell you what you need.

Councilor Smith said it would give us some guidelines.

Councilor Paul asked if we had someone in-house who could draw up the specifications after interviewing the individuals for the vendor. Could someone draw up the specifications for the needs of everyone and put it out to 3 vendors who could make their presentations to this person and he could review the quotes and decide which would be the best one?

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if the Committee could gather this information and report it back to the Town Board.

Marshall said anyone you request a quote from is going to want to come in and see what you have. He thinks you would be better off to have them come in and see what we have and have us tell them what we would like. We could do this with 3 vendors. They wouldn't submit a bid without seeing what we have.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said right now he doesn't understand what we actually need.

Councilor Smith said if you have 3 different vendors with 3 different proposals, we aren't going to get the same bids.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said we need to see what our needs are first.

Marshall believes the needs of the office can be determined easily. He doesn't know about the Justice Dept.

Supervisor Scammell asked Marshall if he would be willing to do this for the Town Board.

Marshall asked for one month to work on it. He will do some work on this and report back to the Board.

2) Employee Policies and Benefits.

- Draft Employee Handbook: feedback from TB members.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked Kevin if he had a chance to review this.

Kevin said someone from hi firm had.

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Councilor Dadey, Jr. recommended changing the wording for pay period to bi-weekly on page 14. He asked if this would be a good time to discuss benefits.

Supervisor Scammell believes if we address the health benefits at this time, we will never get the handbook done this year.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. recommended correcting the 10% to 100% on page 65. He asked Kevin if we can say 'effective February 1, 2001 all new employees would be responsible for paying x amount of dollars for health benefits'.

Kevin said yes you could.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said we may want to consider page 19 the COBRA benefits.

Kevin said before any changes were made to the benefit section, he would like the personnel in his office to review the section.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said on page 26, should the Town Board approve the leave rather than the department Head?

Kevin will check on this.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said on page 27 regarding the tiers.

Mary Jo the tiers are not going to be spelled out.

Kevin said it was suggested to just make reference to the State Retirement System for this.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said on page 40 regarding suspension without pay, is there a legal requirement that we have to continue pay until the investigation is completed?

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said on page 41 re: the Public Library clause that they do not fall under town policy.

Mary Jo said this is from the old policy and they have different benefits from the rest of the Town employees now.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. questioned the fairness of this.

Councilor Paul said on page 40 regarding disciplinary action. If Leon disciplines someone for whatever, shouldn't Leon have a procedure where he first brings the employee in and talks to him, etc.?

Kevin said this could be amended into the handbook. He will check on this.

Councilor Paul said on page 6, where the drivers licenses are discussed, if there's any loss or change to it, it may have an effect on employment. Should this include drinking, etc.?

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if the purpose of this handbook is to protect the employee or the employer.

Kevin said both. It sets out the format so everyone knows what is expectation are.

Councilor Paul asked if accepting the handbook is a condition of employment.

Kevin doesn't believe this has ever come up.

Mary Jo said the requested signature is only that the employee received the handbook, it's not an agreement to accept the information within the handbook.

Supervisor Scammell said he has never worked anywhere where he has had to sign an agreement. He said we should appoint a Personnel Manager.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. moved to appoint Supervisor Scammell as Personnel Manager.

Councilor Knapp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Scammell would change email to electronic information transfer on page 6 of the recommended changes.

- Adoption and distribution.

The handbook is not ready for adoption at this time.

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3) Highway.

- Summer Ridge roadways and drainage.

Kevin said we are ready to move on this if the Town Board is. The Planning Board has finished with their review of the application. We have a quick claim deed to the McConnell's and an easement in favor of the Marzo's and Ellis's. We could undertake the environmental review tonight and approve the deeding off of the northerly unbuilt section of Summer Ridge to McConnell's with the easements.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. moved and Councilor Knapp seconded the Motion that there are no other involved agencies, that the Town Board shall act as lead agency, and that the proposed action is an unlisted action for purposes of doing the environmental review. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town Board reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form. (Attached)

Councilor's Knapp moved and Dadey, Jr. seconded the motion that the deeding of the northerly section of Summer Ridge Road with the easements to Marzo's and Ellis's will have no significant effect on the environment; that accordingly, an environmental impact statement shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION

Subject to Permissive Referendum TOWN OF LAFAYETTE TOWN BOARD January 8, 2001

Councilor's Dadey, Jr. moved and Knapp seconded the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in February 1994, John R. Hill Construction, Inc., predecessor in title to Summer Ridge Development, Inc., (the "developer"), as part of its subdivision approval process for the Summer Ridge Subdivision, conveyed to the Town, a trapezoidal shaped strip of land, approximately 60 feet by 220± feet, at the northern end of Summer Ridge Road as set forth on the attached Schedule "A", designed to service additional lots in future sections of said subdivision located to the north of the developed portions of the Subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, this northerly section of Summer Ridge Road was never paved or physically constructed; and

WHEREAS, proposed parcels north of the existing, paved portion of Summer Ridge Road were diminished in number to three and they have run private driveways over the unconstructed portions of Summer Ridge Road; and

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Town Board that this extended unconstructed portion of Summer Ridge Road, in the Summer Ridge Subdivision, is no longer need as development plans for the affected lands in said subdivision have been amended to reduce the number of lots to be serviced by said section of road to three parcels as previously noted; and

WHEREAS, the Town of LaFayette Planning Board has approved a resubdivision of this property, so as to eliminate this proposed portion of Summer Ridge Road; and

WHEREAS, the developer and owners of parcels adjacent to the private driveway have requested and it is the wish and intent of the developer, owners and the Town that these portions of Summer Ridge Road be abandoned by the Town

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and that the property be conveyed to William D. McConnell and Ana D. McConnell of Summer Ridge Road, LaFayette, New York, owners of the northern most lot in this subdivision reserving and granting to the other adjacent landowners (Ellis and Marzo) easements for ingress and egress to their properties; and

WHEREAS, the sole reason that the proposed street was deeded to the Town was for the purpose of providing public access, according to a plan which called for multiple homes to be located on the parcels north of Summer Ridge Road, a plan which has been abandoned by the developer, and

WHEREAS, the only reason for the Town taking title to this parcel was for the purpose of establishing public access to the parcels, a purpose which no longer exists due to the change in the approved plan for this subdivision.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the aforementioned portion of Summer Ridge Road, as described in Schedule “A”, located in the Summer Ridge subdivision, is no longer needed by the Town for public purposes and that said land is surplus would not constitute a parcel large enough to constitute a building lot and is a negligible value; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that said parcel was deeded to the Town by the developer of Summer Ridge subdivision as part of a development plan that has now been abandoned and therefore, there is no longer a need for Town ownership of said parcel; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the aforementioned parcel be deeded to William D. McConnell and Ana D. McConnell in accordance with the description, reserving and granting easements and rights of access to other adjoining landowners (Marzo and Ellis) and that the Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to sign documents and take such actions needed to give full force and effect to this resolution; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a Permissive Referendum.

The questions of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Gregory Scammell, Supervisor	Voting	Aye	
Norman F. Paul, Councilor		Voting	Aye
Thomas V. Dadey, Jr., Councilor	Voting	Aye	
Sandra Smith, Councilor	Voting	Aye	
David Knapp, Councilor	Voting	Aye	

Motion passed unanimously. (Attached)

Leon said due to the supervisor’s complaining about the check on the snow money coming so late each year, they have decided to give the supervisor a partial payment on the 15th of February.

Supervisor Scammell thanked Leon. He said they get partial payments from the state so it’s only fair they treat the towns the same way.

- New EPA ditching requirements.

Leon submitted the Storm Water Regulations Book. This information must be Passed on to the town engineer.

4) OCRRA Liaison.

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Kevin said so far 17 of the towns and villages have completed this process and passed a local law. The old local law did not restrict it’s operation for disposal just inside New York State. Because of the way it was worded, there was a worry about the laws on our books of 1990 & 1992 that they are unconstitutional on Interstate Commerce. This law is basically the same law but it only regulates waste disposed of in New York State.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if all this documentation doesn’t mandate every household in the Town of LaFayette to participate in the hauler program.

Kevin said no. This does not involve districting at all. All this says is if you have a hauler, he has to take the trash to OCRRA.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if we are done with the districting then.

Councilor Knapp said no, it's still out there. It's not on the front burner as it was before. They are still looking at the options. The original law said any hauler that picked up trash in LaFayette had to take it to OCRRA. That was challenged in court and overturned by the Supreme Court. Because of the interstate commerce laws of the constitution, you can no limit where trash is going. Since then, they have found out you can't restrict trash from going out of state but you can control it within the state. This merely changes the wording in the old town law.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. introduced proposed Local Law No. 1-2001, to provide for regulation of collection, removal and disposal of Solid Waste in the Town of LaFayette, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Knapp.

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of local law in the Town of LaFayette, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of said proposed Local Law is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a short environmental assessment form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

WHEREAS, the sad EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Town Board;
and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the enactment of said proposed Local Law, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the enactment of said proposed Local Law against said criteria;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. 1-2001 will have no significant effect on the environment; that accordingly, an environmental impact statement shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR' and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the reasons for the foregoing declaration are as follows:

For the reasons set forth in Exhibit A to proposed Local Law 1-2001; and

If enacted, Local Law No. 1-2001 will amend existing regulations regarding the collection, removal and disposal of Solid Waste in the Town, previously enacted as Local Law 2-1990 and Local Law 2-1992; and

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Haulers currently operating within the Town of LaFayette are under contract to deliver waste to the Agency Facility and, with the enactment of this law, that practice will continue beyond the expiration date of those existing contracts. Thus, this Local Law will have no negative impact because it will cause the continuance of an existing practice which is consistent with the supportive of the County Solid Waste Management Plan and the County Source Separation Law; and

Local Law 1-2001 effects a minor adjustment in the former regulatory scheme to exempt waste involved in Interstate Commerce, and as such its enactment will have no significant effect on land use, air or water quality, traffic, solid waste production, drainage, animal or vegetation life; will not attract numbers of people to the Town; will not create any conflict with the Town's plans or goals; will not impair the character of any community or neighborhood resource; will not create any health hazard; will not result in any change in energy use; and will not create any demand for other action which could result in the above consequences; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of the proposed Local Law No. 1-2001 at the Town Hall located at 2577 Route 11 in the Town on January 22, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Gregory Scammell, Supervisor
Norman F. Paul, Councilman

Voting **Aye**
Voting **Aye**

Thomas V. Dadey, Jr., Councilman	Voting	Aye
Sandra Smith, Councilwoman	Voting	Aye
David Knapp, Councilman	Voting	Aye

Motion passed unanimously and the foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

5) Physical Plant.

- ADT Security System.

Mary Jo advised it is all installed but we won't be put online until someone from the Syracuse office brings out some papers to be signed.

- B & H Air Conditioning Planned Service Inspection Check List.

A Planned Service Inspection Check List was submitted.

6) Recreation and Youth.

- Baily Park dumpster, recreational options, basketball hoop, and safety hazard.

Supervisor Scammell said they met in December and have to schedule their next meeting.

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- Town ballfield insurance for Women's Softball League.

Councilor Knapp said Dave LaBeff is heading up the league this year. He will take care of the insurance with Dave.

Supervisor Scammell read the following:

“The 11th Annual LaFayette Chili Cook-Off to benefit LaFayette Outreach will be held on Saturday, January 27th at the Stafford Park Pavilion in conjunction with the LaFayette Optimists Winterfest 2001, and we'd like you to participate! The Cook-off is open to any individuals, organizations, or business. Set-up time will be 1:00 on the 27th, with tasting from 2-4:00. There will be two trophies, the “People's Choice” award going to the entry having the greatest number of votes, and the “Chef's Trophy” going to the best chili as voted on by the other contest entrants. Oh, and for the record, dimpled chads will not be counted! Entry fee is \$5 for individuals and \$20 for organizations & businesses (remember, all proceeds go directly to Outreach). Please call Tony Minieri or John MacDaniel so we can plan for adequate space at the Pavilion...”

Councilor Knapp said the big project has been the skating rink on the ballfields. Leon has been piling the snow up for the king on the mountain, etc.

- LaFayette Beach transfer.

Nothing new to report.

- LaFayette Beach neighbors' concerns: noise, parking, access/hours, lighting, loitering.

Nothing new to report.

- Lacrosse program facilities evaluation.

Nothing new to report.

7) Safety.

Councilor Smith said the next meeting has been rescheduled to January 16th.

8) Senior Transportation and Housing.

- Housing Survey. SU Links Program.
- Transportation Survey: MCOA.

Supervisor Scammell said both of these surveys are still underway.

- 9) Service Awards.

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

- 10) Water.

- Northern Apulia Road.

Supervisor Scammell said the water study has been completed and is being reviewed. He should have information for the residents in that area soon.

- 10) Zoning Review.

- Industrial Zones.
- Adult Entertainment Businesses.
- Public and Private Horse Stables.

Supervisor Scammell had nothing new to report on the above items.

6. Unfinished business & active projects.

A. Litigation and other legal matters.

- 1) Robinson Properties-Grey Building & Coral House/Route 20E, Red Brick/Route 11S.

Kevin advised the bankruptcy is now a Chapter 7. The bankruptcy court is holding a hearing on January 18th and all three of the buildings may be abandoned from the bankruptcy estate which would free them up for the county to put them up for auction once again.

Councilor's Dadey, Jr. moved and Knapp seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session later in the meeting regarding this litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Nextel Lease.

Kevin said the bottom line here is we have posted the Submissive Referendum and are waiting for the 30 days to transpire and we are in the process of buttoning everything up.

- 3) Summer Ridge (several prior faxes from/to Lynn Hutton).

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

- 4) Apple Ridge assessment.

Kevin advised Mary and John Langey have worked up an approach on this. Mary said she hasn't heard back from John yet.

- 5) Rainbow (on hold).

Nothing new to report.

- 6) Onondaga Nation Land Claim (pending).

Still pending.

B. Other Active Projects.

- 1) LaFayette Community Council: Not-for-profit 1st annual filing.

Supervisor Scammell advised nothing has been received.

- 2) 6475 Oschner Road: Affix demolition charges to tax bills. Dennis Snow Bankruptcy.

Kevin said they are in the process of making the necessary filings and in the process of putting the fees on the tax bills.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked what the fees were.

Mary Jo said \$3,000 for Mike Cook, \$366.75 legal, and \$4,678.66 Highway Dept. expenses.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked who would be interested in buying this.

Marshall said no one with the costs assessed to it.

Mary said we have to put the costs on every year.

Kevin said the county reimburses us as of the next cycle. If they don't put it on the next year's tax bill, they are out the money. We don't have to put it on each year.

Councilor Knapp asked if this was the same situation as with Robinson.

Kevin said yes.

Councilor Knapp said not regarding the bankruptcy.

Kevin said it's a secured property and Mr. Snow is not the owner so it's different. At least at this point you have a sound piece of property that no one can get hurt on.

- 3) Justice Department audit procedure follow-up.

Nothing new to report.

- 4) Annual IRS Requirements for LCC, LFD, & LPL.

Supervisor Scammell sent a letter to the above groups asking if they were interested in consolidating these services. He received a response from David Murray, President of Community Council stating "The LaFayette Community Council is concerned with the best use of public monies. I am interested in the Town Board's proposal of consolidating accounting services to lower the tax burden..." he has not heard anything directly from the Library of Fire Dept. yet.

- 5) Town Newsletter.

- Certificate of Appreciation for Katie Kelly & Jason Olrich.
- Delivery options.

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- Bulk Mailing Permit.

Mary Jo advised the Town can purchase a Bulk Mailing Permit for \$100. The annual renewal fee is \$100. She would recommend if the board goes this route, they purchase an indicia for \$100 so all the papers can be printed with this rather than manually placing it on each newspaper. The cost for all residents with zip code 13084 would be \$.140/paper. The cost for other zip codes if have 150 papers going to them would be \$.240/paper. We were advised by the county there are 177 with Tully zip codes and 552 with Jamesville zip codes.

- Yolanda Bishop, 6003 Morning Star Dr., Homer, NY 13077.

Mary Jo advised she received a phone call from Yolanda stating her interest in

doing the delivery of the paper. She will send her a letter telling her the Board is still reviewing all the options and we will advise her the outcome as soon as possible.

- 6) LaFayette Nature Preserve – Challenge Ropes Course (on hold until Spring, 2001).
- 7) New Business.

Councilor's Dadey, Jr. moved and Knapp seconded the motion to authorize the supervisor to sign the legal and accounting contracts for 2001. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Sr. Citizen Exemptions.

Mary said there's information for the Sr. Citizen Exemption and Disability Exemption. She requests we have public hearings on both. They are increasing each one by \$100.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if we know the cost of this to the Town each year.

Marshall said they will find this out for the public hearing.

Kevin will draft local laws for these and bring them to the next Town Board Meeting. This must all be finalized by the first of March.

Mary said we have to go to the school and let them know we approved it too.

Kevin said she could put the school district on notice right away that we are looking at this issue.

- B. Association of Towns Annual Meeting: List requesting to attend.

Councilor's Dadey, Jr. moved and Knapp seconded the motion to authorize Mary Doster, Maureen Perrin, Eva Palmer, Kim Amidon and Mary Jo Kelly to attend the Annual Association of Towns Meeting in New York on February 18th thru the 21st for a total not to exceed \$700 in receipts each with an advance of \$400 each before the conference. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Motion to submit NYS Youth Service and NYS Youth applications upon receipt.

Councilor's Dadey, Jr. moved and Knapp seconded the motion to authorize the supervisor to sign and submit the NYS Youth Service and NYS Youth Applications upon receipt. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Other.

Supervisor Scammell advised the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office dropped off a flier regarding ATV classes.

“The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with the LaFayette Fire Department, will be hosting 2, ATV Safety Courses at the LaFayette Fire Stations. These courses will be taught by an instructor from the ATV Safety Institute. The course contents include safety techniques, protective gear, environmental concerns, local and state laws. This course is required by New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law for all ATV operators under the age of 16...” The courses will be given January 20th and February 17th....”The ATV course is a hands-on course and participants are expected to provide a REGISTERED and INSURED ATV...”

Mary Jo will drop this notice off at the school to be distributed.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. will follow-up on it.

Mary Jo asked the Board if they wanted it to be run in the Pennywise. They did.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said the county started an Onondaga County Fire Advisory Board to look into the low responses.

Supervisor Scammell advised he attended that meeting.

Councilor's Paul moved and Knapp seconded the motion for the Town Board to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and to include the town attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town Board went into Executive Session at 8:56 pm. and the regular Town Board Meeting was called back to order by Supervisor Scammell at 9:22 p.m.

8. Suggestions for improvement & positive contributions.

There were none.

9. **Councilor's Dadey, Jr. moved and Knapp seconded the motion to audit and pay the following bills:**

GENERAL FUND	#3907 thru #3956
HIGHWAY FUND	#3885 thru #3906
SPECIAL DISTRICT	#3952 thru #3956
TRUST & AGENCY	#3957 thru #3958

Motion passed unanimously.

10. **Councilor's Paul moved and Dadey, Jr. seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**

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The Town Board Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly
Town Clerk