

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette on February 26, 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  
Marshall Taylor, Assessor/Clerk  
Kevin Gilligan, Town Attorney  
Ralph Lamson, CEO  
Jon Rogers, ACO  
Cindy Heckerman, Resident  
Capt. Bronstad, Onon. Sheriff's Dept.  
Tom Chartrand, Bookkeeper  
Connie Foot, Library  
Nancy Baker, Library Director  
Barb Settel, Library

1. Supervisor Scammell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Roll taken and all were present. Supervisor Scammell welcomed everyone.
3. Pledge to the U. S. Flag led by Town Councilor Dave Knapp.
4. Motion to accept prior meeting minutes.

• **Councilor's Dadey, Jr. moved and Paul seconded the motion to accept the February 12, 2001 regular Town Board Meeting minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk. Voting was as follows:**

<b>Supervisor Scammell</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilor Paul</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilor Dadey, Jr.</b>		<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilor Smith</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilor Knapp</b>		<b>Abstain</b>

**Motion passed.**

5. **Communications.**

- A. Residents. (Please help us by signing in and giving your name before you speak).

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Connie Foote said they had a Library Board Meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> and they found out there was some unexpended money from 2000 which they would like to address the Town Board about. The last 3 months of last year they were without a director. Janine was acting director and she thought we were running close to the budget so she was extremely prudent. They would like to proceed to spend the \$6,000 unexpended money from 2000 at this time.

Tom C. said the Town would have to make a motion to expend the surplus of \$6,000.

Nancy said they could use it in the technology or books area.

Connie said they didn't follow through with technology but also didn't purchase the books they

wanted to.

Tom asked why don't we transfer it all to books and after Nancy comes up with a revised budget, she can advise him where to transfer the \$6,000 to.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said typically on the other accounts i.e. Highway, etc., the surplus is used to lower taxes for 2002.

Tom said normally they carry 0 to \$1,000 at the end of the year. This is more than they usually have left.

Connie said she believes Janine didn't realize the money was there. They would have spent it had they realized. Nancy has advised they are going over their accounting procedures and trying to do a better checks and balance.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. believes in the past they have been very close and maybe gone over.

Tom said that is correct. Usually it's in the \$200-\$500 range.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said just because there is that much left over doesn't mean you need to spend it all.

Connie said there were some items they needed to get.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said the money was saved on salary for a director.

Connie said they had to compensate Janine and some additional hours for the other staff.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if we have ever done this before.

Tom said we did it last year in the Highway Dept. for the first lease payment on the truck.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said this was something we had already discussed and anticipated.

Tom said yes. It was discussed at budget time.

Connie said going into December, Janine thought she only had about \$1,000 to spend.

Tom said in the book fund that is correct. There was additional money for salaries and employee benefits. They also reimbursed us \$7,400 from their fund raiser fund last year to cover some of their expenses. He believes the argument could be made that the \$6,000 could come from their grant fund.

Barb said they felt they had the full use of the budget to provide benefits to the taxpayers need in library services.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said a lot of this is due to the fact you didn't have a library February 26, 2001  
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director for several months and health benefits so this money should be used to reduce taxes in 2002 because this portion of the budget was not for books, etc. We use surplus to reduce taxes in the future year.

Councilor Knapp said if we have a need and the money is going to go to a good use, we might want to work with them a little bit here. We don't want people to go out and spend frivolously any money they have left at the end of the year just because it's left over.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. advised they were over budget one or two years in a row.

Barb doesn't feel this is fair. The intention wasn't to spend all the money.

Connie said the budget is barely adequate to cover their needs. They try to come out at the end of the year meeting their needs and also purchasing the items they need. They really did not have the type of expertise and leadership they would normally have. They, as a Board, operate under a long-range plan. They know where they want to go and how they are going to get there.

Councilor Paul asked what the specific needs would be.

Connie said some of the money would be put into purchasing books.

Barb said there's also staff technology.

Connie said they have not kept up with the technology area as they should. Some things that they bought were state of the art 5 years ago and not useful now.

Barb said the public terminals and work stations are much more up-to-date than the staff's. It's now to the point the staff can't process work and do the email necessary.

Tom said if you don't allow them to appropriate this surplus, it will roll over and reduce the taxes for the library line for 2002. If they were doing an accurate budget and they were going to use the \$6,000, they should have money left over at the end of this year.

Councilor Smith asked if by not having the proper technology, does it hinder the work of the staff?

Nancy said they are sharing one computer behind the scenes for all the library staff. She tries to work when other employees are not there. There's one computer available for all the other library work to be done on that is not available to the public. If they had one more computer, it would benefit them. It really hinders their work flow by only having one computer.

Councilor Smith said by using this money, it might enhance the library's ability to seek more funding.

Tom said this money is unappropriated surplus at present.

Councilor Smith asked if at the end of the year their total would remain as it is or if the additional \$6,000 would be in it.

Tom said it would show this amount added to their budget expenditures at the end of the year. It would be the same as if they got a grant part way through the year.

Marshall asked if other departments are being allowed this use of their surplus for technology improvements? If this would be allowed, he would like to do this as the town offices have significant needs too. There is surplus in a lot of the departments.

Councilor Knapp believes it would have to be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Tom said we did the same thing with the Justice Court last year.

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**Councilor's Knapp moved and Paul seconded the motion to appropriate \$6,000 of surplus within the library fund to be put in Account 7410.2 Library Operations Equipment. Voting was as follows:**

<b>Supervisor Scammell</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilor Paul</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilor Dadey, Jr.</b>		<b>Nay</b>
<b>Councilor Smith</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Councilor Knapp</b>		<b>Aye</b>

**Motion passed.**

B. Planning Board member Mert Baldwin: Resignation. \*

"Please accept my notice of resignation from the Planning board and notify the chairman and members so they may select a replacement. Shortly, I will have fifty-five years with the Jamesville Fire Dept. and serve as treasurer and a member of the police squad. I also, rejoined the Jamesville Men's Golf League at Tully after a two-year leave due to the hip replacement. I feel great and with my wife, we spend a lot of time with our five grandchildren and their families.

I think it is time to curtail some activities. I have sat on the Planning Board for many years after replacing Harold Hill when Mrs. Marion was chairperson. I have enjoyed serving and meeting the many people from the board and the legal representatives.

I firmly believe that the Zoning and Planning Boards are two of the most instrumental units that serve the town.

Thank you. Respectfully, Mert B."

Councilor Knapp asked what the procedure for selecting a member is.

Supervisor Scammell advised it is a Town Board appointment. He has spoken with Barb Lasky who would be willing to fill out Mert's term.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if he had spoken to the Planning Board about this person.

Supervisor Scammell advised he had.

C. Xerox Corp.: Copier maintenance renewal. \*

"...Your contract renewal date is coming up and we would like to continue our partnership...To receive the same service and support provided in your existing contract, you do not need to take any action except to put this letter in your files. We will then automatically renew your agreement on 4/1/01, under the current terms and conditions, and will invoice you at the rates listed below... Annual Base Charge \$576."

Mary Jo would recommend looking into the purchase of a new copier. She's not saying to purchase one. The service contract on this one would be about \$600 a year. When we purchased the existing copier, the first 3 years of supplies were free and the service was free for at least a year. Currently we purchase about two copy drums a year and the dry ink cartridges. We probably would spend \$3,000 to \$3,500 over the next 3 years on supplies in addition to about \$1700 over the next 3 years for service. It's worth looking into to see what the cost of a new copier would be to see if over the next 3 years it would pay for itself. We must keep the service contract on the existing copier as we have had to service the copier probably 10 times in the past 12 months.

Supervisor Scammell feels the current copier is too small a copier for the office needs. It's not that bad of a copy machine, it's just a very low volume copier.

Marshall said for the volume of people who come in for exemptions this time of year, it's a real headache when people are standing and waiting for something to be copied on this copier.

Mary Jo advised Jim Wolfe supplied us with information on the current machine.

Councilor Knapp will contact Jim and check into this.

D. Empire Corridor Rail Task Force: 3/7/2001 conference. \*

"High Speed Rail Critical to NYS's Economic Future... This Conference is intended to educate on another on the benefits of high speed rail; (1) what it can bring to New York State in terms of business growth and expansion, marketability, and jobs; (2) the competitively priced transportation alternative to highway and airport congestion; and (3) the positive impacts on energy and environmental issues... Wednesday, March 7, 2001 at the Convention Center @ Oncenter..."

Supervisor Scammell said the information is all here if anyone wishes to attend.

E. Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth: 5/10/2001 Fifth Annual Intergenerational Celebration. \*

"May 10, 2001. Fifth Annual Intergenerational Celebration of the Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth. Place: Empire Room, NYS Fairgrounds. Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Community Service awards will be given in both youth and senior categories. Other award categories include Volunteer Working With Youth, Caregiver of the year, Professional Youth Worker, Intergenerational Volunteer and Senior Citizen of the Year, to name just a few... Nominations for the awards will be sought by the Department of Aging and Youth. If you would like a nomination form please call 435-2362 or write us at 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13202."

F. Longley Jones, E. Carlyle Smith: PILOT payment. \*

"...enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of \$12,500 representing our Payment In Lieu of Taxes for year 2001.

Tom said he distributed this to the school, town and county.

Councilor Paul asked if we are going to look into the interest?

Kevin said there will be a bill for interest and attorney fees.

Councilor Knapp asked if there is another check due soon.

Kevin said it's due March 1<sup>st</sup>. If we don't receive it he will be notified and send notification to FMHA and Carlyle Smith advising them there time has begun to run. If we don't get the audit and payment on time, we will take the necessary steps to terminate the pilot.

Councilor Knapp asked how many more years are on this.

Kevin said it expires in 2005.

G. Niagara Mohawk: Natural gas prices & brochures. \*

“...the increased demand for natural gas throughout the country, together with the colder weather we have been experiencing this winter has resulted in a dramatic increase in the price of natural gas. As a result Niagara Mohawk customers are receiving utility bills that are much higher than those for the same time last year...I am writing to offer you some informative materials and services that you may want to make available to your clients to assist them in managing their gas heating costs...John Ziegler”

H. NYS Office of the State Comptroller: Teleconferences. \*

“Live, Statewide, Interactive, Satellite, Teleconferences. March 29, 2001 – ‘DWI: Arrest, Arraignment and Beyond’, April 26, 2001 – ‘Building Blocks for Town Government: Personnel Management and Civil Service’, May 30, 2001 – ‘Implementing the New 7 Improved Retirement Benefits: The Dialogue Continues’, June 19, 2001 – ‘Fire District Management-Tools of the Trade: Money-How to Raise It, Spend It and Still Stay Out of Trouble’, December 17, 2001 – ‘What Do We Do Now?’ for newly elected & re-elected town officials...Registration 6:15 p.m..Broadcasts Air 6:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m...”

I. OCWA: Rate increase. \*

“On February 13<sup>th</sup> the Onondaga County Water Authority Board adopted a resolution to raise the Authority’s rates for the first time since 1993. Effective April 1, 2001 OCWA’s rates will be increased by 10%, which translates to an increase of less than four cents per day for the average residential customer....The rate increase is critical to OCWA’s ability to continue day-to-day operation and maintenance responsibilities, including maintenance of the high water quality standards and system viability that the Authority’s customers have come to expect over the years...Michael E. Hooker”

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J. NYS Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver: Focus on the Energy Crisis. \*

K. Governor George E. Pataki: Education priorities. \*

“Record Investments in Education...State Aid—Local Priorities...”

L. NYS Assemblyman Michael J. Bragman: CHIPS funding request. \*

“This letter is written to request that you take action during the Executive Budget 30-day amendment period to significantly increase the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) operating and maintenance aid...Local road systems already suffer from high level of deterioration, and the proposed reduction is significant for our counties and New York City...As a result of these and other concerns, I respectfully urge you to act during the 30-day budget amendment process to fully restore CHIPS funding to counties and New York City and to enhance both operating and capital funding beyond 2000-2001 SFY levels to all municipalities...”

Leon said Mary Jo wrote a letter and he signed it and sent it out. If Mary Jo gave all the Town Board Members the same kind of letter and they would sign it and mail it, it might help.

The Board was in agreement with this. Mary Jo will write the letters.

M. Warren & Ruth Shetler: Resignation.

“Please accept our resignation from our cleaning the Town Offices and Optimist and Community buildings. We would like to be finished by March 11, 2001 if possible. We also wish to thank the town for the opportunity of working.”

N. Cedrone Civil/Structural Engineering: Introduction. \*

“...consulting firm committed to providing innovative, high-quality, efficient service at reasonable cost to clients. Our firm was established in 1993 and provides services in the areas of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering...”

O. Other.

**Councilor’s Dadey, Jr. moved and Knapp seconded the motion for the Town Board to go into Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation matter and to include the town attorney and Code Enforcement Officer. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Town Board went into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. and Supervisor Scammell called the regular Town Board Meeting back to order at 7:47 p.m.

6. **Reports.**

A. Departmental (4th Monday). Executive session regarding litigation.

1. Animal Control – Jon Rogers, ACO

Jon said he picked up 3 dogs and Mike picked up 5 dogs and between the two of them they handled 12 complaints.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if he is doing a written report to be submitted.

Jon said yes. He said he has a problem. Somehow the phone book has listed him as Onondaga County Animal Control. He got a call tonight from a lady in Baldwinsville, a phone call from a lady on Oswego St., etc. The Syracuse Directory has him listed as the City of LaFayette Animal Control Officer. They didn’t know how they got this information and they didn’t know how to get his name off the directory.

Supervisor Scammell will see what he can do to get Jon’s name off.

Councilor Knapp asked if he got the complaint resolved from last month.

Jon said he talked to the neighbor who was very apologetic and he has heard nothing more about it.

2. Code Enforcement – Ralph Lamson, CEO

Ralph submitted a written report.

3. Highway – Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent

Leon said for the month they plowed nearly every day. They ended up very good on the overtime. It was 14 ½ hours for the 2 weeks so it wasn’t as much as in December and January. They had a little problem with the ’97 truck (the first new one they bought). He had an awful time finding a place on Saturday to get a pump for it. They took it over to Tracey’s and they fixed it up.

You have to watch out this time of year because of the freezing up and thawing which causing buckling in some spots on the roads. The wing on one of the trucks hit one of these spots and came up and broke the window on it.

They replaced a cable on the ’99. The cables do wear out.

Sunday they ended up getting up to ½” of ice in some spots.

If anyone goes down on Mondore Drive right next to route 11, the pipe that takes the water away caved in. It’s a state pipe but it’s on Mondore Drive.

Councilman Knapp asked if this had anything to do with Mrs. Mondore’s property.

Leon said no.

4. Justice – Malcolm Knapp/Maureen Perrin, Town Justices

Written reports were submitted.  
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Councilor Knapp said one of the reports is the closing account. We have the official New York State Monthly Checklist for the Justice Court as completed by Dave Lamson. We are in compliance.

Councilor Paul said in the letter from Dave Lamson, he states that the Court Clerk did not make deposits within 72 hours of collection. When he looks at the report, it doesn't seem to appear anywhere.

Councilor Knapp said maybe he didn't mark it on the report because he wrote a letter on it. There is an annual report that needs to be done. As soon as tax season is over, Dave will get into this.

5. Library – Nancy Baker, Director

A written report and Library Board Meeting Minutes were submitted.

Councilor Paul asked if it was all taken care of under Item 3 where it states "We also received a letter from Civil Service notifying us that Cara Button was a permanent employee and wanting to know why she is still listed as provisional..."

Tom said this was all taken care of.

Supervisor Scammell said there is an ongoing book sale in the foyer of the library.

6. Recreation – Regina Reinschmidt, Rec. Coord.

Written report submitted.

7. Town Clerk – Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

A written report was submitted.

8. Town Supervisor – Gregory Scammell, Supervisor

A written report was submitted and a year end report.

Tom said the year-end transfers are also included. These transfer were already approved at a previous Town Board Meeting.

B. Committee (2nd Monday).

7. **Unfinished business & active projects.**

A. Litigation and other legal matters.

1. Hamlet SE Corner Properties – Grey Building & Coral House/Route 20E, Red Brick/Route 11S.

Kevin asked if the Town Board would like to authorize Ed Gagen to join the county attorney when discussing the bankruptcy. Ed has completed his review of the

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bankruptcy papers and the hearing has been scheduled for late March. Ed wanted to know whether the Town Board wanted him to go to the motion with the county's attorney or not.

Supervisor Scammell feels it would be very wise for Ed to go.

Kevin will advise him to attend.

2. Apple Ridge assessment.

Kevin said a counter-offer is out to the owner's attorney.

3. Summer Ridge reconfiguration.

Kevin has the signatures from Marzo's and Ellis's. He needs to get up and see the McConnell's.

4. Indemnification Agreements. \* \*

The Intrastate is done.

5. Rainbow (on hold).

Nothing new to report.

6. Onondaga Nation Land Claim (pending).

Nothing new to report.

B. Other Active Projects.

1. LaFayette Community Council: Not-for-profit 1st annual filing. Due date?

Supervisor Scammell advised on 3/6/00 Tony Minieri indicated the 1023 was completed. Going back to June of 2000, we were advised the 1023 was all done and the 990 would be due 12/19/00 and there are 2 – 3 month extensions available. Tony said Bruce Donohue advised ... "Because of Community Council's fiscal year ends July 31<sup>st</sup>, they will more than likely have to file within 5 months of July 30<sup>th</sup>..." 6 months from December 15<sup>th</sup> would be June 15<sup>th</sup> which would be the last date they have to get it done.

Councilor Knapp asked if Supervisor Scammell would like him to talk to Bruce about this. Supervisor Scammell said no. He assumes the extensions have been filed for.

2. Annual IRS Requirements for LCC, LFD, & LPL.

Supervisor Scammell said this is off his plate for now and can be picked up by February 26, 2001 – Town Board Meeting Minutes

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someone else if they would like to do it.

3. Town Newsletter.

- Application.

Mary Jo advised she has the application and there is a voucher submitted for approval tonight for the permit and imprint.

4. LCS/YCIP proposal for composting toilets at LaFayette Nature Center.

There is nothing new to report.

5. School Crossing Guards (Current pay, insurance & liability issues, walking required or optional, school closings, alternative methods of service, training, locations, AM & PM, traffic control vs. pedestrian control, T. Riley's insurance memo).

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said there are 4 to 5 kids who walk to school. They are not required to walk to school, they can take the bus. The crossing guard is requested for afternoons. The pay hasn't been looked into at this time because if the Town Board isn't interested in providing this then the



school superintendent isn't going to pursue it.

Capt. Bronstad said the basic pay is \$33/hour.

Ralph asked if they are just concerned about stopping traffic for the buses coming out.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said it seems that is what's driving it.

Supervisor Scammell thinks for the buses someone from the school could come out and actually hold up traffic for the buses to get out.

Marshall said being a taxpayer of the town, if the school provides rides for the kids, he doesn't want to pay additional for something that is already provided for in his school taxes. If this is for someone who doesn't have a ride to school, that's different. If an accident happens and someone is liable, he doesn't want his taxes to go up because of it.

Capt. Bronstad believes they are confusing crossing guard with flagman for the buses.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. will discuss this further with the school superintendent based on the discussion tonight.

Supervisor Scammell would like to know if this is for a crossing guard or for a flag person for buses. If it's for the buses, he isn't sure it's the town's responsibility.

6. Town Offices security system at LaFayette Commons.

- False alarms: Invoices and root cause.

Councilor Knapp has been playing phone tag on these issues and should have  
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some information this week.

Supervisor Scammell said the last time he entered his code, it didn't seem to recognize the code right away.

Councilor Knapp will relay this information too.

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

Nothing new to report at this time.

Marshall said he should have more information regarding the phone system at the next meeting. If there is any surplus, he would ask the Town Board to set it aside for a better phone system. If you could find \$8,000 and set it aside, he doesn't think he will need this much but could use it towards an adequate phone system. He knows there's some money left in the budget to reduce taxes but he believes we have an obligation to the town residents to be able to contact us. He said from year to year there is always money carried over and he would ask the Town Board to look at a certain amount of money to be set aside each year for certain projects.

Mary Jo advised AOL is cheaper than her current internet provider. AOL will only do direct transfers from an account or use a credit card. She checked with the comptroller's office who advised they are hoping for legislation to change in the near future allowing municipalities to have credit cards as they realize more and more company's are requiring credit cards to do business. Intermittently, they advised if the Town Board authorized her to use her personal card for this purpose as it is a necessary tool in her job, it would be permissible.

**Councilor's Knapp moved and Smith seconded the motion to authorize the Town Clerk to use her personal credit card for billing purposes for AOL as it is cheaper than the current internet provider and a necessary tool to enable her to do her job and to be reimbursed for this monthly fee. Motion passed unanimously.**

8. New Business.

A. Planning Board appointment.

Supervisor Scammell said earlier we discussed Mert Baldwin's resignation. He spoke with Barb Lasky and she would be willing to do this.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if it should be posted in the next Town Newsletter.

Supervisor Scammell said they need someone on the Board now.

Councilor Knapp would like to think about it for a couple of days. She would certainly be a good candidate.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked when Mert's term is up.

Supervisor Scammell said it would be to fill out Mert's term and he didn't have

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the term sheet with him.

Councilor Dadey Jr. asked if the Planning Board had any thoughts.

Supervisor Scammell said the Planning Board is find with Barb.

Councilor Paul asked if the Board would agree to make the appointment at the next Meeting.

Everyone said they would be able to.

B. Town Office cleaning services.

Supervisor Scammell said Shetler's are ready to retire.

**Councilor's Knapp moved and Dadey, Jr. seconded the motion to send Certificates of Appreciation to the Shetler's and Mert Baldwin. Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if it should be advertised and put up for bid.

Supervisor Scammell said they are looking to retire no later than March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Jo said she would clean for the same salary as the Shetler's did which was \$45 a cleaning. Shetler's also cleaned the buildings/bathrooms at the park which she will not do as there was more involved than just cleaning, i.e. plugged toilets, etc.

Councilor Knapp said he might know a couple of people who would be interested.

Ralph said why not make Mary Jo the interim person in case they could find someone else.

Tom would suggest the Board put this on payroll. Mary Jo is already covered under workmen's compensation. He would suggest the Board make is someone already on payroll, this makes it a payroll item rather than paying on a 1099.

Supervisor Scammell said he guesses it's how much the Town Board wants to persue someone else.

Councilor Paul said you don't want someone to come in and work 20 hours and ask for benefits.

Marshall said \$45 is a good deal for the cleaning. He doesn't think this is the going rate.

Supervisor Scammell asked if anyone knew the going rate.

Councilor Smith said it's a lot more than that.

Tom said \$12.50/hour is what the Town of Pompey pays.

Councilor Smith said you also have to look at the quality of work you are going to get.

Tom said the Town of Stafford has gone through 3 cleaners so far this year. The Town Clerk said she couldn't do it any more and they can't find anyone to take it over.

Nancy said the Library had 4 to 5 people who cleaned last year and they could not retain someone due to the salary. It's a lot of work for the amount of money. She's not sure whether it's the Library's responsibility or the Towns responsibility to clean the stairwell.

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Supervisor Scammell didn't know either.

Councilor Paul said the problem he has is if we are gong to offer this on an interim basis to Mary Jo and then we offer this to another person and they work for 3 weeks and they quit, he knows if he was Mary Jo and the Town Board asked her to take it back, he wouldn't do it.

It was decided the stairwell would be included in the upstairs cleaning requirements.

**Councilor's Paul moved and Smith seconded the motion to have Mary Jo**

**Kelly do the upstairs cleaning.**

**Councilor Dadey, Jr. wanted the motion amended to include at a salary of \$45 per cleaning to be done twice a week, not to be done during the Town Clerk hours and not to exceed \$4,680 per year. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Councilor's Dadey, Jr. moved and Paul seconded the motion to transfer \$4,680 from A1640.4 to A1620.1. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ralph reminded the Board they will still need cleaners for the town park buildings.

Supervisor Scammell said we could advertise this.

Tom believes there was some allotment in the recreation budget for a person to do things like this.

Councilor Smith will ask Regina about this.

C. Town insurance proposal.

Supervisor Scammell said this would be for \$17,225. In '93-'94 this was \$36,000. It's now less than ½ of what it was 8 years ago.

Tom said we were almost at \$21,000 last year.

Supervisor Scammell said it goes up and down according to the market.

Tom said most of the towns he's done have gone up 4-5%. This is the first town he's seen go down.

Supervisor Scammell said this is actually up about 8% including all the other town policies. He asked if we'd had any claims.

Kevin said yes. The Rainbow and Robinson claims but there was nothing paid out on them.

The Town Board reviewed the insurance policy and would return to it later in the meeting when everyone had a chance to look it over.

D. Other.

Supervisor Scammell reminded everyone Roy Dodge will be at the next Town Board Meeting to discuss the first Town Board Meeting.

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Mary Lou Murphy from the Character Education Committee will February 26, 2001 – Town Board Meeting Minutes

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be coming to chat with us on some topics.

9. Suggestions for improvement & positive contributions.

- Leon Cook & Town Highway Department.

Supervisor Scammell said he received a call from a resident on McClary Road regarding the reduced speed limit signs. The resident couldn't be more pleased with how Leon and the Highway Dept. responded to this by putting the signs up so quickly.

Leon is glad the people up there are satisfied and happy.

Supervisor Scammell asked Leon to please convey the Town Board and resident's thanks to the rest of the department.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked Leon how much the newest vehicle we bought was.

Leon said the insurance company wants what the town paid for the equipment. The town paid \$106,000 for the truck and \$22,000 for the plow equipment. It was about \$135,000 for the first truck. He asked the insurance company what happens when the truck depreciates. They advised they depreciate the equipment as it goes along. Anybody is welcome to talk to the insurance company about this and they will explain how they give us the right rate.

Supervisor Scammell said the effective date is March 1, 2001.

**Supervisor Scammell moved and Councilor Paul seconded the motion to accept the**

**insurance policy from Reagan Maher in the amount of \$17,225.**

Councilor Knapp would have a couple of questions regarding replacement value.

It was noted the policy only lists 2 voting machines.

Councilor Smith will check into the above matters.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Leon said the problem with the front door (entrance door) to the garage which was put on the building when it was built started last fall before the cold and freezing weather. The wind use to blow right through it. He got 3 prices and Bill Putzer's company did a new door. He would like the Town Board to stop and look at it. They did an A-1 job.

Councilor Paul asked Kevin if he happened to see the letter to the editor concerning the increase in tonnage for OCRRA from Mr. Rogers. He said he though it was totally wrong for them to ask this because if they're under 61,000, there's a penalty and if they're over 61,000 there's a penalty.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said they are penalized now because they are going over what they are suppose to burn.

Supervisor Scammell said the editorial Mr. Rogers wrote implied they are going to get penalized on the other side of this too.

Councilor Knapp said there is an Ogden Martin limit and a DEC limit. OCRRA is applying for a DEC change and will negotiate with Ogden Martin about the limit.

Councilor Paul asked why we would support the increase then.

Councilor Knapp believes they want our support for the DEC request. They are going to go over the limit whether there's a penalty or not.

Leon said the grant money we are supposed to get is under Supervisor Scammell's name. He asked Supervisor Scammell to contact DeFrancisco on this. No one has gotten a job number yet and no work can be done until a job number is received. The Town of Onondaga went ahead and spent the money and they applied for it and couldn't get it.

Supervisor Scammell will contact DeFrancisco.

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

<b>General Fund</b>	<b># 4212 thru #4236</b>
<b>Highway Fund</b>	<b># 4093 thru #4211</b>
<b>Special District</b>	<b># 4162 thru 4239</b>
<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b># 4240 thru 4243</b>

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Town Board Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly  
Town Clerk