

Minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette on March 12, 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
 Kevin Gilligan, Town Attorney
 Marshall Taylor, Assessor/Clerk
 Cindy Heckerman, Resident
 Tom Chartrand, Bookkeeper (arrived late)
 Roy Dodge, Historical Society President
 Mr. Hess, Niagara Mohawk
 Tom Buckley, Deer Run Rd.

1. Supervisor Scammell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Town Clerk took the roll. All were present.
 Supervisor Scammell welcomed everyone.
3. Pledge to the U. S. Flag. Town Councilor Sandy Smith.
4. Motion to accept prior meeting minutes.
 - **Councilor's Smith moved and Paul seconded the motion to accept the February 26, 2001 Town Board meeting Minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Communications.

A. Residents.

There were no comments from residents.

B. PERMA: Annual Board of Directors election.

“Annual Election of PERMA Board of Directors...As a member in good standing, your municipality is entitled, under PERMA bylaws, to vote for the organization's seven (7) member Board of Directors. The term of office for two (2) of the Board representing the Workers' Compensation pool will expire in May 2001. We are now in the process of compiling a ballot for that election. The purpose of this memorandum is to solicit nominees for the two (2) expiring terms for the Workers' Compensation program. The

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individuals currently holding seats are Richard Erario, Commissioner, Holbrook Fire District, and Tom Augustini, Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Johnson City. Mr. Erario and Mr. Augustini have expressed their intention to stand for re-election. If you would like to nominate an officer or employee of a PERMA member, you may submit a name on the attached form. Any PERMA member may nominate an officer or employee of their entity or an officer or employee of any PERMA member. A ballot will be forwarded to you during the first week of April with the names of those nominated...”

C. Mid-State Communications & Electronics, Inc: Tower Inspection Report.

Councilor Knapp said it looks like we are in pretty good shape.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. recommended sending a copy of this to our town engineer for their file.

D. International Association of Fire Chiefs: Volunteer Fire Service seminar.

“The problems we are facing in our county are the same as other volunteer organizations nationwide. To help deal with this crisis situation, the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) volunteer chiefs officers section has developed a program providing chiefs, administrators, and elected officials suggestions to preserve the volunteer system....Fees: There is no fee for this course...Dates: March 12, 13, 19, and 20, 2001...Times: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. each night...”

E. NYS Office of Real Property Services: 2001 Assessment Roll, RAR.

“Time Frame of Sales: 7/1/1999 through 6/30/2000. Residential Assessment Ration 98.15...The Residential Assessment Ratio was established as the median ration in the list of ratios of assessment to sale price sorted in ascending order...”

Supervisor Scammell read this to mean if the sale prices was \$98.15, the sale would be \$100.

Marshall said if you are within 2 points either way, you will come up with a 100% equalization rate.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked if the school got a copy of this.

Marshall said they should have.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked how this effects the school district because one year it was over 100 and another year it was under 100.

Marshall said they should be at 100%.

Supervisor Scammell thanked the Assessors for doing such a good job.

Councilor Knapp agreed.

F. Onondaga County Department of Aging & Youth: Nominations for 5th Annual Intergenerational Awards.

“The 5th Annual Intergenerational Awards Ceremony to be held on the Thursday, May 10, 2001, at the Empire Room New York State Fairgrounds...”

Supervisor Scammell said there are 10 different categories.

G. Niagara Mohawk: Natural Gas Prices.

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“As you may know, the price of natural gas has substantially risen due to temporarily tight supplies and much colder than normal winter temperatures... We are refunding \$19.1 million in rate relief to gas customers during the months of January, February and March. In addition, we have created a special program for low-income customers who qualify for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) aid... In addition to these measures, Niagara Mohawk is undertaking a major communications program to provide customers with useful information on how to reduce energy use through weatherization and life style changes. In addition, we’re highlighting available Niagara Mohawk payment option programs to help residents manage these higher costs... I have enclosed Niagara Mohawk’s most recent “At Issue-Natural Gas Prices” for your information and use...”

Supervisor Scammell said right now we are 2% colder than last year.

Councilor Paul said the first street light he mentioned at an earlier meeting and thought was fixed is working intermittently. Sometimes it’s on and sometimes it’s off. Mr. Hess will check into this.

H. Southern Hill Preservation Corp.: 2000 Annual Report.

“Please accept the enclosed copy of the Southern Hills Preservation Corporation’s 2000 Annual Report, which reviews the organization’s programs and accomplishments for the previous year. In 2001, we hope to continue and expand our 1st Time Home Buyer Program and home buyer education workshops, Home Improvement Program, and revolving loan funds... Vision Statement: Our vision is that all residents of southern Onondaga County have safe, decent, and affordable housing...” Some of the programs are: “Home Improvement Program, Development Projects, Revolving Loan Fund, Grant Writing & Research Assistance, 1st Time home Buyer Program, Outreach and Other Activities”.

I. Governor George E. Pataki: STAR program.

“Governor Pataki’s Star Program Enters Fourth Year... STAR History... Efforts to Protect STAR Savings... Applying for STAR... Property Tax Relief Continues With “Co-STAR...”

Councilor Paul asked how many people take advantage of this.

Marshall said everyone. The seniors come in and apply for the 50%. He is sure some people might not know about it.

Mr. Prince asked what STAR is.

Marshall explained.

Councilor Paul asked how many take advantage of the enhanced STAR.

Marshall said between 300-400.

Supervisor Scammell asked if anyone can still apply now.

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Marshall said there's a deadline of March 1st but they can get on the computer until April 1st. There are about 15 people left to call and remind to come in.

J. FOCUS Greater Syracuse: I Love Central New York Celebration 2001.

"I Love Central New York Celebration 2001, Friday March 16, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Convention Center at Oncenter Fourth Annual Luncheon and Family Fair...Reservations \$18 per person...payment form by March 7th..."

K. Onondaga County Health Department: "Screen for Life" Colorectal Cancer Action Campaign.

"I would like to personally invite you to be a guest at the "Screen for Life" Colorectal Cancer Action Campaign breakfast sponsored by the Onondaga County Partnership for Healthy Living. This breakfast will be held on Wednesday, March 21 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am at the On Center. "Screen for Life" will kick off an Onondaga County effort to increase colorectal screening. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death. Colorectal cancer can be prevented and detected early with regular screening...March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month...Please call to confirm your attendance at 435-3280 at the Onondaga County Health Department..."

L. American Farmland Trust: Third Annual Purchase of Development Rights Conference.

"I am writing to invite you to American Farmland Trust's upcoming Third Annual Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Conference. The event will be held on March 29, 2001 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Empire Room, NYS Fairgrounds, in Syracuse...PDR Program has awarded over \$30 million to communities to purchase development rights on farmland. This voluntary farmland protection technique pays farmland owners for permanently protecting their land for agriculture. Once conserved, this land remains in private ownership and available for agriculture. This conference is designed for farmers, local government officials, agricultural and farmland protection boards, land trust members and others interested in learning about New York State's PDR program and how it can be used by farmland owners in their community. The topics to be discussed include: What is PDR?, Building Community Support for PDR, NYS PDR Application Process, Public and Private Funding Options, Partnerships in Successful PDR Projects, Farmers' Perspective..."

M. Onondaga County Legislature: March session minutes.

Councilor Knapp wondered what was said by Mr. Kinne regarding the Death Penalty in New York State.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said there was no discussion. It was tabled indefinitely.

N. Jamesville-DeWitt High School: Operation Graduation.

"On June 21, 2001 Jamesville-DeWitt High School will be holding its annual

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substance-free event after the Senior Ball. The nationally known program “Operation Graduation” promotes a healthy, safe, drug and alcohol-free environment for students to celebrate the culmination of their high school years. Our “Rock’N Bowl Party” is a secure, chaperoned event which lasts from midnight after the Senior Ball until the following morning at sunrise...If you wish to donate, please make checks payable to JDHS Operation Graduation and mail by April 1, 2001...”

Councilor’s Dadey, Jr. moved and Knapp seconded the motion to donate to the Jamesville-DeWitt High School and LaFayette Jr.-Sr. High School the same amounts as donated last year. Motion passed unanimously.

O. Comptrol: Emergency Service Delivery Systems Review.

“Emergency Services including fire and emergency medical services (EMS) are two of the most vital services any community provides to its citizens. They are also services that should have a periodic and independent review. Comptrol, Inc. provides independent consulting services to municipalities who seek to improve their emergency services delivery system. Here are some examples of what we have been asked to review. Alternatives with shortage of volunteers, Consolidating services, improving insurance ratings, billing for EMS, preventive maintenance program, controlling cost, more effective use of equipment, realign staffing, review of facilities, townwide coordination. The Comptrol team consist of three qualified professionals with experience in fire, EMS and financial matters...”

Councilor Knapp asked if we should send a copy of this to Mr. Sutton.

Supervisor Scammell said yes.

P. Other.

There were no other topics.

6. Special Report: J. Roy Dodge, March 14, 1826. Minutes.

Supervisor Scammell said the next item on the Agenda is a special report by Mr. J. Roy Dodge. He is responsible for all the wonderful photographs around the building.

Roy said it’s 18 years since he was last with us. He is delighted to see this beautiful building. In 1977 when he went to Eleanor Neuman’s, the Town owned exactly 4 items in the way of office equipment. They had the old safe which was bought second-hand, the old roll-top desk which was also bought second-hand and had no chair with it. The third item was a very antique copy machine. The fourth and last item was a beat-up 4-draw file cabinet. This evening we are celebrating the 14th of March 1826 which is a date more important than the one we celebrated last year on the 15th of April because this is where it all began.

“Tonight we commemorate the organization of the Town of LaFayette one hundred and seventy-five years ago on March 14, 1826. Thirty-five years had passed since the first settler arrived in the old Town of Pompey. For the first twenty-five of those years, up until about the War of 1812, settlement had been rapid but still not

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sufficient to warrant the division of Pompey. The State of New York had long decreed that the population had to reach a certain density before they would create new towns. Gradually there was agitation for such a creation here. The post office was established on November 1, 1816 and thereafter one of the strongest ties to old Pompey Hill was broken. Exactly one year later the Columbian Society voted to call upon the Legislature for the erection of a new town and they named two men to attend a meeting in Manlius in pursuance of that objective. Thirty years later, in his historical sermon., Rev. George Delevan recalled: ‘Had the fathers of this Town been weak, timid and vicious men, we should still be a dependence of Pompey, a rude and barbarous corner’.

When the new town was created it contained about 2,400 inhabitants of whom 400 were voters. The remaining part of old Pompey contained about 600 voters. And, of course, we should note that all of the Indian Purchase of 1822 and 15 out of 27 lots of the Indian Purchase of 1817 were included in LaFayette as well. Prior to the Purchase of 1817 the Indian Reservation came up to exactly one mile north of the hamlet. The old reservation line passed east and west just north of the house on what was for 80 years the Rich Long farm, now occupied by James Miller and the Watson Garden Center. Squatting by settlers on these portions of Indian land was so long established that the State decided to make the purchases rather than to try to evict the squatters. And, they shrewdly reasoned, acquiring 4,700 acres in the two purchases for a total of \$2,700 in cash plus a perpetual annuity of \$430.00 and fifty bushels of salt was a good deal. They would sell the land to the squatters already there and other arrivals and make a nice profit. The State’s land agents were still selling some of this land as much as thirty-five years later.

I shall now give you a brief review of how the hamlet would have looked on March 14, 1826. First of all, the tavern and general store of Col. Johnson Hall where the meeting was held was the mid section of the present block, facing Route 11. When you look at the building today, notice the gable end of the original tavern on its west side. The next structure south of it was the farmhouse of Caleb Green across from the present LaFayette Inn. There was nothing between them although about this time Johnson Hall sold a lot and a house was soon built on the site of the former Public Library. North of the tavern, on the corner, was a small store built on the site of Orange King’s original log tavern. This was torn down to build the LaFayette Hotel in 1871 which is now the main part of the block.

Across the street on the west side of Route 11 there were three structures. To the south on the site of Malcolm Knapp’s real estate office was Joseph Smith, probably the first settler at the corners. His widow had died here about two weeks before the town meeting. Next north of the Smith’s was Morris Clapp’s residence. His blacksmith shop was located where the south part of the church now stands. His house, now owned by Richard Baker, is probably the oldest structure still standing in the hamlet, except for the old tavern as mentioned before. The church was quite new at this time having been built in 1819 and 1820. Next west of it was the stone schoolhouse, built on the site of the front two-thirds of the Session Building. It is said to have been the first two storied

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schoolhouse in Onondaga County when it was built, with the financial assistance of a Lodge of Masons, in 1807. They occupied the second floor as their Lodge Room. Then, going west, there was only one house, the home of Asahel King, on the site of the Scammell house which was refurbished last year and opened in December as an antique shop,. The next structure west of King's house was his tannery where Route 81 now passes. Across the road from it was an ashery.

On the north side of present Route 20 there were only two structures, other than this ashery, and both stood at the corner. The first was located in the parking lot of the Maher Building where the driveway off from Route 11 now passes. This was Dr. Silas Park's home but he had died two years before the date of our imaginary visit. Next to Park's house, in front of the present post office, was the house and office of Dr. Chauncey Williams, built about 1812 and torn down in 1966.

Going east along present Route 20, on the south side of the street, was Ezra Knapp's tavern where the office of Perrin & DeMore and house of Knowlton Foote are located. This was the only structure on the south side of the street at that time and was used for all town meetings between 1835 and 1866 under various inn keepers.

On the north side of present Route 20 there were only three or four structures. The large brick house at the corner on the site of Amidon's garage dated from about 1810 and next to it a small structure used as a tailor shop by William M. Smith. He lived next east in the rear portion of the present Jean Suters residence. About this time or shortly thereafter the residence of Dr. Elijah Park was built farther up the hill and now occupied by Wesley Hall.

Going north on present Route 11 there was the house and shop of Dorus Porter on the site of the IGA store. He made fine furniture and coffins. Next was the farm of Asa Otis Smith on the site of the present Dengel residence and a little north of it there was a distillery.

In summing up this brief review and tour, it may be seen that there were by 1826 a church, a school, two taverns, two stores, a blacksmith shop, a tailor shop, a tannery where shoes were also made, a distillery, and an ashery. There were about eight or nine houses, a doctor, a tailor, a shoe maker, a cabinet and coffin maker.

As you know, in the recent LaFayette Historical Society newsletter I discussed two of the town offices long since defunct, that of Overseer of the Poor and Commissioner of Excise. But there are several others that no longer exist and I shall mention a couple of them now.

First of all there was the office of Fence Viewer and like that of Pound Keeper, two men were named to it. The fence viewers named each year were to adjudicate disputes between neighbors over the maintenance of line fences and to ascertain the damages done by dogs to sheep and other farm animals. When this office was abolished its duties devolved upon the assessors who assess dog damage to this day.

Another position of some importance was that of trustee of the Public Fund also known as the School Fund. This Public Fund was of ancient derivation. It went back to the year 1789 when an Act was passed to reserve one lot in each of the original townships

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of the Military Tract for ‘promoting the gospel and public school or schools’. When this lot was sold the resultant proceeds were invested and the interest annually paid out to the common school districts. In the creative legislation of April 15, 1825 the Legislature directed the supervisors of Pompey and LaFayette to ‘divide all monies, bonds, mortgages or other proceeds arising from the gospel and school lot of said town of Pompey, in an equitable manner’. In accordance with this directive, the Public Fund was divided on November 2, 1826 and trustees were named. They were regularly chosen for nearly forty years until the supervisor assumed their duties in 1864. Interestingly, the principle of this fund remained intact for 130 years and was not dissolved until 1957 when it was turned over to the LaFayette Central School District. It still contained the original sum, between two and three thousand dollars.

Yet another office filled at all town meetings right from the first was Commissioner of Common Schools. Originally there were three commissioners but in 1845 this was changed to one person. When Commissioner Enoch Everingham made his report for the period December 1, 1846 to December 1, 1847 he cited yearly expenses of \$35.58. He stated that he examined and licensed two teachers and made regular visits on all of the school districts to be redrawn and Enoch reports that he spent, ‘two days visiting schools and setting off said farms of Dyer Alexander and Ezekiel A. Mills’ from one district to another. Then he makes a curious statement when he says that he spend May 3, 1847, ‘licensing men to kill their fellow beings’. One would love to know what he was talking about.

‘Town Government’ as we know it today came about after a complete restructuring in 1900. Highway maintenance was assessed by the so called ‘money system’ rather than a ‘labor system’; terms of office were extended from one to two years; all terms began January 1st and town elections were held on the General Election Day in November rather than at an annual town meeting, generally in the third week of February, as had been the case through most of the previous century.

There have been two major themes in local government in the 20th century. The first, spanning about forty years, was that of road building. The first piece of improved road in the town was one mile in length from the intersection of the hamlet north to the Long farm. It was begun in August, 1902 and finished the next year. All road building and improvement was then done at town expense. Later, under the so called Armstrong-Higbee Bill, the State provided some funding as dispensed through the County Board of Supervisors. The first construction in LaFayette under this funding was Apulia Road built in 1912-1914 from Jamesville to what is now Route 20, or about eight miles, under a private contractor.

When I interviewed Edward Aungier, Highway Superintendent 1924-25, I was fascinated by his recollection of bridge building under his direction. After World War I there was a concentrated effort to build concrete bridges. One of those built by Mr. Aungier was the Webb Hollow bridge. He first built a wooden platform about ten feet square and the men mixed all the cement by hand upon this platform. The men doing the mixing received 20 cents per hour. A gasoline powered cement mixer and York maintainer were not purchased until 1927. Prior to that the road scrapers had been pulled by horses, a traction steam engine hired for each job or a gasoline tractor.

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The first snow plowing done in the town came through private means. It was the spring of 1927 and the Colonial Coach Company, which had been running buses from Syracuse to Binghamton for several years but only when there was very little snow, wanted to break the road clear along the entire route. It took them twenty six days to complete some sixty miles. The next spring the Onondaga County Highway Department purchased some crawler tractors of World War I surplus and began to clear Route 11 on an erratic schedule; it was 1930 before it was done regularly. But later in 1928 residents along Route 11A and Apulia Road petitioned for similar service and when they got it the sleighing was ruined for farmers on the side roads. Being unable to use either trucks on their own roads or sleighs on the plowed roads inspired the residents of Irish Hill to petition the Town Board to buy a snow plow. This had been opposed by the supervisor but finally town snow plowing came about in 1936.

The second great theme of town government in the 20th century had been Planning and Zoning. This has been a difficult but highly rewarding battle and I don't have to tell you that it still goes on. I know that some of these questions bring more excitement to your lives than you really need. But be of good cheer!! You have made the town a better place by standing firm upon the Ordinance. One only has to recall the trailers that began sprouting up everywhere in the 1950's to realize what thirty years of work and expense have finally corrected. I must remind you that the first Zoning Ordinance in 1958, although weak and ineffectual in many ways, was proposed and passed with courage and at great political risk. Supervisor Paul King who had the foresight to draft it and get it passed was not re-elected. Up rose that same old reactionary politician of the 1930's and by packing the Republican Caucus of 1959 defeated Mr. King. But it did him no good. The Republican Party deserted him completely in the election and as a result there has never been a Republican Caucus in LaFayette since."

Roy said everyone is welcome to come and look at his collections.

Supervisor Scammell said he appreciated how much Roy has given of himself for this.

Roy said the thing he hopes is someone will step forward to become interested in this.

Supervisor Scammell read the first Town Board Meeting Minutes.

Councilor Knapp noted there were 2,400 people and about 400 voters. He asked if they had to be a property owner to vote.

Roy said he isn't sure if the property owner matter had been raised yet or not but you had to be male. At that time the judges were appointed by the county.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked what year they changed it from the justices being on the Town Board.

Roy said originally there were 4 judges who constituted the Town Board with the supervisor. In the 30's they took off 2 of them. In the 50's they made them councilmen and in the late 70's the last two were on. Malcolm and George were the last two to be taken off the Town Board.

Councilor Paul asked about the old school house on Jamesville Apulia Road. Some people think it's the first Jamesville school.

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Roy said it was actually the first LaFayette school. There were 3 districts in the valley. That one, the one near Albanese and one up near Edna Bush on Apulia Road. The first #1 school was the one on Coye Road.

Councilor Paul asked about the Moses DeWitt Cemetery. Was it in the Town of DeWitt?

Roy said Moses DeWitt was the first supervisor of the Town of Pompey. He was only in office 3-4 months because he died later in 1794. He is responsible for much of the surveying being done. There are no stones left at the cemetery. He has a fairly good list of who was buried there. There were slaves buried there too.

Supervisor Scammell asked what an ashery was.

Roy said when they burned down trees, they scooped up the ashes and brought them there where they were used to make lye. They could sell the lye and transport it fairly easily for soap making, etc. It was a very short-term period. The distillery which was where the Edge of the Pond Apartments are, was put out of business when the temperance supporters torched it in 1827.

Councilor Paul said at the end of his letter he mentioned finances.

Roy said it relates to the fact that the Town has helped him with the financial expenses.

Councilor Paul asked if he needed more money.

Roy said up to what he's spent to this point, he's getting along pretty well. The thing that revolutionized is photo collections is the digital copying at the photo labs. He would be glad to show the Town Board these anytime.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked when the railroad came through.

Roy said 1854.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked where the stop was.

Roy said right on Dodge Road.

Councilor Knapp asked when the creamery was built.

Roy said 1896 and it closed in 1967.

The Town Board thanked Roy for his presentation.

The Town Board took a short recess at 7:51 p.m. and was called back to order by Supervisor Scammell at 8:15 p.m.

Councilor's Knapp moved and Smith seconded the motion to issue a Certificate of Appreciation to Roy Dodge for all his work with the history of our Town and his eloquent presentation this evening. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Reports.

A. Departmental (4th Monday).

B. Committee (2nd Monday).

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1) Communications and Technology.

- Town web site.

Mary Jo advised she hasn't logged onto it lately to see what updates have been made. She has sent Mike Forte the minutes and Zoning Ordinance to add to the site.

Mary Jo advised we have received our bulk mailing permit and the county is attempting to get us names and addresses for all residents with Tully/Jamesville mailing addresses so labels can be prepared for the next Newsletter mailing.

- Town Office phone system requirements (MT).

Marshall made a presentation and submitted some documentation. He reviewed the information received from the vendors he met with. On the existing phone system, all calls come in to Mary Jo for Code Enforcement, the Tax Collector, Supervisor, etc. She in-turn transfers the call to the appropriate department. Each transfer costs 8 cents. The yearly cost for this is less than \$100. Its' probably an average of about 1,000 calls per year. In the Justice Dept. they have one line shared by the judges and the 2 clerks. The intent was to look at the existing system and see what we need to do to fix it. He met with every person in the building except Supervisor Scammell to discuss this. The new phone system calls for some significant changes. All the departments feel everyone should have a line of their own. Today Mary Jo has a main line and one rollover line. This rollover line would go to the Code Enforcement Dept. Mary Jo also has a fax line which would remain there. It was approved at a previous meeting for the DSL line for her computer for the web site. A regular line would go in which would become a DSL line in the future. Catherine Zajac would get a new line. Supervisor Scammell has a line we have been paying for over 5 years which hasn't been hooked up. In the Assessors Office, you would have the existing telephones on the counter and desk. There would be a phone on the other assessors desk using the same service. In the kitchen it would be the same – one phone to pick up 4-5 lines. In the Court Room, there is a phone used on court night that is put in the desk when they are done with it. We can put the phone on the desk and no one could use it without the access code.

Supervisor Scammell asked what they use it for on court night.

Marshall said for incoming calls.

Councilor Knapp said they used it for security before the security system was installed.

Marshall said Kim and the judges would get their own phones. Eva will keep her own. This would be two new lines in the Justice Dept. The judges get a lot of calls from lawyers, judges, etc. and feel these people should be able to leave either of the judges a message. He met with Leon at the Highway Dept. They could get a new phone in the office, the break room and the mechanics room. This would be 3 new phones. Any system you get today has between 50 and 150 different options. The town garage is a separate system but equipment is compatible. The new system will replace the existing

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system and have three new lines. The Justice Department will have two new lines and the Tax Collector will have one. The Town Clerk's DSL line that has been previously approved will be installed with the new phone system. The total cost represents less than 4% of the towns unappropriated funds carry-over for year 2000. This includes the cost of the equipment, the lines and the monthly phone bills. Marshall would ask the Town Board to make a motion to set aside a certain amount of money for this. The estimated cost for a new phone system is \$8,000. Four new lines would have a one-time charge of \$350. The monthly service charges for 4 phones at \$24 a month would be \$96.

Councilor Paul asked if he had attached what the service contract rates are.

Marshall said yes. When he has a final presentation he will have this information for the Board.

Councilor Paul noted on page 2 it says we need high-quality equipment with a warranty and power backup.

Marshall said most people felt the lifespan of the equipment would be 10 years. The intent isn't to pick the lowest or highest bid, but to pick the person who will do the best for us.

Councilor Knapp asked if one of the responses was from the person from town.

Marshall said yes.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said given how technology has changed, we are looking at adding a significant amount of phones, hardware, etc.

Marshall said and people are coming in with about the same prices.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked about voicemail at the Highway Dept.

Marshall said it would be hooked up to the existing voicemail.

Councilor Paul asked how much more it would be to have part of the office system

Marshall said between \$300 and \$1000.

Leon said they are all set up there.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked what the library currently has.

No one knew.

Marshall said if Leon doesn't want the phone, he's not here to push it. The phone bill will not increase at all with the new phones at the Highway but it's up to him.

Leon said he gets all the messages on the machine so he doesn't need new phones.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. suggested to ask the bidder to do an alternate bid not including the Highway.

Marshall said the bidders said it would be the same but just take out the cost of 3 phones.

Councilor Knapp asked if there is a power backup too.

Marshall said yes.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked how this ties in with the alarm system.

Marshall said it won't change this at all.

Maureen Perrin sent a letter in support of the new phone system.

Leon said he doesn't wish to have any new phones.

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Supervisor Scammell will discuss the financing of this with the Tom Chartrand and then he will email the rest of the Board. He said the question is do we have \$8,000 in the budget that could be used for this.

Marshall said you are really talking \$9,000 if you include the service charge.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. moved to put aside an amount not to exceed \$9,000 subject to the approval of the Town Financial Advisor.

Councilor Knapp asked if the Town Board would still be able to review the bids.

Marshall said yes.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said the money we would be using would be to reduce taxes for 2002.

Marshall believes we can cover everything for the next year for \$9,000.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. rescinded his motion.

Marshall will review the bids and make a recommendation to the Town Board at the next Town Board Meeting. He will discuss this with Tom Chartrand and ask him to attend the next meeting.

2) Employee Policies and Benefits.

- Updates.

Kevin submitted answers to the previous questions.

Councilor Paul asked what would happen if you weren't able to work.

Leon said you can collect up to 120 sick days. Vacation and Personal Days can't be saved.

This will be on the agenda for the next Town Board Meeting. The Town Board needs to decide if they will continue with this practice.

Leon said he had 120 days time coming before he took over as Highway Superintendent as this does not refer to elected officials.

The Town Board will think about this until the next Town Board Meeting.

Supervisor Scammell said the Town Board needs to decide if it will continue for non-elected employees to accumulate the 120 sick days and if it will be for employees who are terminated or resign, etc.

There was discussion regarding over-time for the Deputy Highway Superintendent. "Although Deputy Highway Superintendent would not qualify for overtime pay in his capacity as the Deputy, he would qualify for overtime pay as a highway worker."

It was recommended to delete any reference to years as the NYS Retirement System changes these quite often. It would be better just to say: "Refer to the NYS Retirement System".

- Adoption & distribution.

To be continued at the next Town Board Meeting.

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3) Highway.

- New EPA ditching requirements.

Supervisor Scammell asked if anything new had happened.

Leon said he doesn't know if Wednesday they will be discussing this at their meeting or not. He understands our engineer is suppose to be investigating this.

Supervisor Scammell will check on this.

Leon said this may slow down because they cut the EPA budget way down.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said once we find out what the town engineer knows about this, we might want to consider sending a letter to Congressmen Walsh.

- CHIPS support letter.

Letters were signed and sent by the Board and Leon.

- Drainage issues on Summer Ridge.

Supervisor Scammell said Marzo's have indicated to him that they still suspect there is a drainage problem with their property.

Leon said supposedly what they did up there will take care of this. He will keep an eye on it.

This matter was placed on hold for now.

4) OCCRA Liaison.

Councilor Knapp said there was nothing new to report at this time.

5) Physical Plant.

- General maintenance designation.

Supervisor Scammell is trying to set up someone to contact if there is something which needs to be done that Herb can't do or needs help to do. He suggested Fred Groth or Fred Taylor.

Councilor Knapp would agree with Fred Groth. He asked if he would have to fill out the form as a contractor.

Kevin asked if they carry their own liability insurance.

Supervisor Scammell said they have both indicated they have insurance.

Councilor Knapp said Fred Groth has done work for us in the past. Would he need to fill the form out for each job?

Kevin said no. He could fill it out on an annual basis.

Councilor Knapp will give him the policy and a form to fill out.

6) Recreation and Youth.

- Bailey Park: dumpster, recreational options, basketball hoop, additional sand and safety hazard (left over posts in former tennis court).

Nothing new to report.

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- Town ball-field insurance for Women's and Men's Softball Leagues (DK). Councilor Knapp said the insurance company is faxing him what they need for limits, etc. and then he will track down Dave LaBeff.

- LaFayette Beach transfer.
Nothing new to report.

- LaFayette Beach neighbors' concerns: noise, parking, access/hours, lighting, loitering. Summer plan.
Supervisor Scammell said we are not going to be able to solve all these problems by summer. The only thing he can think of is to send Don Ross over on certain nights to check things out.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. thinks we have done everything we can do over there.

Councilor Knapp thinks there might just be one night a week we need to have Don go over there.

- Lacrosse program facilities evaluation and re-siting.
Nothing new to report.

7) Safety.

Councilor Smith said there will be another meeting next week. At the last meeting Tom Rezsnyak made a suggestion that we put a link to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission on our website.

Mary Jo will refer this to Mike Forte.

8) Senior Transportation and Housing.

- Housing Survey. SU Links Program.
Supervisor Scammell is still waiting for feedback on this.

- Transportation Survey: MCOA.
Supervisor Scammell is still waiting for feedback on this.

9) Service Awards.

There has been no new activity on this.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said we are waiting for the 30 days to elapse for the posting.

- Mailing addressees ?

10) Water.

11) Zoning Review.

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- Industrial zones.

Councilor Knapp believes the big thing we needed to wait for is where our industrial zones will be.

Kevin said in terms of the map, it eliminates some of the area on the north side of Mondore Drive.

Supervisor Scammell said there is also a small piece on Ochsner Rd. near the County Highway Dept.

Kevin said if we are going to hold on this, we will have to extend the moratorium on this as well.

Kevin said the original proposal had a 1,000' separation from lot line to lot line. This was changed. By changing this just a little bit and saying 500' and measuring it from the building, made it O.K.

Supervisor Scammell is expecting very minor modifications to the Industrial Zone subject to the Town Board approval.

- Adult Entertainment Businesses.

Councilor Knapp said the things in the beginning listing the undesirable behavior, are they supportable and not challengeable?

Kevin said anything you do can be challenged.

Councilor Smith asked who would be responsible to check on the violations.

It was decided it would be Code Enforcement's responsibility.

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

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Councilor Dadey, Jr. introduced a proposed Ordinance, related to the location of Adult Uses within 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 adoption of an Ordinance 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 adoption of said Ordinance, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the adoption of said Ordinance is a Type I action for purposes of environmental review under SEQR; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED The Town Board had determined that a full environmental assessment form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the said EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Town Board and the Town Board has considered the adoption of said Ordinance, ha considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.11

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and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Ordinance against said criteria; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the adoption of said Ordinance 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:

If adopted, said Ordinance will amend the 1970 Zoning Ordinance of the Town of LaFayette, as Previously Amended, with Respect to Adult Uses. The Ordinance is intended to restrict adult uses to Industrial (I) District areas of the Town. The adoption of the Ordinance will not involve any construction or other physical change within the Town of LaFayette;

The Ordinance, 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 effect existing traffic patterns or volume; will not create any conflict with the Town's plans or goals; will not impair the character of any community or neighbourhood 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 will not otherwise have any negative impact upon the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board conduct a public hearing as to the adoption of proposed Ordinance at the Town Hall located at 2577 Route 11 on April 9, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., or a 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:

Supervisor Scammell	Aye
Councilor Paul	Aye
Councilor Dadey, Jr.	Aye
Councilor Smith	Aye
Councilor Knapp	Aye

The foregoing was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: March 12, 2001

ORDINANCE
Town of LaFayette

**An Ordinance Amending the 1970 Zoning Ordinance
of the Town of LaFayette, as Previously Amended,
With Respect to Adult Uses.**

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Be it Ordained, that the 1970 Zoning Ordinance of the Town of LaFayette, as previously amended, is further amended, as follows:

I. Purpose.

It is recognized that buildings and establishments operated as adult uses have serious objectionable operational characteristics. In order to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Town of LaFayette, this ordinance is intended to restrict adult uses to Industrial (I) District areas of the Town. The Town Board of the Town of LaFayette (hereinafter the “Board”) hereby finds that the operational characteristics of adult uses and the secondary effects of adult uses increase the detrimental impact on a community when such uses are spread throughout the community. Based upon common knowledge and experience and studies conducted by other municipalities (including but not limited to: Syracuse, New York; Kansas City, Missouri; Bergen, New York; Scotia, New York; Dryden, New York; and Ellicottville, New York) (which studies have been reviewed by the Board), and considering the study conducted by Syracuse, New York concerns itself with an area in proximity to the Town of LaFayette, the Board finds that the adult uses sought to be regulated by this ordinance have been associated with criminal and other socially undesirable behavior, such as disorderly conduct, prostitution, pornography, drug trafficking and substance abuse, which have the resulting effects of depressing property values in the surrounding neighborhood and increasing the burden upon law enforcement personnel and municipal expenditures. Therefore, this ordinance is intended to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the Town of LaFayette by regulating the concentration and location of such adult uses. This ordinance has neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials, including sexually oriented materials. Similarly, it is not the intent or effect of this ordinance to restrict or deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of adult entertainment and/or sexually orientated entertainment to their intended market. Neither is it the intent nor effect of this ordinance to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material.

II. Definitions.

- A. General. Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this ordinance its most reasonable application.**
- B. Specific Terms. As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, and ARTICLE VIII, Section B**

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(“Particular Definitions”) of the 1970 Zoning Ordinance of the Town of LaFayette, as previously amended, (hereinafter the “Zoning Ordinance”) is amended to add the following definitions:

Adult Use - Any business involved in the dissemination of material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical activities, including but not limited to adult arcades, adult bookstores or video stores, adult cabarets, adult live entertainment, adult motels, adult motion picture theaters, adult novelty stores, and massage establishments.

Specified anatomical activities include any of the following:

- A. Less than the completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic region, pubic hair or buttocks or female breast or breasts below a point immediately above the top of the areola.**
- B. Human male genitals in a discernible turgid state even if completely and opaquely covered.**

Specified sexual activities include any of the following:

- A. Human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal.**
- B. Acts of actual or simulated human masturbation, sexual intercourse, oral copulation or sodomy.**
- C. Fondling or other intentional erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, anus or female breasts.**
- D. Excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities set forth in subdivisions A through C of this subsection.**

Adult Arcade - an establishment where, for any form of consideration, one or more still or motion picture projectors, slides projectors, or similar machines, or other image producing machines, for viewing for five or fewer persons each, are regularly used to show films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by the depiction or description of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical activities.

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Adult Bookstore or Video Store - A business which (i) derives twenty-five percent (25 %) or more of its gross income from the sale, or rental of, or (ii) utilizes twenty-five percent (25 %) or more of its retail selling area for, or (iii) has stock comprised of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of, any of the following: Books, magazines, periodicals, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, DVDs, slides, compact discs and/or computer generation or other visual representations which are characterized by the depiction or description of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.

Adult Cabaret - A nightclub, bar, restaurant, bottle club, juice bar, club or similar commercial establishment, whether or not alcoholic beverages are served, which features:

- A. Persons who appear nude or in a state of nudity or semi-nudity; or**
- B. Live performances which are characterized by the exposure of specified anatomical activities or by specified sexual activities; or**
- C. Films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by the depiction or description of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical activities.**

Adult Motel - A hotel, motel or similar business which:

- A. Offers public accommodations, for any form of consideration, which provide patrons with closed-circuit television transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions characterized by the depiction or description of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical activities and which advertises the availability of this sexually oriented type of material by means of a sign visible from the public right-of-way, or by means of any off-premises advertising including, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, pamphlets or leaflets, radio or television or;**
- B. Offers a sleeping room for rent for a period of time less than ten (10) hours; or**
- C. Allows a tenant or occupant to sub-rent the sleeping room for a period of time less than ten (10) hours.**

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Adult Live Entertainment - A business where an adult male or female exposes parts of their body identified in specified anatomical activities.

Adult Motion Picture Theater - An enclosed or unenclosed building or structure or portion of a building or structure or drive-in theater used for presenting materials having, as a dominant theme, material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical activities for observations by patrons therein.

Adult Novelty Store - A business which (i) derives twenty-five percent (25%) or more of its gross income from the sale, or rental of, or (ii) utilizes twenty-five percent (25%) or more of its retail selling area for or (iii) has stock comprised of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of, any of the following: instruments, devices, or paraphernalia which are designed for use or marketed primarily for stimulation of human genital organs or for sadomachistic use or abuse of themselves or others.

Business - Any commercial enterprise, establishment, association or arrangement for profit.

Dissemination - The transfer of possession, custody, control or ownership of or the exhibition or presentation of any performance to a person, customer, member of the public or business invitee of any material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical activities.

Massage - A method of treating the external part of the human body by rubbing, stroking, kneading or vibrating with the hand or any instrument or any other treatment or manipulation of the human body which occurs as part of or in connection with specified sexual activities or where any person providing such treatment, manipulation or service related thereto, exposes his or her specified anatomical areas.

Massage Establishment - Any business where body rubs, body shampoos, massages (as defined above) or similar services are administered. This definition shall not include persons licensed or authorized pursuant to Article 155 of the Education Law, or specifically exempt from Article 155 of the Education Law See, Education Law Sections 7800 et seq.

Person - Any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association, limited liability company, business entity or legal representative, acting individually or jointly.

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Town - The Town of LaFayette.

- III. Article II, Section F, Subsection 1 of the Zoning Ordinance (which describes the structures and uses permitted in Industrial (I) Districts is amended to include a new subsection “(e)”, which shall read as follows:**

“(e) Upon controlled site approval, Adult Uses meeting the requirements of Article II, Section F, Subsection 3 below.”

IV. Restrictions.

A new Article II, Section F, Subsection 3 shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance which shall state as follows:

“3. Restrictions on Adult Uses:

a. No adult use shall be allowed or permitted in any zoning district of the Town, except a Industrial 1 District. All adult uses shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance including those relating to structures and uses permitted in an Industrial 1 District.

b. No person shall construct, establish, operate, or maintain, or be issued a certificate of occupancy for, any adult use within the Town unless such use meets the following standards:

- 1. No more than one adult use shall be allowed or permitted on any one lot.**
- 2. No adult use shall be allowed or permitted on a lot that is within 500 feet of:**
 - (a) any Residential District (AR, RPC, RM) or the Hamlet (H) District;**
 - (b) any property that is used, in whole or in part, for residential purposes;**
 - (c) any church or other regular place of worship, community center, library, school, nursery school, day-care center, public park, playground, recreational area or field;**

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(d) any public buildings; and

(e) any hotels or motels.

3. Where there is a conflict between the regulations as provided in this Section (II)(F)(3) and any other ordinance, law, rule or regulation of the Town including without limitation the Zoning Ordinance, the most restrictive law, ordinance, rule or regulation shall apply.

4. All distances set forth herein shall be measured from lot line to lot line.

c. No adult use shall be conducted in any manner that permits the observation of any material depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical activities from any public way or from any other lot, including but not limited to any lighting, display, decoration, poster, photograph, video, sign, show, doorway, window, screen or other opening.”

5. Penalties for offenses.

A violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punishable as provided in the Zoning Ordinance.

6. Severability

If any part or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances shall be judged invalid, such judgment shall be confined to the part or application adjudged to be invalid. Such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided in Section 265 of the New York Town Law.

- Public and Private Horse Stables.
In process.

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- Telecommunications & Towers.
In process.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said some of these towers up to 200' have 6 carriers on them. You can strengthen the tower by changing the braces. Modifications can be made to the tower without a lot of expense. He noticed down in Virginia that one of the towers there had a Christmas Tree on it. You can put things on the tower to make it blend in. He has some other financial information which he will share in an Executive Session. There are no space limits. You can put one tower right next to the other one. There's no separation requirements.

8. 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 said they heard from the county attorney today. He has submitted a motion toward the end of the month and has invited Ed to go with him. If there are oral arguments, they can be submitted on paper.

Councilor Knapp asked why there would be oral arguments.

Kevin said normally you send it in and the judge determines whether he wants to hear from anyone or not.

Councilor Knapp asked if Mr. Robinson had any say in this.

Kevin said his bankruptcy lawyer could argue against it but he won't have a lot of say in it.

- 1) Apple Ridge assessment.

Kevin advised they haven't heard from anyone. There is a counterproposal that John and the Assessors worked on together and we are waiting to hear on that.

- 2) Summer Ridge Subdivision Phase II.

Kevin advised all the documents were mailed out to Lynn Hutton about 3 weeks ago and hasn't heard a word back. The signed highway agreement or security have not been sent back. He think's Lynn did receive Planning Board approval.

- 3) Festival Gardens PILOT: Notice of Default.

Kevin said we have received everything in. We are about \$2,000 under what we were last year and the accountant is attributing that to vacancies. There is power under the agreement for the town to question that and have an audit done at his expense.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked who audits him. Could we sent Tom Chartrand in to do the audit?

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Kevin said we are suppose to pay to do this. He is in the process of completing the analysis of the interest and the attorney fees for non-payment of the first and second installment.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. believes it's accurate. They were having trouble up there last year.

The Town Board was not inclined to pursue it as far as an audit but agreed to have legal fees and interest fees paid.

4) Incidental Contracts.

Kevin said this was at the insistence of the insurance company.

Supervisor Scammell asked if this should be included as part of the Procurement Policy.

Councilor's Dadey, Jr. moved and Knapp seconded the motion to include this Incidental Contract in the Procurement Policy.

Councilor Smith asked if the people cleaning the Community Center comply with this.

Kevin asked if they had insurance.

Councilor Smith said we need someone to clean Stafford Park too. Will they have to fill out one of these forms?

Kevin believes we need to check with the insurance company to see how significant the amount has to be. There should be some part of the insurance that you pay for that covers some of this.

Supervisor Scammell said the last time we got into the hold harmless stuff, it was not feasible to implement it.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. withdrew his motion until the town attorney and insurance company work this out.

Kevin said this has already been run by the insurance company. This is what they want.

Councilor Smith will contact the insurance company about this matter.

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.

Nothing new to report.

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

Nothing new to report.

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3) Town Newsletter.

- Application.
Discussed earlier in the meeting.

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

Marshall said for \$33/hour he will do it. This is what the Captain from the Sheriff's Dept. advised it should pay.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said the school superintendent will be at the next Town Board Meeting because of the Character Education. Maybe he can answer some more of the Town Board's questions.

Councilor Knapp doesn't see where it is our responsibility to be involved in this at all. Especially if we are just talking about the buses.

Councilor Smith said if it's just for the buses, Capt. Bronstad said anyone can do traffic control.

Supervisor Scammell believes at the last meeting, it was pretty much so directed toward bus control.

Councilor Knapp suggested a letter be sent to the superintendent stating our feelings and stating any further discussion he might have on this could be brought to the Character Education Meeting with the Town Board.

6) Town Offices security system at LaFayette Commons.

- Mis/false keys.

Councilor Knapp said regarding the fine, he went down to the Sheriff's Dept. who actually handled this. Basically they talked about the problem with the trooper cars, etc. and actually they have discussed this down there a little bit. They have no idea why the Sheriff's Dept. cars are doing it here and nowhere else, but maybe it's the way the offices are set up here with the parking lot. There is not much of a way we can get out of it. If someone doesn't put the code in right, when the security company calls, they need to have the correct password. If they give the caller the correct password, we are fine. The only time we get dinged is if the wrong password is given out. He would suggest sending the password out to everyone using the system once again. We have been put back on active.

It was recommended to send this to Capt. Bronstad for his input.

Councilor Knapp will check with Capt. Bronstad about this.

- Final payment.

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They are going to send us a new bill and we have 30 days to pay it.

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

8) Town office copier.

Councilor Knapp will check with Jim Wolfe regarding a trade-in.

Mary Jo advised a representative from XEROX dropped off some information to her today. She will be meeting with Jim Wolfe towards the end of the week.

Marshall asked the Town Board to discuss appropriations of money for the phone system as Tom Chartrand had arrived.

Tom asked if this was on top of the money put aside for new equipment. He advised we have money left over from the tower that is unappropriated at this point.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked when we need to make a decision on the tower money.

Tom said by budget time.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. asked when we need to make a decision on financing this building.

Tom said soon. He is working on the paperwork now. You have to go to a bond at this point. You might as well go for the full bond. If you do it for one or three years, it will be the same setup cost.

Councilor Dadey, Jr. said basically that money sitting there will be used for reducing taxes for 2002.

Supervisor Scammell said the phone system we have is not functional.

9) Planning Board appointment.

Supervisor Scammell said he brought Barb Lasky's name up at the last meeting and Councilor's Dadey, Jr. and Knapp wanted some more time to think about this.

Councilor Knapp wondered if they should go into Executive Session to discuss this.

Councilor's Knapp moved and Dadey, Jr. seconded the motion for the Town Board to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and proposed acquisition of town property. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town Board went into Executive Session at 10:15 p.m. and the Regular Town Board Meeting was called back to order by Supervisor Scammell at 11:05 p.m.

Supervisor Scammell moved and Councilor Smith seconded the motion to appoint Barbara Lasky to the Planning Board to fill out Mert Baldwin's term.

Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Aye
Councilor Paul	Aye
Councilor Dadey, Jr.	Nay

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Councilor Smith	Aye
Councilor Knapp	Nay

Motion passed.

10) Town Insurance proposal.

Councilor Smith said she got the numbers and locations for all the voting machines and they are now covered under our insurance. It will be an additional \$2/year.

Councilor Paul asked whether the policy coverage for depreciation for the highway equipment, etc. is actual replacement value.

Councilor Smith will check with the insurance company about this. She will ask the additional cost to get full-replacement. She noted most of the items say 90% of actual cost.

Tom said on town equipment, there is normally not a depreciation value.

Councilor Smith will get a cost of what it would be to replace everything at 100%.

9. **New Business.**

A. Other.

10. Suggestions for improvement & positive contributions.

Supervisor Scammell said he got a report back regarding Leon Cook. A friend of a LaFayette resident came out here and was up at the end of Markland Rd. Leon Cook found their wallet with money in it and returned it to them with everything in it. It's certainly nice to know that we have people on the payroll that are honest like this.

11. **Councilor's Knapp moved and Paul seconded the motion to audit and pay the following bills:**

GENERAL FUND	#4244 THRU 4304
HIGHWAY FUND	#4266 THRU 4280
SPECIAL DISTRICT	#4318
TRUST & AGENCY	#4319 THRU 4321

Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Town Board Meeting adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly
 Town Clerk