

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette on February 25, 2002 in the Meeting Room of the LaFayette Commons Office Building on Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette.

Present: Gregory J. Scammell, Supervisor
Norman F. Paul, Councilor
Sandra Smith, Councilor
David Knapp, Councilor
Thomas Bailey, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent
Ralph Lamson, CEO
Marshall Taylor, Assessor/Clerk
Karyn Connolly, Town Attorney
Cindy Heckerman, Resident
Tom Chartrand, Bookkeeper
Pat Keefe, Information Officer
Nancy Baker, Library Director
Connie Foote, Library Board
Capt. Bronstad, Onondaga County Sheriff's Dept.

1. Supervisor Scammell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The Town Clerk took the roll. All present.
3. Pledge to the U. S. Flag led by Town Councilor Tom Bailey.
4. **Councilor's Smith moved and Knapp seconded the motion to accept the February 11, 2002 Town Board Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk. Voting was as follows:**

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| Supervisor Scammell | Aye |
| Councilor Paul | Abstain |
| Councilor Smith | Aye |
| Councilor Knapp | Aye |
| Councilor Bailey | Aye |

Motion passed.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Residents.

Marshall Taylor said at the last meeting he asked when groups come before the Town Board to present their budget's do they have to be honest and accurate? He was told no. As a taxpayer, could the Board explain this to him?

Supervisor Scammell said he really doesn't know how to answer this. He asked the Board for input. There was none.

B. LaFayette Central School Superintendent Joe Coleman: Highway Department praise.

"My deepest appreciation for you and the members of the Town of LaFayette Highway Department for keeping the roads as clear as possible on Monday, February 4th. Without your diligence, our buses could not have delivered our children home safely. Please forward my thanks on to the members of your department.."

C. Onondaga County Department of Aging & Youth: Sixth Annual Intergenerational Celebration.

Supervisor Scammell said the Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth will hold it's Sixth Annual Intergenerational Celebration on May 16, 2002 at the Empire Room at the NYS Fairgrounds from 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..."

Supervisor Scammell noted there is a packet with this for nominations.

D. Nextel: Site NY-280, Town of DeWitt.

"Nextel Partners has filed a zoning application with the Town of Dewitt to construct a telecommunications facility located at 6677 Moore Road, south of East Molloy Road. The proposed facility will include the construction of a 90' monopole tower, a 10' x 20' equipment shelter and other accessories. The facility will be available to other providers for shared use. In accordance with the Town of Dewitt Zoning Ordinance, you are hereby given notice of our submittal to the Town of Dewitt for review of the proposed telecommunication facility..."

Supervisor Scammell noted if anyone has any questions on this they can call them at the number listed.

Karen said their suggestion is to just take a look at the map and the placement of the tower. Anyone within a certain proximity might have to be notified about this. Their office can take a look at this application.

E. POMPCO: OCEBA Financial Report.

"Enclosed is your quarterly OCEBA financial report showing your current balance through December 31, 2001..."

F. NYS Comptroller H. Carl McCall: Justice Court Fund.

"The Town's share of fines collected and fees earned by the court for the month of

January 2002 is \$5,225.00...”

G. Southern Hill Preservation Corporation: 2001 Annual Report.

“...Please accept the enclosed copy of the Southern Hills Preservation Corporation’s 2001 Annual Report, which reviews the organization’s programs and accomplishments for this past year. In 2002, we will continue to expand our 1st Time Home Buyer Program, offer home buyer education workshops, rehabilitate the homes of low-income families and senior citizens, and provide low interest loans through our Revolving Loan Fund. Also, we will inspect all houses participating in any of our rehabilitation programs for lead-based paint and help to train local contractors in safe work practices...”

Supervisor Scammell said Southern Hills has been very helpful in rehabilitating properties within the Town of LaFayette.

H. LaFayette Public Library: Appointment.

“It is with pleasure that we submit the name of Andrea King to fill our vacant Library Board position. She will be filling the vacancy left by Barbara Settel’s move to Cazenovia. It would be helpful to have her term begin as of January 2002 and end in December 2006...”

Councilor Bailey said he is not familiar with Andrea King. He asked if she was present.

Connie said no. She just recently moved back into town and is sharing a house with her mother. She is an attorney. She grew up in LaFayette. She is a library user and an attorney. She is an advocate for libraries.

Councilor Paul asked if they advertised for this position.

Connie said it’s really by word of mouth. This is the way it has been done. They see what fits their particular needs at that time. They have to be willing to come to meetings and do some work.

Supervisor Scammell asked if in the past she knows what the Town Board has done.

Connie said they make the recommendation and the Town Board approves it and then the appointment is made.

Councilor Smith asked how many people were interested.

Connie said they didn’t really send out a broadcast.

Supervisor Scammell believes the library said there were 9 that might be interested.

Connie said they talked about people but she doesn’t think they talked formally with anyone. Andrea was their first choice.

Supervisor Scammell said it was 8 that were interested.

Nancy said this number was candidates for the Onondaga County Public Library.

Councilor’s Paul moved and Knapp seconded the motion to appoint Andrea King to the Library Board for a term commencing January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2006. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Other.

Supervisor Scammell said he received a notice from the Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau who will be hosting a Hospitality Industry Mixer on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau, Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce at 572 S. Salina St.

6. **SPECIAL REPORT:** None.

7. **REPORTS:**

A. Departmental (4th Monday).

1) Animal Control, Jon Rogers - ACO

Mary Jo said Jon submitted a report. He took 2 stray cats to Tully, handled a complaint about a barking dog, took a stray dog to Tully and referred a complaint about dogs running in the woods to the DEC.

- Update ordinance to dogs only and change from animal control to dog control.

Councilor Knapp asked when we would be changing back to Dog Control. Karen said Kevin is in the process of drafting the law to change this.

2) Building & Zoning Code Enforcement - Ralph Lamson, CEO

Ralph said he issued permits for a barn and an addition totaling \$316. Last week he found a computer program that he is starting to look at. It seems more reasonable in price than the other one's he's seen. He can load it on his computer and try it for a month to see if he likes it. He will get back to the Board on this. He submitted a copy of a letter that he is sending to the Zoning and Planning Board's regarding the Garden Center in town.

- Muraco properties.

Councilor Paul asked if anything is being done on the buildings.

Ralph said he hasn't talked with Dave in a couple of weeks. He has about 4 projects going on but hopes to have these buildings done by May or June.

3) Highway Superintendent – Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent

Leon said so far in February they have made 18 trips. Down on Clark Hollow they cut 6 dead trees and they have 4 more down there to do. They were up on Commene Rd. and there were 3 Maple Trees that were almost 100% dead so they took them down. Other than that they did some ditching. There was a little drainage problem on Bella Vista. Several years ago a property owner backfilled his ditch and put 6" pipe in and it was holding the water back a little bit. They have semi taken care of the problem and

will go back when it's drier. Mr. Duell lives on the corner and his cellar gets flooded. Leon thinks he needs a better cellar drain around the cellar wall. If worse comes to worse he will have to put a catch basin in next summer when it's drier. On February 6th Ray Sharp (the state inspector) went through the shop. He spent all day there with Leon, Cliff Parker and Councilor Smith. He found a lot of minor things. They have them all corrected but one. The eye wash machine is located in the bathroom. If someone were using the bathroom and someone needed to use the machine, they couldn't. Mr. Sharp recommended getting one with fresh water rather than having to put chemical's in it like the one they have now. He has purchased one and will get it up this week. Everything else the inspector asked to be done is done. There's 4 things that he wants which consist of classwork. One of them is the HAZMAT. This is the most critical. HAZCOM is another one that Tom Rezsnyak can do along with the Lockout and Tagout. Another class they have to do is the professional protective assignments. Tom Rezsnyak can do this one too. Everyone has to be told what their job is, what they are going to be involved in and what safety equipment they have to have to do the job. They have to keep accurate records on the equipment. These have to be kept on file.

Councilor Smith handed out copies of the Hazardous Material which needs to be done.

Councilor Paul asked if he made reference to the MSDS sheets.

Leon said when he looked at our books, everything was O.K. Leon had made sure they were all in the correct order before he came. Regarding April 27th, Pat Keefe has put a letter together and she is going to be sending it to the Town Board along with all the groups that have participated in the Clean-Up Day in the past. He came up with a new group for her to send it to and they are looking into a couple more. They will be asking the Town Board to pick a road out that they would like to do. They would like to get more and more people involved every year. The Highway Dept. will be taking the stuff in. Hopefully everyone will have everything to the Highway Dept. by noon.

Councilor Bailey asked how the new footwear is.

Leon said everyone has the new shoes.

Councilor Knapp asked what kind they went with.

Leon said Lee. The truck came right to the Highway Dept. for them. The cost was around \$800. He has spent around \$1,600 including the shoes to be ready for the inspection.

Councilor Knapp asked how the new truck is doing.

Leon said so far it's good.

Councilor Knapp asked if the guy found anything out on it.

Leon said no. The only thing they are doing different is Cliff was taking it out of overdrive when he went down a hill, now they are leaving it in overdrive. The factory guy felt it's the hold back that is burning the reverse up. It's not possible to go into that mode unless you are in first gear which they have never driven in. Leon thinks it's something electrical wrong with it. He's talked to a lot of people who have these trucks and they have had no problems.

Councilor Paul asked if Leon would go back on the manufacturer or OGS who has the state contract.

Leon said Courtesy Ford is taking care of everything now. If he told them he was going to have it fall under the lemon law, he thinks they would be handling it. Before he did anything, he would check with the attorney to see the right way to do it.

4) Justice – Malcolm Knapp, Maureen Perrin – Town Justices

A written report was submitted. The total brought in for January was \$22,556 and 260 cases were heard.

5) Library Director – Nancy Baker, Library Director

A written report was submitted.

Councilor Paul asked them to explain under fundraising the \$285 in donations and the \$235 in fund raising. What's the difference? Do they consider donations as part of fundraising? He asked if the donations shouldn't be broken out and not included as fundraising.

Nancy believes they have always used this format. She thinks the word donation is put in to show they are donations. The Library Board agreed with her to take this money and purchase audio books for the library.

Councilor Paul asked if they consider this part of their fundraising.

Connie said it's not really a fundraiser. It's other income.

Councilor Paul is watching for the fundraiser amount in comparison to the donations.

Connie said they have done a fund drive some years. They send out a formal letter stating it's time for their annual fund drive so donations might be made and she thinks that is why it's grouped this way.

Councilor Paul asked if they have a fundraiser other than the annual one that she is talking about.

Connie said traditionally it's the book and bake sale and the annual fund drive along with the bookbag sales, etc.

Councilor Knapp asked what the fax amount is.

Nancy said it's income to the library. If you send or receive a fax, there's a charge.

6) Recreation Director – Regina Reinschmidt, Rec. Coord.

A written report was submitted.

“Recap of basketball - The 3rd and 4th grade programs are currently in progress. The 5th and 6th grades have just ended. LaFayette had a total of 10 teams. The league 5/6 grade game schedule (which is done by Regina) involved 23 teams – our largest number since we began the league in 1997. We did not have any major problems this year.

Baseball planning is going well. Regina has been attending league meetings at this year's presidential area – Onondaga Hill. We have our first signups tomorrow. We are working on plans for field maintenance. Field #3 is in rough shape and needs to be fixed. We hope to order some ballmix and plan a volunteer day to take care of it. We are also looking into purchasing a walk-behind sprayer for painting our lines this year.

Wrestling will finish the season on March 9th. Once again, the coach and players invite you to watch the last meet – a large 6-school meet being held at LaFayette High School on Sat. 3/9. John Greeley did a wonderful job again this year and is very proud of his wrestlers. Cortland, Homer, Fabius/Pompey, Tully and OCS will be present.

Skiing continues as she writes this but we can't tell for how long! We will ski as long as the mountain remains open. The skiing has been satisfactory, which is surprising considering the winter weather..."

Councilor Knapp said lacrosse signups will be tomorrow night at Grimshaw too.

7) Town Clerk – Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

A written report was submitted. This was the first submission using the BAS software.

Councilor Smith liked the new format.

8) Town Supervisor – Gregory Scammell, Supervisor

A written report was submitted.

Councilor's Knapp moved and Paul seconded the motion to approve the following transfers:

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| LIBRARY FUND | | |
| To: L7410.1 Library Operations (Librarian) | Personal Services | <u>\$2,546.00</u> |
| | TOTAL | <u>\$2,546.00</u> |
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| From: L7411.1 Library Operations (Staff) | Personal Services | \$ 496.00 |
| L7410.2 Library Equipment | | \$1,050.00 |
| L7410.4 Library Materials (Books) | Contractual | \$ 500.00 |
| L7415.4 Library Operations (Non-Book) | Contractual | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |
| | TOTAL | <u>\$2,546.00</u> |

Voting was as follows:

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| Supervisor Scammell | Aye |
| Councilor Paul` | Aye |
| Councilor Smith | Nay |
| Councilor Knapp | Aye |
| Councilor Bailey | Aye |

Motion passed.

Supervisor Scammell noted we were about 4% under budget at year end for 2001.

Tom said we are in very good fiscal shape. If everything remains the same, we will probably not have to touch the tax stabilization fund.

Councilor Knapp asked if the CHIPS money came in.

Tom said it was Multi-Modal money and we have received it.

B. Committee (2nd Monday).

- 1) Communications and Technology.
 - Web site project status (MF).
- 2) Emergency Response.
- 3) Employee Policies and Benefits.
 - Benefits package evaluation (disability, health insurance, other).
- 4) Environmental and Conservation Advisory Board.
- 5) Highway.
 - New EPA ditching/storm water management requirements (SPDES).
- 6) OCCRA Liaison.
 - Inter-municipal trash district - exploratory study (Feb/Mar, 2002).
- 7) Physical Plant.
 - Library ceiling leak.
 - Community Center sign lettering.
- 8) Recreation and Youth.
 - a) Bailey Park.
 - b) LaFayette Beach.
 - Neighbors' concerns.
 - Lacrosse program facilities: evaluation and re-siting, plans for next season (DK).
 - New facilities: On hold until Spring, '02 (status/progress reports to CNYCF) (SS).
- 9) Safety.
- 10) Senior Transportation and Housing.
 - Transportation survey: MCOA.
- 11) Service Awards.
- 12) Water.
- 13) Zoning Review.
 - S. U. Links program survey.
 - Empire Zones. (2)*

Supervisor Scammell said there is a letter in the packet from Kevin Gilligan regarding this. He also submitted a suggested letter to send back for the Board to read. The Town Board was in agreement with sending it.

Supervisor Scammell will give it to Mary Jo to put on town letterhead.

- Digitized zoning map.
- Industrial zones to business zones update.
- Misc. review: Communications/Cell Towers & Private (single horse) horse stables. Inter-municipal contact.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ACTIVE PROJECTS:

- A. Litigation and other legal matters.
 - Onondaga Nation land claim.

- Transfer LaFayette Beach from LCC to town (on hold until Summer/Fall, 2002).

B. Other Active Projects.

- 1) Accounting services & annual IRS requirements for LCC, LFD, & LPL (MT).

Marshall said he has contacted all the organizations we sent the letter to on January 28th. The organizations advised they didn't realize they had to take any action. The accountants hadn't received any information yet so he thinks they are still working on this.

- 2) Town litter campaign. SS.

Councilor Smith will see Tom this week.

- 3) Town Clerk computer software (BAS) implementation. MK.

Mary Jo said this is completed. The software is up and running.

- 4) Neighborhood Watch.

Supervisor Scammell said he has received one phonecall and one email. He hasn't received anything new on it.

He asked Mary Jo if she had received anything in. She hadn't.

Councilor Smith will contact John to see where he is on this.

Supervisor Scammell said the phone call he received was from someone already running it in their neighborhood. We didn't receive enough interest on this to go forward town-wide.

- 5) Tully Animal Clinic contract update: reserved space.

The contract has been signed by both parties and this item is completed.

- 6) Town of LaFayette urn & tile display case (on hold until H. Salladin's return).

- 7) Security System.

- 8) Town border signs (DK).

Councilor Knapp has spoken to a couple of people about this who are going to put some ideas together.

Councilor Knapp said at the last meeting the Library was concerned about their meeting room being moldy, etc. He got in touch with Fred Groth and they put in a chain lock so the door can remain about 4" open and still be locked.

Mary Jo said Connie is going to contact Fred as the lock part on the door needs to be moved a little so the door can't be left open so far.

Councilor's Knapp moved and Paul seconded the motion for the Town Board to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and a matter of

**public safety and to include the Code Enforcement Officer and town attorney.
Motion passed unanimously.**

The Town Board went into Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. and the regular Town Board Meeting was called back to order by Supervisor Scammell at 8:15 p.m. Supervisor Scammell said they discussed a matter of public safety and possible litigation but no decisions were made.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Other.

10. There were no suggestions for improvement & positive contributions other than the letter from Mr. Coleman to the Highway Dept. read earlier in the meeting.

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

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| GENERAL FUND | #6334 thru 6361 |
| HIGHWAY FUND | #6322 thru 6333 |
| SPECIAL DISTRICT | #6362 thru 6363 |

Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Town Board Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly
Town Clerk