

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette on July 8, 2002 in the Meeting Room of the LaFayette Commons Office Building on Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette.

Present: Gregory Scammell, Town Supervisor  
Norman Paul, Town Councilor  
Sandra Smith, Town Councilor  
David Knapp, Town Councilor (Arrived 6:36 pm)  
Thomas Bailey, Town Councilor

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent  
Tom Chartrand, Bookkeeper  
Marshall Taylor, Assessor/Clerk  
Mary Doster, Assessor  
Bob DeMore, S.O.T.S.  
Cindy Heckerman, Resident  
Regina Reinschmidt, Rec. Coord.  
Mr. Robb, S.O.T.S.  
Craig Fox, CRAM  
Sam Furco, CRAM

1. Supervisor Scammell called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. The Town Clerk took the roll. Councilor Knapp absent, all else present. Supervisor Scammell welcomed everyone.
3. Pledge to the U. S. Flag led by Town Councilor Tom Bailey.
4. **Councilor's Paul moved and Smith seconded the motion to approve the June 10, 2002 Town Board Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.**
5. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
  - A. Residents. No residents came forward with any communications.
  - B. NYS and Local Retirement System: Retirement Incentive Program.  
Supervisor Scammell advised we have no eligible employees for this program.
  - C. Empire State Development: Environmental Investment Program Funding.  
“Empire State Development’s Environmental Services Unit (ESU) is accepting applications for funding in 2002 to help qualified businesses improve their environmental performance. Under the Environmental Investment Program, New York State invests in projects that lead to the reuse of recycling of materials otherwise destined for disposal,

and pollution prevention projects that lead to reductions in the volume or toxicity of waste before it is generated...”

D. Onondaga County Legislature: Mortgage Tax Apportionment.

Supervisor Scammell noted the apportionment for LaFayette is \$55,729.66.

Tom C. said we should exceed budget by quite a bit here.

Councilor Bailey asked what this was last year.

Tom C. said about \$35,000.

E. Town Supervisor: Cable TV Franchise renewal.

Supervisor Scammell said this is an insert for the Newsletter for the residents to let them know about the cable franchise and asking them to contact him if any of them have comments regarding this matter.

F. PERMA: Aramsco Defibrillator offer.

“The American Heart Association has determined that 350,00 people die each year from cardiac arrest. Ventricular fibrillation is the arrhythmia that causes cardiac arrest. Defibrillation is the only known treatment for ventricular fibrillation. It is also the only known treatment for ventricular fibrillation caused by commotio cordis. I am pleased to offer, as a value-added service to the PERMA membership, a cooperative buying program for a state of the art, user friendly, automatic external defibrillator (AED).

Supervisor Scammell said it gives prices of between \$3,100 and \$3,400 for a unit.

Councilor Bailey talked to Chief Hoxie about this topic. It seems these defibrillators are pretty amazing and successful. Seattle, Washington, has a savior rate of about 75% because of these machines. He thinks this is worth exploring. He will look at other vendors and have information for the Board at its next Meeting to consider purchasing one of these for the Town Offices.

G. Dell: Microsoft licensing changes.

Supervisor Scammell said this is regarding the computer leases. He has referred this to Marshall.

H. Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council: Pre-Qualification List.

“In an effort to expedite the consultant retention process that many of us are faced with, the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) has recently completed a Pre-Qualification of Consultants for Transportation Planning/Engineering Services...”

I. OCRRA: Earth Day Everyday.

“On Earth Day this year, over 120,000 pounds of litter were removed from our streets, parks, and playgrounds. It was a super one-day effort. We are considering an Earth Day, Every Day program. It would involve free disposal of the litter from the pick-ups. Free disposal is a difficult practice to manage, so without the help of your municipal work force, it cannot happen. We would need your help to deliver the litterbags to OCRRA. Without that help and control, we fear the program could be more about free disposal for chicken barbecues and graduations, and less about scouts or neighborhood

groups picking up litter. In another week, I will be sending surveys to determine municipal interest and learn of any thoughts or concerns you might have...”

Supervisor Scammell advised he hasn't received anything further on this.

Kevin Gilligan said once we hear from the County D.O.T., this might fit in with the adopting a highway to get free disposal for whatever we pick up. He has made a couple more calls but hasn't heard anything back yet.

J. Home Aides of Central New York: “Neighbors Caring for Neighbors” campaign.

“As you may know, there is currently a severe shortage of home health aides to care for our community's growing elderly population. This is especially true in outlying areas of the county, including the Tully and LaFayette areas. Although Home Aides of Central New York currently has several aides serving your area, we have had to turn down a number of cases because we did not have enough aides... You can help us in several ways: Provide a visible, central location to park our 16-foot mobile office for several days. The unit is self contained, but could use a standard electric outlet for power. Display flyers in key locations within your organization. Announce the campaign at your regular meetings, gatherings or services. Place a written announcement in your newsletter or bulletin...”

Supervisor Scammell said the Newsletter just went out so it's too late for that. It would be difficult to park a 16' mobile unit out in front of the Town Offices.

Councilor Knapp suggested asking Bud Hall about the parking lot at the IGA. He will check with Bud and get back to the Board on this.

K. Onondaga County Legislature: 7.1.02 agenda.

Supervisor Scammell didn't see anything pertaining to LaFayette on the agenda.

L. Syracuse Post-Standard: Route 20 Association.

“The Route 20 Association hopes to file its application for Scenic Byway designation for the highway by this fall... The association also is putting together its corridor management plan mandated by the state Department of Transportation. Once these tasks are done, there will be community information meetings along the Route 20 corridor from LaFayette east to Duanesburg, Schenectady County – a length of about 100 miles – including sites in Madison County... a Scenic Byway will increase travel along the east-west road and increase the amount of money spent at local businesses and attractions...”

Supervisor Scammell said the benefits to having Route 20 a Scenic Byway are many. He joined this Association on behalf of the Town about 5 years ago. Hopefully it will amount to something.

M. Syracuse Post-Standard: CNY May Unemployment.

“The Syracuse area's job market continued to show the effects of the recession last month as unemployment hit an eight-year high for May... Private sector jobs decreased by 4,600, or 1.6 percent during the same period... The nation's unemployment rate was 5.5 percent in May, down from 5.7 percent in April and up from 4.1 percent in May 2001...”

N. Onondaga County Division of Purchase: Auction rescheduled.

“...rescheduled the upcoming surplus vehicle and equipment auction. Originally scheduled for July 20, 2002, it is now scheduled for August 17, 2002...”

O. Onondaga County Board of Elections: Election Inspector Training facility.

“We want to extend our sincere appreciation for your assistance in arranging for the use of the Meeting Room at the LaFayette Town Hall for our recent Election Inspector Training program which was held on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The use of those facilities generated many favorable comments and appreciation by those who attended the class. Please extend our thanks to your staff as well as to that of the LaFayette Town Hall. ...”

P. Thank you note from Watson’s.

“The family of Robert ‘Doc’ C. Watson acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.”

Q. Minutes from the Assessment Grievance Board of Review Meeting.

Supervisor Scammell advised this states the people who applied for a reduction in their assessments and what the Assessment Grievance Board of Review decided.

Councilor Knapp asked what the stipulated to by Assessor meant.

Mary Jo advised these are agreements made between the Assessors and the applicant prior to Grievance Night.

Councilor Knapp said the Grievance Board of Review lowered 3 out of the bunch. He asked Kevin if John Langey said anything about this.

Kevin said he got feedback from Marshall who felt number-wise we did very well this year. The adjustments made didn’t have a big impact on the town. He thinks Marshall was happy with the results.

R. Other.

Councilor Knapp apologized for being a little late. He asked if we had any eligible employees for the Retirement Incentive Program.

Supervisor Scammell said no.

Councilor Knapp asked about the Mortgage Tax Apportionment and what we budgeted for it.

Tom C. said \$40,000.

Councilor Knapp noted we are doing very well then.

Tom C. said yes but the trend is that they are dropping.

6. **SPECIAL REPORT:** None.

7. **REPORTS:**

A. Departmental (4<sup>th</sup> Monday).

1) Dog Control – Jon Rogers, Dog Control Officer  
A written report was submitted earlier today.

- Identify backup shelter.

The Board will wait for recommendations from Sue Snavlin.

- Emergency care policy.

Councilor Paul asked if Sue wasn't going to get a dollar value for this.

Councilor Bailey said this was in regards to a dog being hurt, what would the amount be that the Board would cap at for medical treatment?

Supervisor Scammell asked Kevin if for example there was a \$100 cap and the town spent \$100 on a dog and maybe \$125 was needed to save the dogs life, do we have a liability?

Kevin said once you have put jurisdiction over an animal, you need to decide what you are going to do about it. If it's an unlicensed animal, the owner has taken its risk. If you can't identify the owner of the dog, the owner has placed the dog in your care to make the decision.

Councilor Bailey asked if we are mandated by anything by the state on this.

Kevin doesn't believe so but he would have to check.

The Town Board will wait for Sue's input on this.

- 2) Building & Zoning Code Enforcement – Ralph Lamson, C.E.O.

No report submitted.

- 3) Highway Superintendent – Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent

Leon said so far for the month they have been cutting a lot of brush. They had a complaint about a tree on Bear Mountain leaning towards the road. They took it down. They cut some shoulders on Colton and Bull Hill Roads. They had some real bad areas where the road rolled on Smokey Hollow. It's hard to control the wing on the plow in spots like this. They shimmed the spots all up and are going to be oiling and stoning it tomorrow. They put a blacktop on Limekill. The big truck had a hard time plowing that road. They oiled and stoned Clark Hollow, Cascade, Meadow Lark and Summer Ridge. Regina called awhile ago about the septic tank at the pool. It was caving in. They went over there and removed it and filled in the hole. They threw some grass seed on it too.

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

Written reports were submitted.

Councilor Knapp asked where we're at on the Justice budget.

Tom said we're at 40,000 on a 100,000 budget.

- 5) Library Director

No report.

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

- 7) Town Clerk – Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

A written report submitted.

**Councilor's Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to accept the Town Clerk Report as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.**

8) Town Supervisor – Gregory Scammell, Town Supervisor

A written report was submitted.

Tom C. advised he gave Mary Jo the final report.

**Councilor's Knapp moved and Smith seconded the motion to accept the Supervisor's Report. Motion passed unanimously.**

Supervisor Scammell introduced Bob DeMore and Dick Robb. They are present to discuss the trash district.

Dick Robb did a presentation for S.O.T.S. (Southern Onondaga Trash System). It was formed to provide low cost garbage service for the residents of Fabius, Pompey, Tully and LaFayette. According to a survey, residents spend \$254 each year. Prices range from \$206 to \$354. As many as 4 haulers may pick up garbage on your street on any one day. The Objective of S.O.T.S. is to save residents approximately 1/3 of their cost or about \$50 each year per family. This reduces the number of days there will be a number of trucks that drive through neighborhoods each week. This reduces the amount of garbage that is blown out of the truck along the side of the road. Resident's choose the amount of garbage service and cost for their household. What can be done? 1) Nothing. 2) Neighbors can band together and contract as a group. 3) You can organize a district and collectively bid it. Four towns that manage trash pickup have found the following savings: Camillus - \$124/household per year, Clay - \$99-\$133/household per year, DeWitt - \$118/household per year and Salina - \$155/household per year (this includes yard waste pickup). The recommendation is to contract with a responsible solid waste company. To enter into the contract for the purpose of collecting and disposing of solid waste to include the 4 towns and 2 villages. How it can work – S.O.T.S. will ask you to select one of 4 basic options. Self Service – costs includes OCRRA stickers and the cost is \$9/year. You take your own trash to the Rock Cut Road Facility. There is no recycling service at the resident's home included in this service. 1 Bag – The estimated cost is \$60-\$70/year and there is unlimited recyclables with this option. 3 Bag – The estimated cost is \$130/year. This includes 3-32 gallon bags or 1-96 gallon container. Unlimited recyclable service is included in this. Unlimited – The estimated cost is \$180 to \$200/year. This is unlimited trash and unlimited recyclables. Garbage excludes animal waste, vehicle parts, etc.

Councilor Paul asked if there were a couple pieces of pipe out by the road, would they be picked up?

Dick said it depends on the packaging. If there's no extra sticker on them or they aren't in a container, they probably won't be picked up.

Councilor Paul asked if there was an old wooden table that you cut up and put next to the recyclables, would it be picked up in the Town of DeWitt?

Bob DeMore said trash would be picked up as you have your trash picked up today.

Councilor Paul said the Town of Salina doesn't appear to have that many restrictions. The numbers Mr. Robb is presenting show different services in different towns.

Dick said the estimates presented are the best estimates. We expect when the bids come in, they will fall in this range.

Councilor Paul asked if we will know the bid numbers before the district is formed.

Councilor Knapp said yes.

Dick said bids will be accepted from several qualified haulers who operate in LaFayette or the Syracuse area.

Councilor Paul asked if the bid would knock small haulers out by not being able to bid.

Dick said there is no intent to do this.

Bob said the bids will be standard. He thinks Syracuse Haulers got the bid for Clay.

Dick said DeWitt just recontracted with Feher.

Councilor Knapp said they have had at the least 4 haulers who said they would be interested in bidding on this: Feher, Syracuse Haulers, Concello and Waste Management. The only small hauler who probably couldn't handle us now is Bistrow. They do a few houses on the north end of town.

Leon asked how many villages and towns will be going in on this.

Councilor Knapp said 2 villages and 4 towns.

Leon said now we require haulers to have a license. Does the hauler still have to have a license to haul trash in the Town of LaFayette?

Councilor Knapp said absolutely because they will still be picking up commercial trash in the town and we will still want to be sure about insurance requirements, etc.

Marshall asked what the expected budget of S.O.T.S. is.

Dick said for the first year about \$30,000.

Marshall asked about future years.

Dick would expect this to drop in future years.

Marshall asked if this was \$30,000 per town.

Dick said no, it would be divided between all 4 towns and 2 villages.

Councilor Knapp said this wouldn't come out of town taxes. There will be \$5 added to each household for administration costs.

Marshall said this would be added to the tax bill.

Councilor Knapp said yes, as a separate line.

Marshall asked if they have a code for each type of trash pickup.

Dick said he will finish his presentation and then get into the questions and comments. Bids will be accepted late this month or early in August. We will know to the penny what the bid amounts will be. This will be proposed on referendum on November 5<sup>th</sup> to allow residents to choose whether they want this garbage collection district. If each town votes yes, it would be up to S.O.T.S. to enter into the contract.

Councilor Knapp asked if the Town Board votes on this.

Bob said yes.

Councilor Paul asked if the Town Board will see the specifications.

Bob said he would leave a copy of them with the Board tonight.

Councilor Paul asked if the district is voted in on a residential side, is commercial forced to be in it too?

Mr. Robb said it's only for single-family, two-family and three-family properties. These are all that can be in the district.

Mary Jo asked if one town opts not to enter into the district, will the bid amounts have to be reconfigured?

Bob said the bids are based on all four towns. They probably wouldn't go forward with this if all 4 towns didn't opt to participate.

Dick said if the towns all go for this, garbage service would start 4/1/03. He said 3 actions the Board can take to help decide this are: 1) Respond to a survey collection card with your own personal household choice of trash removal. This card will go to each home at the end of May or early August, 2) Read materials about S.O.T.S. and the progress. Inform yourselves. 3) Vote yes on the referendum. 4) Tell your friends, families and neighbors about it.

Councilor Bailey asked how the 4 stickers work.

Dick said they wanted to keep a minimal operation with the program.

Councilor Knapp said it's more for the person who has never taken their trash to Rock Cut before.

Councilor Bailey said the neighbors can join together and have their own contract with a hauler. This was one of the options. If he lived on a road and had 9 other residents and they wanted to contract with the same hauler, could they ban together and negotiate a better deal?

Dick said yes.

Councilor Bailey said if the neighbors ban together, does it mean the hauler will make one stop and not stop at each of the residents?

Dick doesn't know.

Councilor Knapp said he thinks when Dick was discussing this he meant more for a development area.

Councilor Bailey asked if there's a possibility that a new hauler could come out of this districting. Could a small businessman get a loan and bid on this?

Bob said sure he could.

Councilor Knapp said the smaller haulers have been getting the bids.

Kevin said if you go into a district you are requiring the hauler to pick up the entire district.

Bob said you will see trash pickup certain days of the week instead of every day.

Leon said it would be good because the plows don't have to worry about garbage cans out for 3 days at different houses on the same road.

Councilor Paul asked long before they hold a public meeting.

Bob said they have to get the mailings out. When they started working on this, OCRRA was going to fund each town between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to get it going. If it's successful, they will be able to pay the money back to the towns that they have had to put up front to start the district up.

Councilor Knapp said if there's a bunch of trash coming out of the sides of trucks, we know who it is.

Dick distributed a sheet with the estimated budget for S.O.T.S. to get the program up and running.

Marshall asked about putting the information on files so it can be put on the tax bills. You can only put the information on the file between January and April. Will the assessors or assessor clerks be relied upon to do this?

Dick said yes, as well as Onondaga County Finance.

Marshall said Onondaga County Finance will update the files without any assessor intervention.

Dick said there will be help needed from the assessors. You go in and program the most common service people want and this will cover the majority of the residents. You then only have to change the other less used services.

Bob said they have been in contact with Karen Carney who understands what they are doing and has done this before.

Councilor Smith said there are suppose to be 6 villages and towns involved in this. The voucher presented tonight only shows the 4 towns. How do the villages contribute?

Bob said the village pays town taxes to which this is taken from.

Councilor Paul asked how the payment schedule would work for whoever gets the contract.

Dick said there would be 24 monthly installments if the contract were for 2 years. There are also provisions for unsatisfied complaints to hold back some of the fee.

Marshall asked what happens if say 10% of the people don't pay their taxes until after April 1<sup>st</sup>, do they loose the service?

Dick said the way it's set up, the county pays the taxes to the town and they collect from the person who hasn't paid his/her taxes.

Marshall said so someone could have their trash picked up for free for 3 years.

Bob said yes and their road plowed, etc.

Councilor Bailey asked if the stickers only applied to solid waste. What does a resident do with their recyclables?

Dick said he brings them to the Rock Cut Road facility. They accept them.

Councilor Smith said she is pleased to see this will be up for the residents to vote on.

Marshall asked if there would be any service for people unable to drag their trashcans to the side of the road.

Dick said there's a provision for an individual to go to the contracted hauler and negotiate the cost for the hauler to come to their door.

Marshall said this would be up to the individual then. It would not be on the tax bill.

Dick said that is correct.

Councilor Paul asked if whoever we contract with will give us a preferred rate for areas like our parks, etc?

Bob said they have only discussed this with regards to the school districts.

Councilor Knapp said they did put the dumpsters in at the parks and at the Town Offices. They would give us their best bids for these services.

Supervisor Scammell returned to the Recreation section of the agenda for Regina's report.

Regina said youth baseball finished their regular season and they have an All-Star game this Saturday at Onondaga. The older boys and girls have just started their seasons which will run through August. The Beach opened June 22<sup>nd</sup> and the first week they had some problems but the water is good now. Community Council installed a mat so it wouldn't be so slippery. They had a sink delivered. They have over 50 children enrolled in the first swimming lesson season. She is preparing for the other summer programs now.

Councilor Bailey asked if they have done any work at the box.

Regina said they only had the instructional boys program there.

Councilor Knapp said the girls will start their next week.

Regina said the adult league is no longer there.

Councilor Bailey said if there's more programs to be run from there, there is a bee problem which needs to be handled.

Councilor Knapp said he will spray when he goes over there. The adult league moved to Tully.

#### B. Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday).

##### 1) Communications and Technology.

Nothing new to report.

##### 2) Emergency Response.

Councilor Bailey will research defibrillators.

##### 3) Employee Policies and Benefits.

- Employee health benefits – Other towns' survey summary.

Supervisor Scammell said Mary Jo did a survey with seven of the surrounding towns. The following is a summary of what we got back. Here are the questions and responses received:

##### 1) Does your town provide health benefits for its employees?

All 7 towns said yes.

##### 2) If so, who is your plan with?

4 are with Blue Cross, 2 are with OCEBA and 1 is with Univera

##### 3) What is your annual health care premium?

Supervisor Scammell said it ranged from \$6,200 to \$10,200. The average is \$8,250.

##### 4) How many employees have coverage?

Unknown to 66.

##### 5) What does an employee pay towards their benefits?

The ranges were 10-15%, 19%, 10%, 5%, and 0%.

##### 4) Environmental and Conservation Advisory Board.

Nothing new to report.

##### 5) Highway.

- New EPA ditching/storm water management requirements (SPDES).  
Nothing new to report.
  - Hallinan Road (J. Dunkle final letter, letter to Welch/Morgan, responses from LFD & TCS).  
Supervisor Scammell said we are still waiting for responses from the LaFayette Fire Dept. and the Tully School District.
  - Local Town Road cleanup/sponsorship for litter reduction.  
This was discussed earlier in the meeting. We are still waiting for a response from the County D.O.T.
- 6) OCCRA Liaison/SOTS.  
A presentation was given earlier in the meeting.
- 7) Physical Plant.
- Library ceiling leaks.  
This is still leaking.
  - Community Center sign lettering.  
This is underway.
  - Community Center roof leak.  
Supervisor Scammell advised this needs some follow-up.
- 8) Recreation and Youth.
- a) Bailey Park.  
Councilor Smith said she got some phone calls about groups of kids being at the Park until all hours of the night and cars racing around there and over the grass. It's been an ongoing problem.  
Supervisor Scammell would suggest the property owner call the police to get them out of there.
- b) LaFayette Beach.
- Neighbors' concerns.  
Councilor Knapp asked for this to be removed from the agenda now that the adult lacrosse league has gone to Tully.
  - New facilities: Status/progress reports to CNYCF. (SS).  
Nothing new to report at this time.
- 9) Safety.

Leon said their next meeting is tomorrow night at 6:30.

10) Senior Transportation and Housing.

- Transportation survey: MCOA.

Supervisor Scammell said he received information that we were never included in the survey.

11) Service Awards.

- Multiple correspondence.

Kevin said we were invited to prepare and submit an indemnity and hold harmless agreement to Mr. Holohan. This was sent to him about 2 weeks ago and there has been no response from him yet.

Councilor Knapp said once we get this back, we can pay the Suttons.

Kevin said it's up to the Town Board but he believes that is the understanding.

12) Water.

Nothing new to report.

13) Zoning Review.

- Digitized zoning map.

Supervisor Scammell said this is back in process.

- Industrial zones to business zones update.

Supervisor Scammell advised this will be done after the zoning map.

- Misc. review: Communications/Cell Towers & Private (single horse) horse stables.

Nothing new to report.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ACTIVE PROJECTS:**

A. Litigation and other legal matters.

- Onondaga Nation land claim.

Nothing new to report.

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

- Local road cleanup sponsorship programs.

This was discussed earlier.

B. Other Active Projects.

## 1) Cram Communications

Craig Fox, President of Cram Communications introduced himself and Sam Furco who is vice president. They own some small radio stations in the area. They have one in Mexico, NY and a small AM station in East Syracuse. They wish to build a new AM station. It was necessary for them to locate south of the general population for the use of this frequency. They originally proposed to put a tower on Sentinel Heights Road and initially the Zoning Board of Appeals thought it was a good idea because it was sort of near where the other towers were. They then decided it would require a use variance which would be very hard for them to get. They said an industrial zone would require less approval. They found a couple plots of land in an industrial area which would work for them. Most AM stations require multiple towers. The height of the towers would be almost identical to the WSYR towers on Valley Drive.

Supervisor Scammell noted there would be 6 towers.

Craig said the 2 outer towers are a little over 250' and the 6<sup>th</sup> tower is 199'. The 3 middle towers would be 326'. The middle towers and the 2 outer towers would be required to be lit. There would be one beacon light on the top and 2 levels of side lights which are smaller lights.

Kevin asked the colors of the towers.

Craig said orange and white.

Councilor Knapp asked if these are located just down from the town's tower.

Craig said just north of it. He said they would request to detune the town's cell tower. He explained this process.

Kevin said we would want to have it coordinated with our tenants and their input that it is O.K. first. If new tenants come onto the town tower, would he want them to be detuned too?

Craig said they wouldn't have to do this again. If they had to redo it, they could. This process doesn't effect the town tower at all. It only makes it so their towers aren't interfered with.

Kevin asked if they would have tenants located on their towers.

Craig said they could but he isn't looking for this.

Councilor Smith asked how far away the towers are from the Onondaga Nation.

Craig said the closest one is 300' away.

Supervisor Scammell asked about how far these towers are from the town tower.

Kevin thinks this should be put on the map.

Craig said it looks like the nearest tower is 1200'.

Councilor Bailey said Craig got the green light for this from the FCC but how about our neighbors in Canada?

Craig said there is no conflict there.

Councilor Paul asked how big the lights are.

Craig said about 3' tall and about 1' wide at the top. The side lights are smaller.

Councilor Bailey asked if there's any other towers like these around that he could take a look at.

Craig said the WSYR towers on Valley Drive for height. The style would be like the 4 along 481 near the golf course.

Marshall asked the tax status on these towers.

Craig said the towers themselves are not taxable as they are providing a service to the public.

Kevin believes Real Property Services came out with material discussing the assessment of these towers.

Councilor Paul asked if there would be a building.

Craig said there would be a 20' x 20' building.

Councilor Paul asked if it would be fenced in.

Craig said they are required by law to fence the towers so they could fence the building too.

Kevin believes the Board should refer this to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation back to the Board. The approval for controlled site must come from the Town Board as this is under the town cell law. He would suggest on the site plan that they locate our cell tower with a measurement to their facilities. They should show measurements to the Onondaga Nation and to Route 81. We need to get some tower elevations, some site shots so we can see what they will look like. We want the lighting details put on it to show where they will be on the towers and have them in color so we can see the aviation colors of the towers. We need more information on the detuning i.e. why it has to be done, etc. They need to get the names and addresses of the tenants on the town tower. We will want something from our tenants signing off on what CRAM is doing. We have to do this by contract. We want a copy of their FCC Licenses and approvals.

Councilor Knapp asked if the D.O.T. would have anything to say about this due to its location near Route 81?

Kevin said we will have to refer this to County Planning as they are requesting to be located within 500' of Route 81. Once the additional items are in and this Board has heard back from the Planning Board and the County Planning Board, a public hearing can be scheduled.

Councilor Smith asked how tall tower # 4 is.

Craig said 350', the light is 3' and the base is 3' so it's a total of 356'.

**Councilor's Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to refer this to the LaFayette Planning Board for their review and recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.**

2) Town of LaFayette urn & tile display case.

Supervisor Scammell said he and Roy Dodge went to a number of local office furniture places trying to find an appropriate container. They didn't have very good luck. They are investigating an item they saw in a church downtown. They are going to get an estimate of what it would cost to alter the item they found to accommodate the urn.

3) Town border signs (DK).

Nothing new to report.

4) Zone change request at 3340 LaFayette Road by Jerry & Lorraine Brown follow-up letter.

Mary Jo advised Brown's called and said they will not be pursuing this with the Board.

5) Time-Warner Cable TV franchise renewal.

6) Town office employee donation fund.

Supervisor Scammell would ask those who have not donated towards the fund for flowers, etc. to do so.

7) Other.

9. **NEW BUSINESS.**

A. NYS Retirement Incentive Program, Chapter 69, Laws of 2002.

- Eligible employee list.  
No employees are eligible.
- Local law for enactment.

B. Assessment Reval.

Supervisor Scammell said he and Mary talked to Larry Fitts about having a reval done this year.

Marshall said actually he, Bernie and Mary talked to Larry Fitts. They discussed doing this over a time period. The plan is to come up with some kind of 12 year plan to contract with Larry saying what he will charge us for now and in 3 years we would have the option of continuing to go with him if his charge was acceptable or rebidding it.

Councilor Knapp asked how often it is recommended that revals be done?

Marshall said every 3-5 years.

Mary said the trending recommends having it every year. This wouldn't work for LaFayette. Our equalization rate tentatively is down to 88. They are hoping for it to go to 93. Houses are selling for much more than what they are being assessed at.

Marshall said Larry will submit a proposal for the assessors to review and they will forward it to the Board once it is acceptable to them.

Councilor Paul said Larry did this 3 years ago and now he's back doing it again but you just made the statement it would be good for 12 years.

Marshall said no, the plan they set up will be good for 12 years where the reval would be done every 3 years. As long as we agree to his contract.

Councilor Paul asked if we would get anything from the state for doing this.

Mary thinks the first year the state would give \$4/parcel and it would be \$2/parcel the next 2 years.

Marshall said the town went up 80,000 in value due to the last reval.

Supervisor Scammell said this will be carried forward until the next meeting.

Marshall said when the assessors review the contract and agree to it, he will forward it on to Supervisor Scammell for the Board to review.

C. Other.

Supervisor Scammell received a letter from Pat and Doug Keller.

“We hope that the board will favorably approve the Watson’s request regarding their green house on Sentinel Road. We have been in LaFayette since 1961 (real old timers) and have heard for years, that clean business would be such an asset to our community. What could be more right than Watson’s green house. There is nothing more pleasing to the eye than a well run nursery. Had the location been next to us on LaFayette Road, they would have been welcome. The Watson family have been pillars of the community, and I’m sure you know their history, but worth repeating. Bob was a highly respected teacher, then served the community as supervisor for many years. Clare had our two boys in her nursery school and contributed to the community in so many ways. We couldn’t ask for finer neighbors! Now is our opportunity to say thank you and support the Watson’s in every way...”

Supervisor Scammell will forward this letter on to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Councilor’s Smith moved and Paul seconded the following resolution:**

**In Memorium**

**Whereas, on June 18, 2002 the Town of LaFayette lost three of its beautiful children when Jessica Flegal (age 16), Shannon Thomas (age 16) and Liane West (age 16) died in a tragic traffic accident on Route 20, in Cardiff; and**

**Whereas, our tight-knit community has been struck by a pain that is almost unbearable; and**

**Whereas, the people of LaFayette are struggling to deal with this terrible loss.**

**Now, therefore, be it**

**Resolved and Determined, that our heartfelt condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these three wonderful youngsters; and it is further**

**Resolved and Determined, that our community and its people were truly blessed to have Shannon Thomas, Liane West and Jessica Flegal among us, although for far too short a time; and it is further**

**Resolved and Determined, that the Town Board is taking the extraordinary action of ordering that a copy of this resolution be made a part of the official record of the Town, so that future generations may witness our great sense of loss, pain and sorrow in June of 2002 as we lay to rest three of our best and brightest children.**

**They gave so much to our school, our Town and its people. We honor and mourn their lost lives, the lost promise and the lost dreams of these three young daughters of LaFayette. They will be missed.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

10. There were no suggestions for improvement & positive contributions.

11. **Councilor’s Smith moved and Bailey seconded the motion to audit and pay the following bills.**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>#7039 THRU 7058</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>#7059 THRU 7096</b>
<b>SPECIAL DISTRICT FUND</b>	<b># 7097</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY FUND</b>	<b># 7098 THRU 7107</b>

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Town Board Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly  
Town Clerk