

Minutes of the Public Hearings held by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette on January 27, 2003 in the Meeting Room of the LaFayette Commons Office Building at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette.

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

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Kevin Gilligan, Town Attorney  
Tom Chartrand, Bookkeeper  
Cindy Heckerman, Sentinel Hgts. Rd.  
Anne Smith, Historian  
Clay Smith, Past Supervisor  
Sue Snavlin, Dep. Dog Control Officer  
Capt. Bronstad, Onondaga County Sheriff's Dept.  
Kent Stuetz, NYS Records Management

1. Supervisor Scammell welcomed everyone at 6:30 p.m.
2. The Town Clerk took the role. All present.
3. Town Councilman Knapp led in the Pledge to the U.S. Flag.
4. **Councilwoman Smith moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to accept the January 13, 2003 Town Board Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.**
5. **Councilman Knapp moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to open the public hearing for the Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemptions. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Public Hearing opened at 6:31 p.m.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any comments from the public or the Town Board. He said annually in the past we have followed the county and adopted the increases in the Senior Citizen levels.

Councilman Knapp asked if we are just raising the income levels.

Supervisor Scammell said yes. It is being raised to \$29,900 from \$28,900.

There were no further questions or comments.

**Councilmen Knapp moved and Paul seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.**

The public hearing closed at 6:32 p.m.

**Councilman Knapp moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to open the public hearing for Local law No. 4, 2003 – Amending Local Law 2-2001 to provide for an increase in the partial real property tax exemption for persons with disabilities whose incomes are limited by reason of such disabilities. Motion passed unanimously.**

The public hearing opened at 6:33 p.m.

Supervisor Scammell said this is a similar type of property tax relief.

Mr. Gilligan said the income levels are identical to the Senior Citizen Exemption levels.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any comments from the public or Town Board.

Councilman Knapp asked if to qualify for this, the individual is identified as disabled by the federal government definition.

Mr. Gilligan thinks they use Social Security criteria for disability benefits.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any other questions or comments.

There were none.

**Councilmen Paul moved and Knapp seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.**

The public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

**Councilwoman Smith moved and Councilman Knapp seconded the motion to open the public hearing for Local Law No. 1 – 2003 – Amend Local Law 2 of the Year 1986 Regarding Public Assemblies Within the Town of LaFayette. Motion passed unanimously.**

The public hearing opened at 6:35 p.m.

Supervisor Scammell asked Mr. Gilligan to explain this.

Mr. Gilligan said this will pull in and tighten up the public assembly law. The assembly of people was raised from 200 to 250 to require a permit. The application must be received 30 days prior to the date of the proposed assembly. Some standards are set up to be reviewed when the application is reviewed such as: hours, sale and consumption of alcohol, restricting camping on the premises, levels of security and/or traffic control, and decibel levels. The permit expires 30 days from the effective date unless the Board determines otherwise. Basically, it increases the penalty fines to \$1,000 per violation. He believes it was \$200 before.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any comments or questions from the public or the Town Board.

Councilman Bailey asked if the Onondaga County Sheriff's Dept. would be interested in getting a copy of this.

Capt. Bronstad said he would appreciate it.

There were no further comments or questions.

**Councilmen Knapp moved and Paul seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.**

The public hearing closed at 6:37 p.m.

**Councilmen Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to open the public hearing for Local law 2-2003 – A Local law to Provide for the Appointment of Alternate Members to the Town Planning Board. Motion passed unanimously.**

The public hearing opened at 6:38 p.m.

Supervisor Scammell said this is being heard as we are looking for alternate members of the Planning Board so they can fill in for the snowbirds, conflicts of interest, etc. It's not a permanent appointment but someone to serve for a meeting.

Mr. Gilligan said this just deals with the Planning Board. The alternate members for the Zoning Board is a separate ordinance and will be heard at the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any questions or comments.

There were none.

**Councilmen Knapp moved and Paul seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.**

The public hearing closed at 6:39 p.m.

**Councilman Knapp moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to open the public hearing for Local Law No. 3 – 2003 – A Local Law to Impose a Moratorium on Applications for and actions on Specific Permits relating to Nonconforming Uses in the Town of LaFayette. Motion passed unanimously.**

The public hearing opened at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Gilligan said the Town of LaFayette's local Zoning Ordinance is different from a lot of, if not most, zoning ordinances as it allows Specific Permits to grow and expand to other nonconforming uses. This Local Law puts a Moratorium on those applications until the Town Board can take a look at the nonconforming uses section of the Ordinance to see what they wish to do with it. This is basically a hold everything the way it is until the Board can take a look at it and decide what they want to do.

Councilman Knapp asked how long it is for.

Mr. Gilligan said 6 months unless the Board acts quicker.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any other questions or comments.

There were none.

**Councilmen Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.**

The public hearing closed at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly  
Town Clerk