

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette on March 24, 2003 in the Meeting Room of the LaFayette Commons Office Building at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette.

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

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent
Ralph Lamson, C.E.O.
Kevin Gilligan, Town Attorney
Capt. Bronstad, Sheriff's Dept.
Tom Chartrand, Bookkeeper
Regina Reinschmidt, Rec. Coord.
Cindy Heckerman, Sentinel Hgts. Rd.
Marshall Taylor, Assessor/Clerk
Jennifer Green, 2843 Route 11
Nick Gazotis, Route 11

1. Supervisor Scammell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. The Town Clerk took the Roll. All present.
3. Pledge to the U. S. Flag led by Town Councilman Pete Paul.
4. **Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to accept the March 10, 2003, Town Board Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Residents.

Jennifer Green and Nick Gazotis came forward to discuss the property located on Route 11 North approximately ¼ mile north of the Sentinel Heights and Route 11 intersection on the west side of Route 11.

Jennifer said they are looking for an amendment to the Zoning Map on behalf of Lock n Logs. On the survey, it shows the property is Industrial and on the Zoning Map it shows it as Agricultural/Residential. Lock n Logs is looking to purchase this land from Nick Gazotis with the intent of putting up a model Lock n Log home there in place of the one that burned down. They may put a couple other models on the property in the future.

Supervisor Scammell said the choice is Industrial or Business.

Nick showed the Board a picture of what the model Lock n Log home would look like.

Jennifer said they intend to have a paved driveway and landscaping.

Supervisor Scammell asked if they had a preference of Industrial or Business for the zoning.

Jennifer said they have a mulch business too.

Supervisor Scammell said the map was adopted so right now the property is zoned Agricultural/Residential.

Jennifer said the mulch is delivered and sold on site. It's not cut there.

The Board felt Business would be O.K. for whatever the applicant needed to do.

Jennifer said they are looking to start erection of the model home as soon as possible.

Kevin Gilligan said the first thing the Board needs to do is draft an ordinance for introduction and consideration of the Board and then hold a public hearing. You need publication of the public hearing at least 10 days prior to the hearing. A short EAF is needed. They will need a description of the property.

Councilman Bailey asked if the new model will be going on a slab like the previous one did.

Jennifer said they were originally going to build on the existing site. Since they can't do that, they will probably have a walkout basement as the new location is on a hill.

Councilman Paul asked why they couldn't build on the other site.

Jennifer said Nick owes back taxes so it was just easier for them to purchase this property.

Kevin said he also needs something in writing requesting the zone change.

Jennifer asked Kevin when he needed the information by.

Kevin said as soon as possible. This week would be good.

Councilwoman Smith asked how many houses would be going on the lot.

Jennifer said just this one for now.

Kevin requested a copy of the survey too indicating on the survey where they are planning to put the structure. He asked who the owner of the property is.

Nick said he is.

Kevin said as the owner, Nick will be the applicant.

B. NYS Governor George Pataki: Common Retirement Fund.

"As a former mayor and current government Chief Executive, Governor Pataki realizes the tremendous pressures that the attacks of September 11th and the resulting national recession have placed not only on State but also local finances. Moreover, the Governor and I are as shocked as you must be at the tremendous increase in pension costs being forecast by the Office of the State Comptroller. Under the estimate recently presented to us by the Comptroller's

Office, the State's pension bill would increase from \$138 million this year to more than \$1 billion next year. In many localities, the situation is even worse..."

Tom Chartrand said a new letter came out on March 21st from the Comptroller. This letter says the new plan is to take effect immediately and would be 4.5% payroll charge as compared to the 11% or 15% they are showing. They are going to base it on the 2001 actual billing so we actually have the billing before we get to budget time next year. They are going to try to make it stick to 4 ½ %. There will be some other minor adjustments if you have people buying back time, etc. This still needs state approval but he suspects it will go through rather quickly.

Councilman Bailey asked if it is retroactive.

Tom said it will start hopefully with the payment we make this year. This is much better than the 11 to 15%.

C. NYS Comptroller Alan Hevesi: Common Retirement Fund.

D. Verizon Wireless: cell phone rates (annual disaster preparedness plan).

Supervisor Scammell said this is in regards to the emergency response plan. He thinks the Board Members all have cell phones. The question would be whether to get additional phones for town use.

E. Onondaga County Department of Youth & Aging: YDDP funding.

"The Syracuse/Onondaga County Youth Bureau invites you to apply for funding for 2004 – 2007. Funding is available for youth programs that are eligible for Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention (YDDP) and/or Special Delinquency Prevention Programs (SDPP) funding as defined by New York State. This is a competitive process. In addition to programs currently funded by the Syracuse/Onondaga County Youth Bureau, this process is open to all 501(c)3 or not-for-profit youth serving agencies and municipalities in Onondaga County....Approximately \$560,000 is available for the year beginning January 1, 2004...Interested parties should plan on attending a Bidder's Forum on Monday, March 31, 2003..."

Councilwoman Smith plans on attending.

F. AOTSNY: Third Annual Town Finance & Management School.

"Third Annual Town Finance & Management School. May 14, 15, & 16, 2003 at Holiday Inn, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs..."

G. Syracuse Post-Standard (3.14.03), CNY Employment Statistics.

"Revised statistics show the Syracuse area's job market is recovering from the recession much faster than officials had thought – but also shows the area's economy was worse last year than had been estimated...What it all means for Central New York is that its economy did worse last year than had been estimated, but it is doing considerably better now...Manufacturing continued to be the economy's weak spot...Strong spots in the economy included the leisure

and hospitality sector (up 1,500 jobs), professional and business services (up 1,500 jobs) and education and health services (up 1,100 jobs).

H. OCRRA: Operations Separation.

“...OCRRA’s Operation Separation is planning a flurry of upcoming recycling activities...Exchange your mercury thermometer for a mercury-free thermometer at OCRRA’s Rock Cut Road Transfer Station...Get ready for OCRRA’s annual Earth Day Litter Clean Up on Saturday, April 26....Recycle your old TV or household computer on Saturday, April 12, at OCRRA’s Rock Cut Road Transfer Station, near Jamesville. Two household computers per vehicle accepted at no charge. A small fee of \$5.00 is applied to recycle each old TV... Order a 2003 OCRRA compost site decal. Pick up mulch and compost for your garden all season long for a one-time fee of \$10.00. OCRRA’s compost sites in Jamesville and Camillus will open on Friday, April 4...It’s time to expand the bottle bill! OCRRA asks you to join the effort to encourage the New York State Legislature to reduce litter and increase recycling. Non-carbonated beverage containers, such as water, juices, iced tea, and sport drinks, should be added to our state’s returnable container law...”

I. U.S. Senator Charles Schumer: 2003 Assistance to Firefighters.

“I write to you today, to follow up on last week’s letter and inform you the Federal Emergency Management Agency has opened its 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Over the last three years, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program has become one of the most popular and meaningful federal funding streams. Now, more than ever, we need to ensure that firefighter safety and fire prevention programs are properly funded.. If you have not yet started the application process, I urge you to do so. As you may know, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program provides funds to city and volunteer fire departments to help with fire operations, firefighter safety, fire prevention programs, emergency medical training, and the acquisition of firefighting equipment and vehicles. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program application period begins today, March 10, 2003...”

Councilman Knapp asked with our arrangement with the LFD, can we apply for this or would they have to apply for it themselves?

Supervisor Scammell said we could contact FEMA to ask them.

Councilman Knapp recommended forwarding a copy of this to the LFD.

Supervisor Scammell asked Mary Jo to forward a copy to the LFD and Jamesville Fire District.

J. NYS Unified Court System: Justice Court Assistance Program 2003.

“This will advise you that the Chief Administrative Judge is now entertaining applications for the next cycle of Justice Court Assistance Program grants...As most of you know, the 1999 Legislature established the Justice Court Assistance program as an ongoing vehicle by which the State could assist towns and villages in the operation of their Justice Courts...250 grants averaging approximately \$2000 each...”

Supervisor Scammell thinks the court applied for one of these once before.

K. Onondaga County: Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction 2003.

“The first Onondaga County Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction of 2003 is scheduled for May 10th...”

Councilman Paul asked Leon if he had anything going in this.

Leon said this summer they will have a pick-up plow truck going if they get a new one.

Councilman Paul asked if he would have anything for the 10th.

Leon said no.

L. NYS Senator John Bonacic: Public hearings regarding tax exempt property.

“Re: Public Hearing of the Senate committee on Housing, Construction, and Community Development; and the Senate Committee on Local Government regarding the laws governing tax exempt property. Hearing will be held in Syracuse on Thursday, March 20, 2003 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. New York State’s laws governing tax exemption for “charitable”, “religious”, “educational” and other groups have consistently been the subject of discussion by local government officials for decades. As you now, anytime you exempt one property from taxation, other taxpayers, including homeowners and small businesses must pay for the cost of those exemptions with higher property taxes. While clearly some tax exemptions are appropriate and meet critical public purposes, others do little more than further personal preferences while shifting the costs associated with tax exemptions to others. To address this issue, I am planning a series of hearings across the State along with my colleague, Senator Betty Little, Chair of the Senate Local Government Committee. Senator Little and I have introduced a package of bills to address our concerns relating to tax exempt lands...Advanced registration is required for those wishing to testify...To comment on proposed state legislation which would: Require annual application with clear and convincing evidence for non-profit exemption (S-1123), charge tuition for non-residents of a school district (S-1125), ensure tax exempt properties are used for specified exempt purposes (S-1126), require stricter standards to qualify for exemption and for exempt purpose (S-1127), provide local discretion in granting exemptions (S-1398), provide state reimbursement to municipal corporations for lost revenue from exempt private forest lands (S-1415)...”

M. Jamesville-DeWitt School – Operation Graduation Request.

“On June 26, 2003 Jamesville-DeWitt High School will be holding its annual 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. Activities are

organized and include bowling, music, dancing, games and food. Prizes suitable for college life and for those entering the workforce are awarded to the students who stay all night. The seniors and the Operation Graduation Committee sponsor many fundraisers during the year to help finance their party. The total expense for this evening exceeds \$10,000.00. We are asking for the generosity of our business and community friends to contribute to this very worthwhile evening. We are extremely grateful for all contributions and truly hope you will be able to help us with this venture. Contributions are tax deductible. All contributions will be recognized in our local newspaper in June. If you wish to donate, please make checks payable to JDHS Operation Graduation and mail by April 1, 2003...”

Councilmen Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to donate \$100 to JDHS Operation Graduation. Motion passed unanimously.

N. Other.

6. **SPECIAL REPORT:** None.

7. **REPORTS.**

The Board moved ahead on the agenda to the Recreation Report.

Regina Reinschmidt said the 3rd and 4th grade basketball program is in its last week. They had 15 girls participate in their volleyball program. Wrestling just finished their season last week. There were about 25 K-6th graders. They had matches all over central New York. Lacrosse, baseball and softball signups were held the first week in March and they are preparing for the upcoming season. Her office still needs painting. They are waiting for the donated desk to be delivered. There are still a couple of things Herb Salladin needs to do.

A. Departmental (4th Monday).

1) Dog Control: Jon Rogers & Sue Snavlin.

No report submitted.

2) Building & Zoning Code Enforcement: Ralph Lamson & Jack Sutton.

Ralph said they had 3 permits issued in February. One was for a new house, one for a shed and one for an addition.

- South Syracuse Motel – Route 20 W – planned demolition (1.27.03).

Ralph spoke with the owner of the Syracuse Motel last week. He is getting his plans together for the property.

Supervisor Scammell asked if the owner of the Syracuse Motel is planning a demolition.

Ralph said he is going to keep part of the building for storage and demolish the rest of it.

- Farwell residence – Reidy Hill. Boarded up.
Ralph said he is all set with this property and it can be removed from the agenda. It is all boarded up.
 - Former lumber company office on Route 11 N – septic review.
Ralph said Nick Gazotis is still working on his septic for this.
 - Jamesville Grove Grandstand permit needed? – review when weather permits.
Ralph said he hasn't been down to Jamesville Grove yet. He spoke with the new owner the other day.
Councilman Knapp said the grandstand is gone.
 - Junk vehicle status.
 - Former Craw Farm on Jamesville-Apulia – review in the Spring, when weather permits.
Ralph said he sent a notice of non-conformity to the property owner at the end of West Shore Manor and a notice to 2954 Apulia Road about garbage telling them they needed to get everything picked up. Supervisor Scammell dropped a note off with a couple of other areas he needs to check on. He went down to Apulia Rd. tonight as there is a big mobile home there which he needs to check into. There is also a horse on Route 11 he needs to send a letter out about.
 - Sunset Hills.
Ralph thought this was completed.
Kevin believes we are. We wrote them a letter stating the Board did what they could and the owners went ahead and did their own thing.
Ralph asked if the Town is still holding off issuing any permits on the last lot owned by Carsky.
Kevin said yes.
 - Webb Road vehicle parking (2).
Ralph said there's nothing he can do about cars parked on the road as long as they are legal. He still has to check into a property where there might be 2 families residing in it.
Supervisor Scammell asked if there is a vehicle parked partly on the road, what should we do?
Capt. Bronstad said if it's parked past the white fog line, it's illegal and just give them a call and they will come out.
- 3) Highway Superintendent: Leon Cook.
Leon said they had a break for a few days. Since the last report, they have plowed and sanded some roads. He reported trips up until 1/15 totaled 55 trips. Since 1/15 until now, they have 50 more trips and he hopes that will be it

for the year. They have enough sand in the shed for probably 2-3 more trips around if they don't put it on too heavy. He has 1,000 ton covered up over at the landfill for reserve.

Supervisor Scammell asked how many tons they use a trip.

Leon said they use 44 ton every time they go out. With the help of Councilman Paul, this year they hauled some snow away when they couldn't get rid of it on the roads. They cleaned all the ditches out. He had two seals leaking on the 721 loader. They had a brake line leaking on the 90 International 10-wheeler. When that truck was purchased, they weren't putting maxi's on both axles. This is your parking brake. On a steep hill, he didn't dare let the driver leave the truck. They have put maxi's on the back now and it's working out good. They put new wing cables on #6. The 2001 had a rear saddle break on the spring so they had to put that in. He used 5,600 ton of sand and has 1,000 ton left at the landfill. On April 1st and 2nd, they have Safety OSHA Training which they must do every year. They go to the Tully Office for this. Otisco, LaFayette the Town of Tully and the Village of Tully all go together and have a man from Empire Safety Training do the course. It comes out to be about \$30 a man. This saves one township paying the whole shot. The only other thing he wants to talk about is getting a new pickup to replace the one he's driving. He has 133,000 miles on it and it's starting to use oil pretty good. The state bid is Genesee Truck Sales. He submitted information on the state bid and non-state bid. The total would be \$49,009. The other price he got was \$62,990 from TRS. There is quite a difference between the state bid and the regular price. He reviewed the breakdown of the total price with the Board. He would hope we get at least \$6,000 for the old truck. They have to auction it off or put it up for bids. About the 2nd or 3rd auction the county has, he will get it all cleaned up and put it in.

Tom Chartrand said there are current appropriations of \$16,500 in the 2003 Budget, \$16,500 was transferred from last year's budget and there was \$16,009 in the 2001 Reserve which makes a total of \$32,509.00 in the Reserve Fund. A Permissive Referendum would be required to spend this money. There is currently a total of \$41,887.18 in the Reserve Fund as of March 24th. If Leon sells the 1 ton truck for \$6,000, it could be added to this. If the Permissive Referendum goes through for \$32,509.00, the Reserve balance after this transaction would be \$15,378.18.

Leon said they also had \$2,200 from the sale of the calcium tank.

Tom said he could put this towards the purchase of the truck or he could carry it over at the end of the year.

Leon said they had a Highway Committee Meeting and he thinks they spent 2-3 hours on this.

Supervisor Scammell asked what the next big piece of equipment that they have to purchase will be.

Leon said the loader.

Supervisor Scammell asked what the approximate cost of that will be.

Leon said with trade-in it will be about \$80,000 to \$90,000.

Supervisor Scammell asked if he thought this would be next year or the following year.

Leon said he thinks it will be in 2005.

Councilman Paul asked Leon if the state contract didn't have a deadline.

Leon said yes. It must all be finalized before the first of May. That is why he is in here tonight with his request.

Tom Chartrand said the Board will have to move on the Permissive Referendum to allow the 30 days that are required.

Councilman Paul said he believes the truck Leon has now is getting to the point where he would expect something to happen to it at any time.

Councilman Knapp believes it is a pretty good idea.

Councilman Bailey asked if Leon uses the same vehicle when he goes across town to get parts, etc.

Leon said yes.

Councilman Bailey wondered if there isn't a more economical way to save on the wear and tear of the truck.

Leon said the truck is like his office too. He has his own personal cell phone in it. It has to be plugged in and there's no place to plug it in the other GMC pickup. By having the phone and radio, he is in full communication. Most of the hard miles are put on it by plowing and doing road work. Going after a part or something like that are the easy miles.

Councilmen Knapp moved and Paul seconded the motion that the Town of LaFayette, County of Onondaga, State of New York resolved, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, The Town Board of the Town of LaFayette hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$32,509.00 from the Town's Highway Reserve Fund. This resolution is subject to a Permissive Referendum. The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of Highway Equipment. The type of Equipment to be financed from the Reserve Fund is the acquisition of a 2003 Ford 550 4 x 4 plow and sanding Truck from the State Bid to replace a 1996 Chevrolet Truck. The total State Contract price for the 2003 Ford 550 is \$49,009.00. Motion passed unanimously.

- Safety Footwear.

4) Justice: Malcolm Knapp & Maureen Perrin.

- Written report for February for Maureen Perrin.

Supervisor Scammell noted total cases for February were 228 and \$16,851 was turned over to the Town.

- Library Director: Scott Kushner.
No report.

5) Recreation Director: Regina Reinschmidt. (given earlier)

6) Town Clerk: Mary Jo Kelly.

- Written report for February.

- 7) Town Supervisor: Greg Scammell
 - Written report for February.

Councilor Paul asked under the Library, what the vacation refund is.

Tom said the library has a different set of guidelines. The library supplies all their employees with vacation time and he has asked them to refund the town for their vacation pay. He keeps track of this.

Tom Chartrand submitted the Annual Investment Report for review as well as the Supervisor's records.

Councilman Knapp moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to accept the 2002 Annual Investment Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmen Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to audit and approve the Supervisor's records for 2002. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Committee (2nd Monday).

- 1) Communications & Technology.
 - Digital Towpath – Demo & Testing in process (GS).
- 2) Emergency Response.
 - Defibrillators (TB).
 - Annual Review of Disaster Preparedness Plan – pagers & subset.
- 3) Employee Policies & Benefits.
 - Employee Medical Plan contributions. $\$9,637/\text{year} \times 1\% = \$96.37/\text{year} = \$3.71/\text{pay period}$ (currently \$2/month).
 - Holiday schedule (Federal holidays vs. employee handbook). Organizational meeting/Employee handbook conflict.
 - NYS Disability Insurance. ~\$4/month – males, \$8/month – females. Review at budget time.
- 4) Environmental & Conservation Advisory Board.
- 5) Highway.
 - New EPA ditching/storm water management requirements (SPDES).
- 6) SOTS & OCCRA Liaison.
 - Amend local law: Awaiting R. DeMore's proposal.

Kevin said he was faxed something today at 4:45 and hasn't had a chance to review it. One of the items is the Hauler Fee for Feher. He doesn't think we need a local law for that.

- The Post-Standard Neighbors East (3.13.03): Town of Elbridge.
"Elbridge considers joining four-town trash district...the Elbridge Town Board plans to ask town residents if they're interested in the town joining an existing four-town trash district that could lower rates sharply..."

Councilman Knapp said they asked Bob DeMore to give a presentation on what we are doing. There are a couple of towns that have expressed an interest in joining our district so once things get going we'll see. The good news is they would add density to the district which would help to keep the rates down long-term. The main concern right now is getting everything going. The last of the refunds are done barring anything new in the folder right now. Most of the recent changes have been for increases in service on residential properties. There was a letter that was suppose to go out today district-wide stating the pickup day, who to call with questions or problems, etc. The entire Town of LaFayette will be picked up on every Wednesday.

Councilman Paul asked if he knew what the hours of pickup would be.

Councilman Knapp thinks it's between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The first couple of weeks might take a little longer until they learn the routes.

7) Physical Plant.

- Roof/ceiling leaks: Library (repair & assessment) & Community center (new side roof estimate).

Supervisor Scammell spoke to Vanderhoof Roofing about having a heat tape put on the upper roof. The caulking we have been using on the side of the building is silicone. The question is, should we continue to try to caulk or should we try to replace some of the boards?

Councilman Knapp said it sounds like a lot of the siding boards are warped which could be creating the problem.

Supervisor Scammell asked Ralph if he knew of anything we could put behind the siding.

Ralph said not unless you use the house wrap stuff. He doesn't know if there is anything under the siding now or not.

Councilman Knapp said it might be better to replace that area. He will get an estimate for this.

- Community Center cleanup (downstairs office, etc.).
- Recreation Director relocation (phone, painting, etc.)
- Bison/B&H A/C contract.

Kevin Gilligan said the same thing could happen to the new company. If the person who has a judgment against B & H could convince the court that this was a fraud, there is a chance in the future it could be extended to include Bison Heating and Cooling, Inc. He said there is no default in the contract they sent and would suggest the following language be added to the contract prior to signing it:

"The failure of either party to comply with any provision of this agreement shall be an act of default. In the event of any default, the non-defaulting party may provide written notice of such default to the defaulting party. If such default is not cured within thirty (30) days, the non-defaulting party may immediately terminate this agreement, with written notice to the other party."

Councilwoman Smith moved and Councilman Knapp seconded the motion to approve the contract with Bison Heating and Cooling, Inc. with the amended language. Motion passed unanimously.

- Community Center Usage Guidelines: U.S. Flag.

Supervisor Scammell would like the Guidelines for Town Facility Usage updated for the Community Center stating it's the LaFayette Community Center and the U.S. Flag is not to be lowered for any purpose. The Board was in agreement with this.

Councilmen Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to update the Guidelines for Town Facility Usage by adding that the U.S. Flag at the LaFayette Community Center shall not be lowered for any purpose and under # 14 to change 200 to 250. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8) Recreation & Youth.
 - a) Bailey Park.
 - b) LaFayette Beach.
 - New facilities (SS).
 - Survey/transfer LaFayette Beach from LCC to town.
 - c) Stafford Park.
- 9) Safety.
- 10) Senior Transportation & Housing.
 - F.I.S.H.
 - LCSD transportation for seniors for groceries, etc.
- 11) Service Awards.
- 12) Water.
- 13) Zoning Review.
 - Digitized zoning map.
 - Industrial zones to business zones update.
 - Misc. review: Communications/Cell Towers & Private (single horse) horse stables.

8. LITIGATION & OTHER LEGAL MATTERS.

- A. Developer Fees & Planning Process Evaluation (SS & DK).
- B. Watson v. Town of LaFayette.
- C. Developer deposit.
- D. Groth Road Communications Tower – AT & T.

Kevin Gilligan said they are still reviewing the previous leases that were signed by IWO and Nextel.

- E. LaFayette Central School District drainage: revisit in 4.03.

Supervisor Scammell advised he met with the school district and they will be revisiting it in April. John Dunkle has some good inexpensive suggestions.

- F. Onondaga Nation land claim.

It was decided to take this off the agenda until further information is received.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ACTIVE PROJECTS.

- A. Town of LaFayette urn & tile display case (GS).
- B. Time-Warner Cable TV franchise renewal (GS).
- C. Town holiday lighting.

Councilman Knapp said he has to get in contact with Dan Pinkerton. He advised they have put all the flags up.

Councilmen Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion for the Town Board to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and litigation and to include Tom Chartrand, the Bookkeeper and Kevin Gilligan, the Town Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town Board went into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. and was called back to order at 9:00 p.m. by Supervisor Scammell.

- D. Appointment to replace former ZBA member J. Butkus.

Councilmen Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to appoint Jerry Doolittle to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the unexpired term of Jim Butkus. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Alternate ZBA and Planning Board member appointments.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. New Business.

Supervisor Scammell said Mr. Muraco has requested the Town Board help with his application process with the corner building.

Councilman Knapp moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion directing the attorney to draft a letter for the supervisor to sign supporting his efforts. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Other.

Mary Jo said we need to clean up the Public Assembly Law we recently passed. There are a few times it states 200 rather than 250 people for public assembly permit.

Kevin Gilligan will draft something up for the next meeting.

Councilman Paul moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to cancel the April 14, 2003, Town Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

11. SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT & POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.

There were none.

12. Councilmen Knapp moved and Paul seconded the motion to audit and pay the following bills:

GENERAL FUND	# 8620 THRU 8637
HIGHWAY FUND	# 8619
TRUST & AGENCY	# 8638 THRU 8641

Motion passed unanimously.

**13. Councilmen Knapp moved and Paul seconded the motion to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.**

The Town Board Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly
Town Clerk