

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on October 1, 2003 in the LaFayette Commons Office Building at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette at 6:30 p.m.

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

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Thomas Chartrand, Bookkeeper

Supervisor Scammell called the Special Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
The Town Clerk took the Roll. All present.

2004 Budget

Councilman Knapp asked where we stood right now if the budget were adopted.
Tom Chartrand said at a 9% increase in taxes. He wanted the Board to be aware that the reval brought the total town assessment up to 11%. If you have a no tax increase, some of the residents will still see an increase. As it stands now, they would see that increase in addition the budget increase. Even if the Town Board goes to a 0% increase, not everyone will see a 0% increase due to the reval. There is money in the Capital Fund which has been there for years. This is money received from the work the Highway Dept. did during the mudslide. There is \$20,795 in the Fund which was reimbursement from FEMA. A lot of the money in the Fund was spent trying to find water for that area. The Board could make a motion to return this to the Highway Department's budget.

Councilman Knapp asked how much longer we have to pay on the building.

Tom Chartrand said the last payment of \$47,000 will be made in 2004.

Councilman Knapp said next year for the 2005 Budget we will be \$47,000 ahead. He has been concerned about the Tax Stabilization Fund.

Tom Chartrand said we are in pretty good shape. If the Board chooses to use \$15,000 this year and \$15,000 next year, there will still be \$40,000 in there.

Councilman Knapp said the way it is set up right now, when it runs out, it will be time for the carriers to pay again.

The water situation in the Tully Farms area was discussed and a sewer study.

Tom Chartrand said there is still \$2,800 that was put aside for the sewer project. He submitted a spreadsheet of the employees salary requests and what they would be at a 3% increase.

Councilman Knapp said it looks like the county will be going up 4 ½ %.

Supervisor Scammell recommended a 2.3% increase for salaries.

Councilman Paul asked what it was last year.

Tom Chartrand said it was 2 %.

A 2.5 % increase was agreed upon for most salaries.

Discussion took place regarding the Dep. Court Clerk position to increase the hours to 25/week and making it a salary position. The Board asked Malcolm Knapp if he would be opposed to making this a salary position. He said unless the Board hears otherwise from him, it will be O.K.

The Assessor Clerk position was discussed and an increase of hours.

Supervisor Scammell would like \$1,000 added to Planning for the corridor review.

It was decided \$5,000 should be added to the budget for the roof at the Community Center.

It was decided at this point the tennis court resurfacing/expansion in the Community Council's budget could be removed. It may be discussed at a later time in the budget process.

Supervisor Scammell recommended \$2,000 be put in the budget for SPDES. This was added under Engineering.

At the end of the evening, the Board went from a 7 cent/thousand increase to a 3 cent/thousand increase in the General Fund.

Councilman Knapp moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to declare the 1996 Chevy 1-ton truck surplus and unneeded equipment by the Town and to allow the Highway Superintendent to put it in the upcoming auction. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmen Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to waive the reading and approval of the September 22, 2003 and September 23, 2003 Town Board Meeting Minutes until the next Town Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Scammell said the engineer finished the testing using the temporary tower for CRAM Communications. He forgot to do a couple of tests. Cram has requested the Town Board approve them putting the temporary tower back up for about 2 weeks so these tests can be completed.

Councilwoman Smith moved and Councilman Knapp seconded the motion to declare this Board lead agency, this is a Type II Action in the SEQR process and to approve the temporary 199' CRAM Communication Tower for testing with the following conditions:

- **To commence on October 2, 2003 and end by October 16, 2003.**

Motion passed unanimously.

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

GENERAL FUND	#9686 THRU 9703
SPECIAL DISTRICT	# 9704

Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Special Town Board Meeting adjourned at 11:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly
Town Clerk