

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting/Public Hearings held November 10, 2005 in the Meeting Room of the LaFayette Commons Office Building at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Gregory Scammell, Supervisor
Sandra Smith, Councilwoman
David Knapp, Councilman
Thomas Bailey, Councilman
William McConnell, Councilman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Chartrand, Bookkeeper
Heidi Smith, Dodge Rd.

Supervisor Scammell called the Special Town Board Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Pledge to our U. S. Flag led by Town Councilwoman Sandy Smith.

Councilman Knapp moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to accept the October 24, 2005, Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2006 Coye Road Water District.

Supervisor Scammell said the first public hearing is for the 2006 Coye Road Water District Assessment.

Tom Chartrand said the budget is \$2,500. This covers the payments to Onondaga County and the property taxes. We send Onondaga County money for the hydrants.

Councilor Knapp asked if there is a balance in the account in case there is a break or something.

Tom Chartrand said if there is a break, it would be repaired and they would send us a bill for it and it would be part of next year's assessment.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any further questions or comments. There were none.

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

2006 LaFayette Fire Department Contract.

Supervisor Scammell said this public hearing is for the LaFayette Fire Department 2006 Fire Protection Contract.

Tom Chartrand said it is \$320,000 for this contract. \$40,000 is for Service Awards. \$33,000 is for Workers Compensation. He asked if the LaFayette Fire Department is accepting this contract.

Supervisor Scammell said yes they are.

Councilman McConnell asked if they had any comments back.

No one had received any.

Supervisor Scammell asked if there were any further questions or comments on this. There were none.

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

2006 Jamesville Fire Department Contract.

Supervisor Scammell said this public hearing is for the Jamesville Fire District 2006 Fire Protection Contract.

Tom Chartrand said we are looking at \$39,500 for this contract.

Councilman Knapp asked if there was anything back from them.

Supervisor Scammell said he hasn't heard anything. He asked if there were any further questions or comments. There were none.

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

• **2006 Preliminary Budget.**

Supervisor Scammell said this public hearing is for the 2006 Preliminary Budget.

Tom Chartrand said right now the General Fund is \$861,170. The Highway Fund is \$682,904 and the Library is \$126,495. If you include fire protection and everything, we are at a 3 ½ % increase in the tax rate or a 6 ½ % increase in spending.

Councilman Knapp asked what people will see on their tax bills.

Tom Chartrand said a 3 ½ % increase.

Councilman McConnell said regarding the employee benefits, he would hope the Board would keep it at the 1% employee contribution recently approved and then at the beginning of the year the Town Clerk and a Town Board Member can review what we have and what we could have and then have a meeting with the employees to explain that now we pay 99% of the cost and this may change down the road.

Councilman Knapp said that would be fine with him.

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.

SOTS service level charges – no change.

Supervisor Scammell noted there is no change in the SOTS service level charges.

Councilman McConnell asked when this comes up for renegotiation.

Councilman Knapp said it will be put out for bid next year for July of 2007.

Tom Chartrand said we need to have the numbers before budget time. The rates right now are: 1 bag/week = \$70, 3 bags/week = \$155 and unlimited/week is \$200.

Councilman McConnell asked if all the same towns would go in this together again.

Councilman Knapp said all 4 towns are definitely in it. An option might be to keep our districts separate but to bid along with DeWitt. We are talking to the Town of Onondaga at a very preliminary stage. The Town of Onondaga would actually become part of the 4 towns now together in the District.

Councilman Bailey asked if they can go back on the unforeseen fuel increase.

Councilman Knapp said there is nothing in the contract now but he's sure it will be in a future contract. There is a little bit of surplus now that if any increase is asked for due to the increase in gas prices, they can put it towards it.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any further questions or comments regarding SOTS. There were none.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to adopt the 2006 Coye Road Water District Assessment. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	voted	Yes
Councilwoman Smith	voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	voted	Yes
Councilman Bailey	voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	voted	Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Smith moved and Councilman Bailey seconded the motion to accept the 2006 LaFayette Fire Department Fire Protection Contract. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	voted	Yes
Councilwoman Smith	voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	voted	Yes
Councilman Bailey	voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	voted	Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmen Bailey moved and Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to adopt the 2006 Jamesville Fire District Fire Protection Contract. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	voted	Yes
Councilwoman Smith	voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	voted	Yes
Councilman Bailey	voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	voted	Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to adopt the 2006 Preliminary Town Budget as the 2006 Town Budget. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	voted	Yes
Councilwoman Smith	voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	voted	Yes
Councilman Bailey	voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	voted	Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

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The Special Town Board Meeting/Public Hearings adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mary Jo Kelly
Town Clerk**

Adopted 11/14/05