

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board, January 9, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting room of the LaFayette commons Office Building at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette.

Present: Gregory Scammell, Supervisor
David Knapp, Councilman
William McConnell, Councilman
Adrian Shute, Councilman

Absent: Thomas Bailey, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Peggy Sutton, Dep. Town Clerk

Others Present: Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent
Steven Middleton
Tom Chartrand, Town Accountant
Marshall Taylor, Assessor
John Harper
Ralph Lamson, CEO

1. The Supervisor Called the Town Board Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
2. Roll was taken. Councilman Bailey was absent. He is in New Orleans deployed by FEMA for Homeland Security.
3. Pledge to our U. S. Flag led by Town Councilor Adrian Shute.
4. **Councilmen Knapp moved and Shute seconded the motion to accept the Minutes of the January 2, 2006 Annual Organizational Meeting. Voting was as follows:**

Supervisor Scammell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	Voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Shute	Voted	Yes

Motion carried.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. Residents.

B. Onondaga County Legislature: Mortgage tax apportionment.

It is \$55,687.93.

C. Onondaga County Legislature: 2006 Onondaga County Water District Special Assessment.

Councilman Knapp questioned what the 9X meant.

Supervisor Scammell will check on this.

D. Onondaga County Department of Emergency Communications: FCC approves OCICS.

Councilman Knapp asked if this would make the radios, which were just purchased the Fire Department obsolete. Not sure what will happen.

E. Syracuse Post-Standard (12.15.05): CNY employment picture.

F. Onondaga County Legislator Ed Ryan: tax base for tax exemptions.

It was noted the tax base is made up by the town, not the county.

G. Upstate Temperature Control: 2006 Mechanical Service Agreement.

H. NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets: Dog Tales.

I. Onondaga County Legislature: 2006 Town tax rates, fixed, ratified & confirmed.

J. T-Mobile: Special offers for employees.

K. Onondaga County Supervisors Association: Shared services grant.

Councilman Knapp spoke to Bob DeMore and there will be over 20 participants. The cost will be less than \$300.

L. Onondaga County Supervisors Association: Firefighters Tax Exemption Law.

The law varies from town to town. There are varying definitions of qualifications. Some are connected to Service Awards. This is open for discussion.

M. Justice Department: 2006 Annual Association of Towns training.

A letter was received asking for approval for Maureen Perrin and Eva Palmer to participate in the Association of Towns training.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to approve Maureen Perrin, Eva Palmer and Tom Bailey to attend the Association of Towns training. The Town will advance payment of \$700 per person. Motion carried.

N. CNY Community Foundation: Grants for green spaces.

Councilman Knapp will talk to Andy Ohstrom.

O. Syracuse Post-Standard, 12.25.05, IRS rules & Kidney Foundation.

P. Cingular Wireless: Groth Road Communications Tower (Executive Session)

Q. Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management: 2006 Deputy Coordinators.

R. Onondaga County Supervisors Association President Robert DeMore: Shared Services Grant Application.

S. Selective Insurance: Conditional renewal and premium.

Councilman Knapp will follow up on this.

T. Selective Insurance: Recent claim.

On December 26, 2005, by Highway Dept.

U. Other.

Tom Chartrand stated that two new Justice Clerks will be appointed. The two positions will replace the one position we had in place.

Councilman McConnell asked if there would be an increase in the budget.

Tom said there will be no increase.

John Harper (LaFayette Fire Dept.) has list of firemen for the Service Awards. Asked if it is O.K. if Danielle Jeffery receives her 50 points. She was on Maternity Leave but did get her 50 points.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to post the list for the Service Awards. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	Voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Shute	Voted	Yes

Motion carried.

6. SPECIAL REPORT: Town Historian Anne Smith: Annual report.

7. REPORTS:

A. DEPARTMENTAL (4th Monday).

1) Assessors: Mary Doster, Marshall Taylor & Jim Munnell.

- Town wide property revaluation.
- Northeast LaFayette Water District petition evaluation.

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

- a) 1970 Junk Yard Ordinance review. Process comparison, towing, “firm up”. (RL, JS, PB, ZBA & TB members, PP feedback).
- b) Junk vehicle status – prioritized (multiple vehicles & long standing (apparent) violations) spreadsheet listing (in process).

1. 2300 – 2330 Route 11 South, across from LaFayette Rural Cemetery, multiple autos & properties.
2. Route 11N (just north of town offices) – 2 autos, visible from LPL parking lot.

3. 2805 Route 11A. Business in A-R.

3) Dog Control: Jim Moore & J. Terry Moore.

- a) **2006 shelter/veterinarian.**
- b) **Emergency care (local veterinarian contract, CNYSPCA – injured animals?).**

Supervisor Scammell reported that Jim Moore, Dog Control Officer, would like to enter into a contract with the SPCA to take control of unidentified dogs. After 5 days the SPCA will take control of the dogs. Mr. Moore would like permission and to be paid the expenses for boarding dogs at his home until he could take them to the SPCA.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to authorize Supervisor Scammell to sign contract which reduces the number of days from 10 to 5 that an unidentified dog would be kept at the SPCA and to pay Dog Control Officer to board the dogs in his home until he can get them to the SPCA. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	Voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Shute	Voted	Yes

Motion carried.

c) Microchip detection.

4) Highway Superintendent: Leon Cook.

5) Justice Court: Malcolm Knapp & Maureen Perrin.

6) Library Director: Scott Kushner.

7) Recreation Director: Regina Reinschmidt.

8) Tax Collector: Teresa Mech.

9) Town Clerk: Mary Jo Kelly.

10) Town Supervisor: Greg Scammell.

- a) **Intermunicipal Shared Services/Cooperation & Consolidation, 2005 Onondaga Citizens League study, Southern Onondaga County towns.**
- b) **Apulia Road property – flooding & ice buildup: Awaiting resident response for SEMO grant application.**
- c) **Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program, 10% matching.**

B. COMMITTEE (2nd Monday).

1) Agriculture (DK/MK).

2) Communications & Technology (MF/PK/MK/MT/GS).

- a) **Town Website: January, 2006 Website status. ***
- b) **Transition to Digital Towpath.**
 - **Parallel operations.**
 - **Website – townoflafayette.org (now is townoflafayette.com). Secure additional .gov?**
 - **Town email addresses (tolxxxxx@aol.com to tolxxxx@??) – conversion & new.**
 - **File transfers.**

3) **Economic Development (BM/GS).**

4) **Emergency Response (TB/BM).**

- a) **LFD exhaust vents – AFG grants.**
- b) **Onondaga County Department of Communications - OCICS MOU.**
- c) **Susquehanna RR brush fires created by grinding (LFD, JFD, ToL).**
Contacted Susquehanna concerning the problem of brushfires and what

can be done.

- d) **NYS PSC – TSP (Telecommunications Service Priority).**

5) **Employee Policies & Benefits (MK/AS/MD).**

- **Employee-share healthcare premium increase.**
Increase employee share of benefit payments to 1.5%.

6) **Environmental & Conservation Advisory Board (RB, BF, KF, WG, EG, NM).**

- **2006 Tent Caterpillar assessment.**
- **SPDES committee – tba.**

7) **Highway (PP/LC/DK/SP/JG).**

- a) **Long term capital equipment forecast.**
- b) **Road maintenance schedule.**
- c) **Spring Cleanup Program – Wood disposal options/DEC burning permits, Clifton Recycling.**

Leon is applying for permit to allow burning of wood during clean up days. If permit is not granted, Leon would like a letter sent to all residents of the Town to explain.

8) **Physical Plant (HS/DK/BM).**

- a) **LaFayette Community Center: Ice buildup solution over kitchen area (DK).**
Heat tape installed and ready to go.
- b) **Heating/Cooling system alts & new temperature controls, Ph. 1 report, Clay Smith, P.E.**
- c) **Energy usage reduction program (BM).**
- d) **A/C repair.**
Air conditioning repair done.
- e) **LPL – leaking window (DK).**

Windows in Library have been recaulked.

f) Upstairs men's room.

A product has been purchased that should take care of the problem.

9) Recreation & Youth (DK/AS/RR).

a) Marion Bailey Park.

- 1. Pavilion - local estimates.**
- 2. Install grills.**

Councilman McConnell will get estimates on installation of the grills.

b) LaFayette Beach.

- 1. Evaluate survey/transfer LaFayette Beach from LCC to town.**
- 2. Roof over sandbox (Herb Salladin). Bids. DK.**
- 3. Repair lacrosse box.**

c) Fred Stafford Park.

- 1. Lacrosse facility – estimates (\$5K – materials only), (re)location possibilities.**
 - **Tully-\$12k – materials only (all volunteer labor).**
- 2. Geese & feeding – signs.**
- 3. Clapboards on backside of bathrooms need repair.**
- 4. Polypropylene netting – Gary DePalma. Estimates for additional (Jack's Shack, Beach) netting projects. \$2100 for Stafford Park Pavilion. DK. Remove light? (PP suggestion).**

Girl's basketball to start this weekend.

10) Safety (TR/AS/LC/RR).

11) School District liaisons (BM/PP).

12) Senior Transportation & Housing (BO/GS).

13) Service Awards (BM/DK/LP/NV).

- **Tax exemptions – letter to LFD/JFD/LCSD sent.**

14) SOTS & OCRRA Liaison (DK/BM).

15) Water (GS/PP).

- a) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Jamesville Reservoir – Preliminary Restoration Plan complete, seeking nonfederal (NYSDEC) cosponsor for 33% share of \$7.2M.**
- b) Northeast LaFayette Water and Smokey Hollow Service Improvement districts. Financial assistance letter to Congressman Jim Walsh complete.**

- **Petition.**

The petition has been submitted for the Northeast LaFayette Water and Smokey Hollow Service Improvement Districts. Marshall Taylor reported that they are working on verification of residences for P.O. Box addresses.

- **Schedule public hearing - 02.13.06.**

- c) **Hamlet drainage study – request submitted to NYS DOT.**

- **NYS DOT notified of subsidence behind M. Amidon’s property.**

16) Zoning Review (GS/MK).

- a) **Jamesville Reservoir Preservation District/JRPA change.**
- b) **New instruction sheet for subdivision, variances & controlled site approval (note riparian rights/drainage, SOCPA meets every 3 weeks, public notification of neighbors, applicants without counsel/surveyor/engineer, meeting frequency, include Onondaga County subdivision filing requirements, riparian rights) .**
- c) **Corridor Plan.**
- d) **Digitized zoning map, correction & amendments.**
- e) **Density (rezoning from A-R to Rn).**

8. LITIGATION & OTHER LEGAL MATTERS.

A. Onondaga Nation land claim & land rights.

B. William May mobile home on Jamesville Reservoir. County court rules in town’s favor.

C. Robert Shute – Route 11.

D. Lynn Hutton – final turnaround acceptance.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to accept final turnaround as proposed by Lynn Hutton. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	Voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Shute	Voted	Yes

Motion carried.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ACTIVE PROJECTS.

A. FOCUS 2010 - Strategic Plan.

B. Current IRS 990’s: LFD (current), LPL (current) & LCC (current) – complete.

C. Crime coverage – awaiting document review list (TC).

D. Other.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Certification letter authorization for Tom Chartrand review of town books. Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to authorize Thomas Chartrand to review town books. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	Voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Shute	Voted	Yes

Motion carried.

B. Appoint Association of Towns representative.

C. Surplus equipment list.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to dispose of surplus equipment. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	Voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Shute	Voted	Yes

Motion carried.

D. LaFayette Hotel evaluation (executive session).

E. Create new clerk position for Justice Department.

F. Other.

Library employees: Minimum Wage was increased to \$6.75 which was not figured into the 2006 budget. This is a difference of \$.60 per hour for two employees. Have \$1,200 remaining in 2005 budget. Would like approval to apply this money to the 2006 budget to take care of the difference in wages.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to hold over unexpended funds of \$1,200 to cover the increase in the minimum wage if needed.

Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	Voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Shute	Voted	Yes

Motion carried.

A sign post for Lacrosse Champions, Boys Cross Country and Volleyball champion on roads. It was suggested that one sign be put up in town. It is expensive to put signs at all town lines.

Councilman Shute voiced concerns raised by parents and faculty at Grimshaw School about the speed limit on Route 20 near the school. The 55 mph zone starts too close to the school. The State law is that there has to be a distance of 1,320 feet either side of the school for the speed limit.

Councilman McConnell will check tomorrow in this issue.

Dog licensing. Will wait for Mary Jo.

12. Suggestions for improvement and positive contributions.

13. Executive session (if needed).

Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion for the Town Board to go into Executive Session and to include the Town Attorney and Leon Cook concerning Highway Department, Cingular Wireless: Groth Rd. Tower, and LaFayette Hotel Evaluation. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	Voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Shute	Voted	Yes

Motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. The Board returned at 9:30 p.m.

The Dog Control Officer would like signs for car, jacket, and other items necessary for his job.

Councilmen Knapp moved and Shute seconded the motion to expend not more than \$500 for necessary items for the Dog Control Officer. Voting was as follows:

Supervisor Scammell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	Voted	Yes
Councilman McConnell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Shute	Voted	Yes

Motion carried.

14. Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to audit & pay the following bills.

TRUST & AGENCY	#4727
HIGHWAY DEPT.	#4728-4745
GENERAL FUND	#4746 - 4771
SPECIAL DISTRICT	# 4772-4773

Motion passed unanimously.

15. Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town Board Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Sutton
Deputy Clerk

Adopted 1/23/06