

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on January 23, 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
Thomas Bailey, Councilman
William McConnell, Councilman
Adrian Shute, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent
Ralph Lamson, CEO
Kevin Gilligan, Town Attorney
Pete Paul, Dep. Supervisor
Marshall Taylor, Assessor/Clerk
Tom Chartrand, Bookkeeper
Arthur Fritz, 6335 Smokey Hollow Rd.
John Lytle, 4193 Apulia Rd.

1. Supervisor Scammell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. The Town Clerk took the Roll. All present.
3. Councilman Knapp led in the Pledge to our U.S. Flag.
4. **Councilmen Shute moved and Knapp seconded the motion to accept the January 9, 2006, Town Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. Voting was as follows:**

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

Motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.**

6. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. Residents.

B. NYS DEC: Application for Restricted Burning Permit (2005).

Councilman Knapp asked Leon Cook if he would put in an application for a burn permit soon so we can find out if they say no.

Leon said he did submit one and they said no and they sent a copy of last years permit to the Supervisor stating it would be the last one issued. He and John Greeley are working on a letter to go out to all the town residents.

Councilman Knapp asked if they turned down Fabius too.

Leon said yes.

Councilman Knapp asked what they are going to do.

Leon said they don't know. He was advised in a town with under 20,000 people, folks can burn individually but cannot have a mass burn for the town.

Supervisor Scammell thinks a letter put out by the town and the LFD together would be good.

Leon asked if we could get a permit if the LFD was there and they still said no.

Councilman McConnell said he would appeal it by asking if they want a controlled fire or 100 small fires.

Supervisor Scammell said there is about 200 ton at \$45/ton that would have to be taken to OCRRA. This would be about \$9,600. We don't have this in the budget. He would assume we would appeal this to Reginald Parker by advising it will cost us about \$10,000 that we don't have in our budget. He would ask if we can spread this out over a certain number of days. We have a commitment from the LFD that they would help us.

Councilman Knapp asked or would they rather us burn it up and do it once quickly.

Councilman Shute thinks that would be too much all at once.

Councilman McConnell said we have time to appeal this still. People start trimming their brush in April.

Leon said we will still pick up brush. This is for the clean wood.

Councilman Knapp said if we rent a grinder it would probably cost the same as if we took it to OCRRA.

Supervisor Scammell asked what other towns are affected by this.

Leon Cook knows Fabius uses its burn permit year round. Tully doesn't offer this service.

Councilman Knapp said Onondaga does a pretty big cleanup operation where they actually go to the house and pick it up.

Leon said they run up a pretty big bill. They take it all to OCRRA.

Councilman Bailey asked if there is any count for the number of vehicles that come in on Cleanup Days.

Leon said they have never counted them. He would say it's close to 500/day. John and he have been talking and Cliff Parker used to be the one to check everyone out. A person has to show a drivers license to prove they live in the Town of LaFayette. There are people with LaFayette mailing addresses that don't reside in the Town of LaFayette. You have to look and see what road they live on.

Mary Jo asked if an alphabetized list of the tax roll would help.

Leon said it would be good for a double check.

Pete Paul thinks if Leon did a spot check, word might get around.

Leon said they do more than a spot check.

Pete Paul asked if the 4 southern towns could get together and see if they could do one individual burn.

Supervisor Scammell said he will check on this. He asked Pete if he could check with the Jamesville Fire District to see if they would be willing to help out too. He will write a letter to Reginald Parker promptly.

Councilman Knapp said maybe there is an appeal process.

C. El Paso Pipeline Group: Landowner & Developer Handbook & development activities.

Councilman McConnell asked if this will be sent to the Planning Board as there are easements and issues for them.

Supervisor Scammell said he will.

Councilman Knapp said the Zoning Board of Appeals should be sent a copy too.

D. OCWA: 2006 Rate Increase.

Councilman Knapp said it's amazing that the average customer uses 20,000 gallons of water in 3 months.

E. Onondaga County Community Development: 2006 Community Development Funding.

Supervisor Scammell said we have not submitted a plan as we haven't had any areas in the district. This is great news that we may have some property in the eligible area. The good news is that if we would like to participate, we can. The bad news is we have very little time to get it done.

Councilman Shute asked if we have the information available to see if any of the area is a low income area.

Councilman Knapp thinks the information is given for the area.

Councilman Shute is not in favor of labeling a section of the town as a slum area.

Councilman Knapp asked if the area has to be within the area on the map.

Supervisor Scammell said yes.

Councilman McConnell thinks there is room to maneuver outside the area shown on the map.

Kevin Gilligan said he thinks if you are dealing with a park that might be servicing those areas, the park could be located outside the area shown on the map. Enhancement at Bailey Park and the Beach would qualify. A lacrosse box at Stafford might qualify. He would note there is a 25% local share. Part of the local share could be the engineer doing the application for Community Development.

Supervisor Scammell said both Bailey Park and the Beach need work. He would wonder if the Cardiff Cemetery would be eligible as folks have advised they have low funds.

Kevin Gilligan said the property has to be owned by the town under this program. They have other programs where they give grants to private owners to do work on their homes, etc. This program could be for work on the streets. There's a lot of different things you can do with the money.

Councilman Bailey asked if there is anything that would benefit the folks in the water district.

Kevin Gilligan said no, they are outside the area.

Councilman McConnell said when he spoke to Ms. McLean about this, the Town of LaFayette would not qualify for a teen center but would for a senior center.

Art Fritz said the Community Development program came on their radar last summer but the funding cycle had already been set. After meeting with Congressman Walsh and talking with his Chief of Staff, she urged them to immediately contact Community Development. He did so right away. He was advised they could put money in if the residents/town put money in. They advised they could help under another grant with the hookups. Once the grant is approved, their office would do the income survey.

Supervisor Scammell said his understanding is there's something separate from this grant that covers those things.

Kevin Gilligan said we can check. He thinks the block grant doesn't cover individuals. We can check on this though.

Tom Chartrand said Fabius received a grant last year and a very bad bridge was replaced. He doesn't know if any of our bridges in rough shape fall within this area.

Leon said they did the one on Webster Rd. That is an old old bridge. Are they saying he could put in for a grant for a bridge?

Tom Chartrand said yes. If in the future the bridge gets rated so buses can't cross it and there would be problems, you could submit it under this grant.

Kevin Gilligan would suggest a public hearing be scheduled for the second meeting in February and the time between now and then the Board could get together with the Town Engineer and Leon Cook and make a decision on what should be in the 5-year plan and what specifically should be applied for this year, if anything. At the public hearing you can make your recommendation and the Board can make a motion to submit the application.

Councilman McConnell said the second meeting may be too late as we have a March 3rd deadline. This is going to be a grant writing effort. We may want to retain someone to write this. One of the individuals who comes to mind is Julee Johnson. She has the connections, knowledge and expertise to do this.

Kevin Gilligan said most of the paperwork would be done before the public hearing and then you would approve the 5-year plan and authorize an application that in theory would be sitting before you that night. Town engineers have the expertise to lay out the proposals and give estimated costs. John Dunkle would be an alternative to do this grant.

Supervisor Scammell suggested holding a public hearing at the first meeting in February and it could be held open until the second meeting if it needed to be.

Councilman McConnell will try to download the 2010 plan from the county.

Supervisor Scammell can give him a copy of this. He will put a copy in each of the Board Member's mail trays.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to hold a public hearing at the February 13, 2006, Town Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. for the Community Development Grant. Voting was as follows:

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Gilligan said for the 5-year time-frame you could have various projects. Remember, there are local shares.

F. NYS DEC: Funds for eradicating aquatic invasive species.

Supervisor Scammell said he has forwarded this to JRPA as well as Jim Keech. Councilman Knapp asked about the Environmental Committee. Supervisor Scammell said he will send this to Rainer Brocke. Councilman Shute asked if this could be used for the tent caterpillars. Supervisor Scammell said it states it's for aquatic but this is a good question and he will call and ask them.

G. Jamesville-DeWitt High School: Operation Graduation.

Councilmen Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion being much of the northeast portion of LaFayette goes to the Jamesville-DeWitt School District he moves we pay \$100 to their Operation Graduation function. Voting was as follows:

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

Motion passed unanimously.

H. Other.

7. **SPECIAL REPORT: None.**

8. **REPORTS:**

A. DEPARTMENTAL (4th Monday).

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

- **Town wide property revaluation.**

Marshall Taylor said the town-wide reval is just about done. They had a meeting today. They have some not completed new construction to still decide on. They are also in the process of doing a mailing and scheduling meetings. They have to mail out what was determined for people's properties and have a room set up for them to meet with Mr. Fitts if they want to. People will have 3 weeks to call a number to set up an appointment. Depending how many folks call for an appointment will decide on whether we set aside one day or 9 days.

Councilman McConnell said if the Board only sits aside one day, will there be other opportunities to meet with Mr. Fitts?

Marshall said we advertise that we have 9 days. They can make an appointment anytime during the 9 days. If there are days that no one signs up for, that day might be omitted. You call and someone will take your name and the time you wish to schedule a meeting. If that day or time is full, you will have to choose an alternative date or time.

Councilman Knapp doesn't think there's ever been a problem with people not being able to schedule an appointment.

Marshall said we haven't had any problem in the past.

- **Northeast LaFayette Water District petition evaluation.**

Marshall said we have gotten a copy of the residents that signed the petition based on the 2005 Roll. There are some issues related to what might change with the 2006 Roll. The 2005 roll was approved in July. If something happens now, it's really the 2006 Roll. He asked counsel if issues relate to the 2006 Roll or the 2005 Roll. He is waiting for John Langey to get back to him.

Supervisor Scammell said hopefully we will be able to set a public hearing for the 27th of February.

John Lytle said he knows there is concern about a number of the issues hanging out there. He is just concerned about time going by. The longer we drag this out, the more restless people get. John Langey responded tonight on the two folks who had asked to retract their signature. They can do this under the procedure he advised.

Councilman Knapp asked if we know who they are.

John Lytle said yes.

Councilman Knapp asked if it will affect the outcome.

John Lytle would doubt it. Marshall Taylor can look at the tax roll and see. It would be close but we would have to look and see.

Supervisor Scammell said one of the issues now too is whether or not someone had Power of Attorney to sign for their parent. We are working these small issues out and will hopefully have the public hearing scheduled.

Marshall Taylor said he just needs some determination as to whether we are dealing with the values of the 2005 Roll or the 2006 Roll. If someone bettered their property and now the value of their home is more, do we go with the current value or use the 2005 value? Right now he doesn't know what the outcome is.

Councilman McConnell asked why we want to push the public hearing out further than the February 13th meeting.

Supervisor Scammell said because we don't have answers to the unknown so we can't schedule it at this time.

Art Fritz said like John Lytle, he has a little concern about the timing. It was the last week of July that the boundaries were formed. It took until December to get the petition done. It was submitted before Christmas and asked to go as soon as possible. It's felt there is unrest among the residents and perhaps there isn't a desire to go forward as the Board doesn't want to hear it.

Supervisor Scammell said that is incorrect.

Art Fritz said the petition has been submitted and everything has been validated so it's up to the Town Board. Now there is question about the 2005 or 2006 validation. E. Syracuse is anxious to shut down and meanwhile you have 150 residents out here who are very anxious. It comes down to economics. Folks said they didn't really want to sign because of the cost but they were afraid if they didn't sign the petition they wouldn't have water. Others said they didn't sign because Section E wasn't included. The people who had wells did not sign. The point is, the anxiety is out there and the process is being

dragged out and this should be considered a priority and should get the attention it deserves.

Supervisor Scammell said it's being treated as a priority. We still haven't worked out the funding for this. We still have a couple of small items that are not resolved about the process. The public hearing is when people can come and state their feelings about this matter. He believes when we schedule a public hearing, the issues should all be put to bed and he doesn't feel they are completed at this time.

Marshall Taylor said they are not.

John Lytle asked if the things hanging out there are things that could change the success of the petition.

Supervisor Scammell doesn't get the sense that the margin we have will change this but he doesn't know this for sure. People can retract their name right up through the public hearing. According to John Langey's opinion regarding retraction, there is a process they must follow if they wish to retract their names. They are allowed to do this. He is just trying to be sure when we go to a public hearing that everything is as clean as we can make it. There may still be controversy but he doesn't want this added in with folks who might want to retract their signatures or folks who think it's not solid.

John Lytle said as far as he knows the only issues are David Palladino signing for his mother and the names of those who wish to retract their names.

Art Fritz would have predicted back in July that the petition would have far more signatures than it ended up with on the December petition. If for some reason the current proposal fails, the sooner they know this the better because there are plans 2, 3, 4 and 5 to address the issue. By not really jumping on this and moving quickly and flushing out the issues now it doesn't allow them to move on.

Supervisor Scammell asked if Art Fritz knows what the answers to the current issues are. He doesn't.

John Lytle asked if we couldn't find the answers by the February 13th meeting.

Marshall Taylor said when the sheet came in he spent over 12 hours researching the information on it. The issues that he knows are pending waiting for answers from John Langey are:

- 1) How do we handle houses that have sold since the petition was circulated and the new owners might not want to be on the petition?
- 2) How do we handle folks who wish to retract their signatures?
- 3) If names are removed, is there still enough signatures for the petition to be considered valid?

If anyone thinks this isn't being treated as a priority, they are mistaken.

Councilman McConnell said we really have 3 weeks until the next meeting.

Kevin Gilligan said he talked with John Langey about this today. John wanted this to be on for the second meeting in February because he felt by the 13th he would have drafted the resolution and would have sent it to the Comptroller's office and John wanted to be sure he had heard back from the Comptroller that it was acceptable and then when we move on the 27th, we could move on it knowing the Comptroller wouldn't have any issues with it.

Councilman Bailey asked what the typical turn-around time from the Comptroller's Office is.

Kevin Gilligan said we won't get a letter response. The Comptroller will call John if there are any concerns.

Supervisor Scammell said John Langey has advised we are looking at a project that may exceed the limits and will be on for close scrutiny.

Marshall Taylor said there is nothing being held up at this level. As soon as John comes back with his answers from the people who know the law, we will move forward.

Art Fritz asked if the Board is really positive they have to have everything done before they have the public hearing. The Town Board can't take final action until they hear from the controller.

Kevin Gilligan said all of that is true but condensed. We want to get approval from the Comptroller so the night of the public hearing the Board can act.

Councilman McConnell asked Kevin Gilligan for his estimated time of when we will submit the resolution to the Comptroller.

Kevin said probably around February 13th. The issues have to be resolved first. John Langey has this whole thing lined up with the Comptroller.

Councilman McConnell asked if all the pending issues can be answered prior to the 13th. He thinks these issues need to be understood before going to a public hearing. He would like to see something stating what the issues are and what the outcomes are so he is well versed at the public hearing.

Marshall Taylor said once these issues are resolved, his intent is to let the Board know his findings.

Councilman McConnell would suggest at the public hearing each issue be gone through with the answer to each one.

Kevin Gilligan said we are talking about probably 100 emails. Sometimes the same question is asked in each email. John Langey will be here for the public hearing. There might be something that John can give him regarding the main issues.

Councilman McConnell said that is what he is looking for.

Marshall Taylor said when he makes his decision, he will put in his note to the Board what the issues that came up were and what the resolutions to them were.

Councilman McConnell said it's important that Marshall Taylor attest to the information.

Marshall said right now all he has is the questions so he cannot make a decision at this point.

Councilman Shute asked if the resolution submitted to the Comptroller's Office is based on what the petition stated? Could something come out at the public hearing that would change the resolution.

Kevin Gilligan said most of it is from the proposal in the petition. Something could come up that would change it some. The resolution will either pass as proposed, pass as modified or fail.

Councilman Knapp said that is where John Langey would be helpful being at the public hearing as he will know after talking to the Comptroller what will fly.

Councilman McConnell asked John Lytle if this is presumed to pass, is it for Districts A, B, C & D alone?

John Lytle said yes.

Councilman Knapp said someone asked him if they put a garage on their house a little over a year ago and their assessment went up, are they still under this reval or have they already been assessed.

Marshall Taylor said they would still be under this reval.

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.**
- 4. 2006 Junk car cleanup campaign (BM) – newsletter article.**

c) Monthly Report.

A written report was submitted.

Ralph Lamson said Building Permits totaled \$880 for the month of December.

d) Year end Report.

A written report was submitted.

Ralph Lamson said Building Permits totaled \$12,925 for 2005.

Supervisor Scammell asked if the activity is the same as other years.

Ralph said it’s about the same. Houses totaled 23 in 2005.

Councilman Knapp said the number of new houses is definitely up.

Councilman McConnell asked if they are all spread out.

Ralph said yes.

Supervisor Scammell asked where the Willowood project would fit into this.

Ralph said it was started in 2004 so it would have been recorded in the 2004 year-end report.

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

a) 2006 shelter/veterinarian.

Supervisor Scammell said he, Councilman Knapp, Jim Moore and Dr. MacMackin met this week to discuss Dr. MacMackin being our emergency veterinarian if needed. Dr. MacMackin is certainly willing to help us and work with us. We are just about ready to go with the contract. We have discussed having our DCO, in an emergency situation, being able to take the dog home until he can take it to the shelter and being paid per diem for this.

b) Emergency care (local veterinarian contract, CNYSPCA contract **).

Councilman Knapp said we approved this at the last meeting and authorized the supervisor to sign the contract. If we have Jim Moore do this, does this count as day one out of the five or does it get reset when the dog is taken to the shelter?

Supervisor Scammell thinks it would be reset.

Councilman Knapp said we have already decided to go from 10 days to 5 days so this won't have a big impact.

c) Microchip detection.

Supervisor Scammell said we do have a chip scanner now. Jim has it. Jim has had to purchase some items and did go a little over the budget that the Town Board gave him. He has everything he needs now except for a couple of name tags and DCO Badges.

Supervisor Scammell said we believe there are 2 cages and a ramp that the old DCO still has. He written a letter to Sue Snavlin about this equipment and a key that had not been returned to the LaFayette Kennels which has since been returned.

Councilman McConnell would suggest making one more attempt to get the equipment returned and stating that it's town property.

Supervisor Scammell will write a letter stating the medium cage, large cage and ramp must be returned to the town.

Councilman McConnell would say we would like these back by a certain date or the Town Constable will be notified.

4) Highway Superintendent: Leon Cook.

Leon Cook said they have been mostly plowing and sanding. Last year until January 26th they went out around 40 trips. This year to date they have made 37 trips. They have 3 more days to go before the 26th so there's a chance we could be even with last year. When it's black ice like this morning, they have to use a little more salt/sand. They used to date \pm 1,776 ton of mixed sand and salt. They are about the same as they were last year. He is going to be calling the county tomorrow or Wednesday to find out if we are supposed to get the ½ year check. In the contract it doesn't say but he asked them at the time and they said we would be getting it around the end of January. He feels we could use the money in our account as well as the county. A couple of the trucks have broken down. Fortunately they didn't both break down on the same day.

To date \$6,479 has been spent on diesel fuel. Right now they are getting it from Mohawk. He is kind of unhappy with the delivery person. They have the state contract. He has put a call into Agway to see if we can get a contract wit them under the state price. It seems the state wants a separate bill on the mix which we always ran with Agway at a 70/30 ratio. In the bid, the state put in they wanted a separate bill on the kerosene and a separate bill on the diesel. The last 3 deliveries have been a big amount of # 1 which is kerosene and a small amount of diesel fuel. Kerosene is a lot more expensive than the #2 diesel. On top of that, the kerosene does not have the BTO's that the diesel fuel has which cuts the horsepower down so we don't get as many miles per gallon.

Councilman Knapp said it's also harder on the engine.

Leon said we could go the rest of the winter with them giving us the mixture they have been giving us. He should have them come and put just diesel fuel in the tank to even this up. We may have to put it up for bid.

Marshall Taylor said if there's a contract that says it should be at a 60/40 ratio, they should be able to be forced to comply with that.

Leon Cook said the guy is doing it backwards. He talked to them and they said they would straighten it out.

Pete Paul said he should call OGS as they are violating a state contract.

Leon said if you call them, they tell you to work it out yourself.

Councilman Knapp asked what the rules are on this.

Kevin Gilligan said if you aren't going under a state contract, you must bid it out.

Councilman Knapp said if it's a little more, you just have to justify it being a little higher.

Kevin Gilligan asked if there is an economic advantage to switching.

Leon said their cost is higher now because they are switching the kerosene and diesel amounts around.

Councilman McConnell said the value of the product you are getting is as important as the cost.

Kevin Gilligan said there might be a benefit to letting the state know that one of their bidders is cheating because if they are cheating, they could be barred from bidding. The state could blacklist them for 5 years or more.

Leon said the other thing that they are kind of unhappy with is on the small trucks. The small trucks come through with no grease fittings on the front. With the kind of work they do, they need to have grease fittings. Both of the Fords they have, they had to put tie-rod ends on and ball joints. If they were to use a NAPA part on them, they come through with grease fittings.

There is a little water problem down on Everingham Rd. He has never seen water going up in the pond on the west side of Everingham Rd. like it is. Right now it's to the center of Everingham Rd. We have so much water in the ground right now. There was never a pipe for that pond under the road. He has it set up for a crossover pipe to be put in there on Wednesday. They will be going about 4' deep to keep it down from the road. It looks like he may have to hire an excavator to dig this as there's no room for them to go in there with their equipment. It won't be very expensive. He is quite sure there is nothing in the way, i.e. cable, etc. They always contact UFPO first to be sure.

Councilman Knapp asked what's on the lower end of that where the water will go.

Leon said it drops off about 20'. They have already opened the lower side and that is where they will putting the pipe in.

Councilman Knapp confirmed this won't cause the residents any problem.

Leon said no because there is already water in that area anyway. Fortunately we can close that road off. They have had it barricaded and blocked off already and put lights up because of the water.

Councilman Knapp said they are scheduling a meeting for the Highway Committee to discuss capital for the future.

5) Justice Court: Malcolm Knapp & Maureen Perrin.

- **November & December Reports.**

Written reports were submitted.

Supervisor Scammell noted they heard 204 cases in December and collected fines totaling \$16,822.

Councilman Knapp asked how this was with their budget for the year.

Tom Chartrand said they exceeded it fairly well.

6) Library Director: Scott Kushner.

- **Reports/Minutes for November & December.**

Written reports and minutes were submitted.

Supervisor Scammell noted they received their OCPL grant money for \$5,000 which they bought library materials with.

Councilman Knapp noted they had a member step down from their Library Board. He doesn't know if she actually was ever appointed or not.

Supervisor Scammell said he sent an email to Connie Foote asking about the terms for their members and indicating the best time to approve appointments is at the Organizational Meeting. He also asked about two members terms being the same.

7) Recreation Director: Regina Reinschmidt.

Supervisor Scammell read Regina's written report.

Councilman Knapp said the 5th and 6th grade girls basketball team beat Tully last Wednesday and defeated Fabius on Saturday.

8) Tax Collector: Teresa Mech.

9) Town Clerk: Mary Jo Kelly.

- **Dog licensing for 3 years.**

Mary Jo said this is something being offered by the NYS Ag. & Markets. It has been approved by the legislature. It gives dog owners the opportunity to license their dogs for 3 years as opposed to having to come in every year.

Councilman Knapp asked if this is mandatory.

Mary Jo said no. It is up to the dog owner. The license cannot expire later than the rabies vaccination does. If someone renews for 3 years and the dog should die within the 3 years, there's no refund.

Councilman Knapp confirmed this is something folks can do whenever they want to and are not obligated to do it now.

Mary Jo said that is correct.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Knapp, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Bailey, to wit:

WHEREAS, the State of new York has amended Section 110 of the Agriculture and Markets law, effective January 15, 2006, to allow the issuance of multiple year dog licenses for up to three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the authority to issue multiple year licenses is at the option of the issuing municipality; and

WHEREAS, it will be in the best interest of the residents of the Town of LaFayette to be able to purchase dog licenses for multiple years, up to three (3) years.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

RESOLVED, THAT AS OF January 16, 2006, the Town of LaFayette Town Clerk or her Deputy is hereby authorized to issue multiple year dog licenses for up to three (3) years on such terms and conditions as are set forth in Section 110 of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

- **December Report.**

A written report was submitted.

- **Year End Report.**

A written report was submitted.

- **Audit Town Clerk Cash Book**

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion that the Town Board has audited and approved the Town Clerk Cash Book. Voting was as follows:

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

Motion passed unanimously

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.**

- d) **December Report.**

A written report was submitted.

B. Committee (2nd Monday).

- 1) **Agriculture (DK/MK).**
- 2) **Communications & Technology (MF/PK/MK/MT/GS).**
 - a) **Town Website: N/A.**
 - 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 – replacement equipment needed? (BM).**
 - c) **Susquehanna RR brush fires created by grinding (LFD, JFD, ToL).**
 - d) **NYS PSC – TSP (Telecommunications Service Priority).**
- 5) **Employee Policies & Benefits (MK/AS/MD).**
 - **Implement employee-share healthcare premium increase.**
- 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.**
- 8) **Physical Plant (HS/DK/BM).**

a) **Heating/Cooling system alts & new temperature controls, Ph. 1 report, Clay Smith, P.E.**

b) **Energy usage reduction program (BM).**

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

a) **Marion Bailey Park.**

1. **Pavilion - local estimates, park design.**

Councilman McConnell submitted an estimate for what it would cost for a pavilion to be erected.

2. **Install grills – Spring, '06.**

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.**

4. **Park design.**

c) **Fred Stafford/Optimists Park.**

1. **Lacrosse facility – estimates (\$5K – materials only), (re)location possibilities.**

- **Tully-\$12k – materials only (all volunteer labor).**

2. **Geese & feeding – signs.**

3. **Polypropylene netting – Gary DePalma. Estimates for additional (Jack's Shack, Beach) netting projects. \$2100 for Stafford Park Pavilion. DK. Remove light? (PP suggestion).**

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

Councilman McConnell said he spoke to the representative from the railroad. He will meet with folks from LaFayette for a ride on the railroad to discuss the past fires and prevention. He has spoken to the LFD and JFD to have one representative from each of their department attend. This leaves 3 spots open for Town Board Members. He asked the Board to let him know if they wished to attend. They will be meeting the representative at the railroad tracks on Apulia Rd. on February 1st.

11) School District liaisons (BM/PP).

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

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

- **Firefighters Tax Exemption Law (Onondaga County Supervisors Association memo).**

- **Transfers.**

Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to

transfer funds not to exceed \$700 to the fire Service Awards as of tomorrow to fulfill the obligations of their transfer of funds. Voting was as follows:

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

Motion passed unanimously

Tom Chartrand said we don't have any information on this new company they are using now.

Councilman McConnell said he has the information of who to make the check out to and who to send it to.

- **Requirements for service awards & tax exemption reconciliation.**

Kevin Gilligan said they have a question into ORPS and to the state comptroller stating there are two resolutions out there.

Councilman Knapp asked what the county bill says.

Kevin said about 50% of those who passed this tied it into the Service Awards and about 50 % of the county went its own way.

Councilman Knapp noted the list is posted and we just have to wait the necessary 30days until it's done.

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

15) Water (GS/PP).

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Jamesville Reservoir – Preliminary Restoration Plan complete, seeking nonfederal (NYSDEC) cosponsor for 33% share of \$7.2M.**

Supervisor Scammell said they are in the process of putting an application together for a grant.

- Northeast LaFayette Water and Smokey Hollow Service Improvement districts. Financial assistance letter to Congressman Jim Walsh complete.**

- **Petition.**
- **Schedule public hearing - 02.13.06.**

- Hamlet drainage study – request submitted to NYS DOT.**
 - **NYS DOT notified of subsidence behind M. Amidon's property.**

16) Zoning Review (GS/MK).

- Jamesville Reservoir Preservation District/JRPA change.**
- 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).**

9. 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.**

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ACTIVE PROJECTS.

- A. FOCUS 2010 - Strategic Plan.**
- B. Crime coverage – awaiting document review list (TC), certification letter, review of town books.**
Tom Chartrand is working on getting a list of things together.
- C. Onondaga County Water District Special Assessment (BM).**
- D. Spring Newsletter.**

1) Junk Cleanup(BM)

Councilman McConnell said regarding the junk cleanup article he will write for the spring newsletter, he is asking for any input from people as to what they want in the letter. He asked Ralph Lamson if he wanted something in there. He said if Ralph does, just to let him know what he would like put in.

2) IRS/Kidney Foundation Syracuse Post-Standard 12.25.05 article (BM).

3) New dog control officers & procedure.

Supervisor Scammell will add the burn permit to this list.

E. Surplus equipment disposal.

F. Selective Insurance – conditional renewal & premium (DK).

G. LaFayette Hotel (executive session).

H. Other.

11. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Other.

Supervisor Scammell said the contract for Upstate Temperature was a charge of \$800 last year and is \$832 for this year and the other item on it was \$200 last year and is now up \$8 this year. It's up a total of \$40 for the year. They are waiting to do an scheduled inspection as to whether or not we sign the contract.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to accept the contract with Upstate Temperature Control for \$832 and \$208. Voting was as follows:

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

Motion passed unanimously

Councilmen Knapp moved and Shute seconded the motion to appoint Councilman Bailey as our Delegate for the Annual Association of Towns Meeting. Voting was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

12. Suggestions for improvement and positive contributions.

13. Executive session (if needed).

Councilmen Knapp moved and Shute seconded the motion for the Town Board to go into Executive Session to discuss an employee mater as well as the proposed acquisition of sale or lease of town property and to include the Town Attorney. Voting was as follows:

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

Motion passed unanimously

The Town Board went into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Supervisor Scammell called the Regular Town Board Meeting back to order at 10:20 p.m.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to spend up to \$750 for a technical communication consultant. Voting was as follows:

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

Motion passed unanimously

Councilman Knapp would like to send Roy Dodge a card for putting together the historical document pertaining to the LaFayette Hotel.

Councilman McConnell said he will do this.

Councilmen Shute and McConnell will have a meeting with the school superintendent on Wednesday to discuss the speed limit issue by Grant Grimshaw School.

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

HIGHWAY FUND	#4837-4844
GENERAL FUND	#4845 – 4887
SPECIAL DISTRICT FUND	#4809
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	#4888-4891

Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Regular Town Board Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly
Town Clerk

Adopted 2/13/06