

January 14, 2008 Town Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on January 14, 2008 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  
Thomas Bailey, Councilman  
Adrian Shute, Councilman

Absent: David Knapp and William McConnell are attending a LaFayette Fire Dept. Meeting regarding the Service Award Program and will be arriving later in the meeting. They arrived 7:16 p.m.

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Kevin Gilligan, Town Attorney  
Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent (Arrived 7:01 p.m.)  
Ralph Lamson, CEO  
Tom Chartrand, Bookkeeper

1. Supervisor Scammell called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. The Town Clerk took the Roll. Councilor's Knapp and Mc Connell are absent as they are attending a Service Award Meeting at the LaFayette Fire Dept. All else present.
3. Pledge to the U.S. Flag led by Councilman Tom Bailey.
4. **Councilor's Shute moved and Bailey seconded the motion to accept the January 3, 2008 Annual Organizational Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.**
5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS.** None.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS.**
  - A. **Residents.**
  - B. **NYS Office of the State Comptroller: estimated cost thresholds for special districts.**

Supervisor Scammell said this is a "listing of the average estimated cost thresholds for use in determining whether approval of the State Comptroller is necessary for certain special district actions in the year 2008".
  - C. **Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council: Safe Routes to Schools Program.**
  - D. **Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council: A Citizen's Guide to Transportation Planning.**

**E. Pitney Bowes: mailing system obsolescence.**

**F. NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: Jamesville Grove Estates Subdivision, Construction Phases 2 & 3.**

**G. NYS DEC: Temporary Groundwater Collection System and I-690 Underdrain Work Begins.**

**H. Syracuse Post-Standard, 12.21.07, B-6, "CNY Employment Grows."**

**I. NYS Senator John DeFrancisco: S6460A/A.9242A – sixty-five cent surcharge for emergency telecommunication equipment upgrades.**

**J. Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board: Inclusion of viable farmland into certified agricultural districts.**

Supervisor Scammell said this is regarding the open enrollment to add or take people out of the Ag. Districts.

**K. NYS Worker's Compensation Board: WCB #6071 0094.**

**L. PERMA: Haylor, Freyer & Coon new broker.**

**M. Onondaga County: 2008 Tax Rates, Fixed, Ratified and Confirmed.**

**N. National Grid: U.S. Corporate Social Responsibility Report.**

**O. Jamesville-DeWitt High School Operation Graduation: 2008 Rock 'N Bowl.**

Tom Chartrand said we supported this in the amount of \$100 last year.

**Councilor's Shute moved and Bailey seconded the motion to support the Jamesville DeWitt High School Operation Graduation 2008 Rock 'N Bowl in the amount of \$100.00. Motion passed unanimously.**

**P. Farm Bureau: DHS Chemical Security Rule – End User Stay.**

**Q. NYS Senator John DeFrancisco: priority projects.**

Mary Jo said Leon is drafting a letter for this.

**R. Tobacco-Free Onondaga County: TFOC initiatives.**

**S. CNY RPDB: Funding Options for MS4 Phase II Stormwater programs.**

**T. Other.**

7. **SPECIAL REPORTS.** None.

8. **REPORTS.**

**A. DEPARTMENTAL: (4<sup>th</sup> Monday).**

1) **Assessors: Marshall Taylor & Shawn Adam and vacant.**

- o Low income senior and low income disability exemptions.

Supervisor Scammell submitted drafts for low income and disability exemptions that Kevin Gilligan prepared.

Tom Chartrand believes it's regarding the new county limits.

Kevin Gilligan said the first resolution introduces the sliding scale and schedules a public hearing for February 11<sup>th</sup> for senior citizens.

**RESOLUTION  
TOWN OF LAFAYETTE  
January 14, 2008**

The following resolution was made by Councilor Bailey and seconded by Councilor Shute.

**WHEREAS, Section 467 of the New York Real Property Tax Law authorizes municipalities, after public hearing, to grant a partial exemption from real property taxation for real property owned by certain persons with limited income, who are 65 years of age and over; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of LaFayette has, from time to time, provided such tax benefits to its citizens who qualify for such exemption according to the provisions of Section 467 of the New York Real Property Tax Law; and**

**WHEREAS, the State of New York amended Section 467 of the New York Real Property Tax Law (Chapter 186 of the Laws of 2006) to provide for an increase in the maximum eligibility levels for the Real Property Tax sliding scale exemption for senior citizens for multiple years; and**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3 of the Town of LaFayette Local Law 3 of 2001, the Town wishes to make this increased benefit available to its qualifying senior citizens as a way of assisting them to keep their homes during retirement years; and**

**WHEREAS, if adopted by the Town of LaFayette, the new income guidelines for the sliding scale property tax exemption program would be as follows:**

<b><u>EXEMPTION</u></b>	<b><u>INCOME LIMITS:</u> commencing 3/1/08</b>	<b><u>INCOME LIMITS:</u> commencing 3/1/09</b>	<b><u>INCOME LIMITS:</u> commencing 3/1/10</b>
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50%	\$27,000	\$28,000	\$29,000
45%	\$28,000	\$29,000	\$30,000
40%	\$29,000	\$30,000	\$31,000
35%	\$30,000	\$31,000	\$32,000
30%	\$30,900	\$31,900	\$32,900
25%	\$31,800	\$32,800	\$33,800
20%	\$32,700	\$33,700	\$34,700
15%	\$33,600	\$34,600	\$35,600
10%	\$34,500	\$35,500	\$36,500
5%	\$35,400	\$36,400	\$37,400

and;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board to increase the senior citizens' property tax exemption to the maximum allowable under the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that this Board shall conduct a public hearing, at the Town Hall, to consider the increase in the senior citizens' exemption, as herein set forth, on Monday, February 11, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached; and it is further

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that this proposed action is a Type II action for purposes of SEQR.

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 Gregory Scammell	Voted	Yes
Councilor David Knapp	Voted	Absent
Councilor Thomas Bailey	Voted	Yes
Councilor William McConnell	Voted	Absent
Councilor Adrian Shute	Voted	Yes

Motion carried.

Kevin Gilligan said the next resolution introduces Local law No. A-2008 for exemptions with persons with disabilities and schedules a public hearing for February 11<sup>th</sup>.

### TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION

January 14, 2008

Councilor Shute introduced proposed Local Law No. A-2008, to provide for an increase in the partial real property tax exemption for persons with disabilities whose incomes are limited by reason of such disabilities in the Town of LaFayette, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Bailey:

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of

**LaFayette, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter.** **NOW, THEREFORE, it is**

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. A-2008 is a Type II action and will have no significant effect on the environment; and it is further**

**RESOLVED, that the Town Board conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local law No. A-2008 at the Town Hall located at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette on February 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.**

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

<b>Supervisor Gregory Scammell</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor David Knapp</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilor Thomas Bailey</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilor William McConnell</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councilor Adrian Shute</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion carried.**

- 2) **Building & Zoning Code Enforcement: Ralph Lamson & Jack Sutton.**
  - a) 2386 Route 11A – Home occupation/Business in Agricultural-Residential.
    - Springhill Construction - court 08.29.07, referred to ZBA.
  - b) Route 11 – graffiti and abandoned vehicles.
  - c) LaFayette Hotel – car sales.
  - d) Route 11 North – Robert Shute – junk accumulation.

Ralph Lamson said in the paper there has been discussion about the Amish building and the requirement of having insurance. They have found out this is not a state law and they are not required to have insurance. He asked Kevin to comment and how this might relate to LaFayette requirements.

Kevin Gilligan indicated that the newspaper article involved a small town southwest of here which had passed local legislation which required local contractors to carry a certain amount of liability insurance, in addition to the Workers Compensation and Disability benefits insurance required under the State Labor Law. That local legislation was rolled back recently by that town. This does not involve contracts with the town itself, where by contract the town can and should require liability insurance to protect its taxpayers. He ran into this problem in Solvay where they wanted to use the Amish to put a gazebo up and they wouldn't get Workers Compensation or insurance so they couldn't use them.

Councilor Bailey asked if a contractor wouldn't generally carry liability insurance.

Kevin said you would think so.

Ralph Lamson said he went around the town today and has a few letters to write.

- 3) **Dog Control: Jim Moore & Doug Scholes.**

- CNY SPCA contract.

Supervisor Scammell said he was authorized at an earlier meeting to sign the revised SPCA contract which he will do now as Kevin Gilligan sent an amended contract.

4) **Highway Superintendent: Leon Cook.**

- Jerome Rockwell draft agreement.

5) **Justice Court: Malcolm Knapp & Maureen Perrin.**

- Unified Court System 06.13.07 request (January, '08 review): town letter to NYS Office of Court Administration.
- December 2007 Report.

6) **Library Director: Scott Kushner.**

- October & November 2007 Report and Board Meeting Minutes.

7) **Recreation Director: Regina Reinschmidt.**

8) **Tax Collector: Teresa Mech.**

9) **Town Clerk: Mary Jo Kelly.**

- Year-end report.

**Councilor's Shute moved and Bailey seconded the motion to accept the 2007 Year-End Report from the Town Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Monthly report – December, '07.
- Audit 2007 Cash Book.

10) **Town Supervisor: Greg Scammell.**

- Route 20 & Naughton/Markland intersection – NYS DOT study scheduled, Spring, '08 – signs.

Supervisor Scammell said he received a complaint regarding the danger at the intersection of Markland Rd., Naughton Rd. and Route 20. Cars pass cars stopping to turn onto Markland or Naughton on the shoulder of Route 20. He contacted the D.O.T. and they responded that they will put a sign up stating not to drive on the shoulder of the road.

**B. COMMITTEE (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday).**

1) **Agriculture (Dave Knapp & Mary Jo Kelly).**

Mary Jo said Bobbi Harris contacted her today to set a tentative public hearing date for the Ag. Districts. She wants to use the Meeting Room for the public hearing sometime in May. She also said she will be getting in touch with the Town Board and Planning Board as it is a new requirement that she meet with them about this.

2) **Communications & Technology (Mike Forte, Pat Keefe, Mary Jo Kelly, Marshall Taylor, & Greg Scammell).**

- New town website – functional requirements in process, new email addresses, conversion & file transfers.
- Senior website being designed by S.U. student Gail Burleigh.

**3) Economic Development (Bill McConnell & Greg Scammell).**

- Thoma/Comprehensive Plan proposal.
- Water survey – review.

**4) Emergency Response (Tom Bailey, Bill McConnell & “Pete” Paul).**

- a) Onondaga County Department of Communications - OCICS.
- b) NIMS training (TB members, etc.).
- c) NIMS contact information (05.07.07 letter)
  - Local resolution similar to county’s needed?
  - Jurisdiction contact sheet
  - CNY Business Journal – “Legal, HR considerations before a pandemic flu strikes”
- d) Mass shelter response.

Councilor Bailey said there is a new chief at the L.F.D. so he will be getting together with him.

**5) Employee Policies & Benefits (Mary Jo Kelly, Adrian Shute & Mary Doster).**

**6) Environmental & Conservation Advisory Board (Rainer Brocke, Barb Ferro, Knowlton Foote, Eileen Gilligan, Nancy Mueller & Mark Distler).**

**7) Highway (“Pete” Paul, Leon Cook, Dave Knapp, Sumner Palmer & John Greeley).**

Mary Jo Kelly asked the Board if they wished to appoint Jamie Manley to do the snow shoveling at the Community Center and Town Office Building at a salary of \$14.50/hour.

Tom Chartrand said he currently works seasonally part-time for the Highway Department. He does the mowing, etc.

Councilor Bailey said based on Leon Cook’s recommendation he is O.K. with this.

Councilor Shute asked where the salary of \$14.50/hour came from.

Tom Chartrand said that is what he is paid when he works for the Highway Dept.

**Councilor’s Shute moved and Bailey seconded the motion to appoint Jamie Manley to do the snow shoveling at the Community Center and Town Offices at a rate of \$14.50/hour. Motion passed unanimously.**

**8) Insurance (Adrian Shute & Bill McConnell).**

**9) Physical Plant (Herb Salladin, Dave Knapp & Bill McConnell).**

- a) Heating/Cooling system bids and thermostats (DK).

Supervisor Scammell said Murray’s bid was the lowest.

**Councilor's Shute moved and Bailey seconded the motion to accept Murray's Heating bid as it was low bid to replace one of the heating/cooling systems at the Town Offices. Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilor Bailey said he has personally used Murray's Heating in the past and found them to be very reliable.

- b) Fire & smoke alarms at Town Offices (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) & Community Center. Code requirements (Rick Storrier/DK).
- c) Town offices - Loose clapboards – estimate needed (DK).
- d) Community Center – porch steps.

**10) Recreation & Youth (Dave Knapp, Adrian Shute & Regina Reinschmidt).**

- a) Marion Bailey Park.
  - 1. Short term.
    - Park signs “children playing” - 76% (location needed).
    - Basketball court improvement (new nets, paint backboards, straighten basketball pole, remove old volleyball pole) - 73%. (price needed for grant)
  - 2. Long term.
    - Resurface basketball court.
    - Add fencing (north side) to protect children from ditch & road.
    - Speed limit reduction to 30 mph (resident petition)
    - Traffic flow control (light, sign, 4way stop @ 11A & Rowland).
    - Parking area from 11A (Leon Cook).
- b) LaFayette Beach.
  - 1. Evaluate survey/transfer LaFayette Beach from LCC to town.
  - 2. Roof/cover over sandbox (Herb Salladin). Bids. (DK).
  - 3. Repair/move lacrosse box, lifeguard station repair.
  - 4. Structural repairs – bid (DK).
- c) Fred Stafford/Optimists Park.
  - Park entrance signs (consolidate, carry in – carry out).

**11) Safety (Tom Rezsnyak, Adrian Shute, Leon Cook & Regina Reinschmidt).**

- a) NYS Workplace Violence Prevention Law (NYS boilerplate & DVD).
- b) PESH inspection - 10.19.07, issue date 11.27.07, correction & response date – 1.15.08.

Councilor Shute said he sent the report to PESH detailing all the steps we took to correct the citation we got. Tom Rezsnyak provided backup documentation. According to Tom Rezsnyak we are done with it now. They may come out to do a follow-up inspection but he thinks we are done.



**12) School District liaisons (Bill McConnell and Adrian Shute & Pete Paul).**

**13) Senior Transportation & Housing (Beverly Oliver & Greg Scammell).**

**14) Service Awards (Bill McConnell, Dave Knapp, John Harper & Larry Paige).**

- Validation and posting.
- Billing cycle.

**Councilor's Bailey moved and Shute seconded the motion that Dennis Eberline, Karl Field, John Harper, Jr., and Lawrence Paige have reached the entitlement age during 2007 and authorizing BPA to make the necessary payments. Motion passed unanimously.**

**15) SOTS & OCRRA Liaison (Dave Knapp & Bill McConnell).**

**16) SPDES (Bill McConnell, Jim Nakas, Steve Beggs, Nancy Mueller, Ralph Lamson, Mark Parrish & Kevin Gilligan).**

**17) Water (Greg Scammell & "Pete" Paul).**

a) Northeast LaFayette Water and Smokey Hollow Service Improvement districts.

- Construction completion.
- Spring restoration change order.

b) Hamlet drainage study – request submitted to NYS DOT, intersection of Routes 11 & 20 to be reconstructed in 2010-11.

c) Resident notification – OCWA, OnCo DoH, VESyr.1

Kevin Gilligan said he received a letter from John Dunkle that OCWA water is flowing.

Councilor Bailey asked if E. Syracuse has turned off the tap.

Kevin Gilligan said no. Some of the folks aren't changed over yet and still get E. Syracuse water. He thinks Pete Paul asked about the hydrants being changed and he thinks John Dunkle said they were being done through OCWA.

**18) Zoning Review (Mary Jo Kelly, Ralph Lamson & Greg Scammell).**

a) Jamesville Reservoir Preservation District/JRPA change.

b) SOCPA subdivision guidelines to distribute to local subdivision applicants.

c) Digitized zoning map, correction & amendments.

d) Streamlining of similar uses, controlled site approvals and specific permits.

## **9. LITIGATION & OTHER LEGAL MATTERS.**

### **A. Onondaga Nation Land/Land Rights Claim.**

**B. Springhill Farms.**

Mary Jo Kelly said the Zoning Board of Appeals didn't address this matter as the applicant had not provided the requested information.

Supervisor Scammell asked Kevin Gilligan about this.

Kevin Gilligan said the initial question was, is this a non-conforming use and if so to what extent. He asked Ralph Lamson if they have been cited on the possible setback violation.

Ralph Lamson said he has sent them a letter.

Kevin Gilligan said he doesn't know the reason the ZBA is requesting a survey.

Supervisor Scammell asked if there is a time-frame they need to produce the requested information by.

Kevin Gilligan doesn't know how their attorney will respond to the request.

**C. May v. Town of LaFayette: legal fees (\$2,854) payable by Mr. May in contempt motion.**

Kevin Gilligan said Sam Young is working on this. He thinks we are going to get it.

**D. Jamesville Grove Estates: cancellation of insurance.**

Kevin Gilligan said he has turned this over to John Langey to work on.

**E. Planned District samples.**

Councilor Shute said we already have this in the town Zoning Ordinance.

Kevin Gilligan said we have a skeletal version of this.

Councilor Shute said it seems to him that less might be more. The way our zoning is written, someone would have to submit a plan to this Board for approval and any deviation of that plan would require them to come back to the Town Board for approval.

Kevin Gilligan said a requirement to get that classification is there needs to be a plan and the plan is solidified with covenants between the town and the owner so if something changes the owner must come back to the Town Board to approve the change.

Councilor Shute asked what the Planning Board does in this.

Kevin Gilligan said they would review the plan and make a recommendation back to the Town Board.

Ralph Lamson said they may ask for a lot more detail.

Councilor Shute said once it comes back to the Town Board, before construction actually begins, does it have to go back to the Planning Board?

Kevin Gilligan said after the Town Board gives approval to the Planned District, it would only go back to the Planning Board if it were going to be subdivided and parcels sold off.

Councilor Shute said the CPD is just another zone. Under our the current zoning we have, if he were going to build a store he would have to go to the Planning Board to make sure all the requirements were met, i.e. driveways, lighting, etc. He doesn't understand why going to the Planning Board doesn't occur after the Town Board has made a decision.

Kevin Gilligan said the Town Board basically turns it over to the Planning Board for their expertise before making a determination as the Planning Board deals with this all the time.

Councilor Shute said the only problem he sees with this is if he has a piece of property he wants to develop and he wants to be sure he can have a certain type of store, he doesn't necessarily have someone to lease or buy it yet but he wants to be able to go out and market the property so he wants to get a general approval.

Kevin Gilligan said one issue that may be established by the Planning Board is the one road entering the site.

Further discussion took place regarding planning of the district.

**F. SPCA contract.**

**G. Health Center – rezoning for residential drug and alcohol treatment center – more details.**

Kevin Gilligan said this can be removed from the agenda.

**H. Low income and seniors exemptions for 2008 tax rolls (MT/KG).**

**I. Retainer Agreement – 2008.**

**Councilor's Bailey moved and Shute seconded the motion to accept the 2008 Legal Retainer Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.**

**J. Other.**

Kevin Gilligan said he revised the Incidental Contract and sent the revision to Tom Reily to review and comment on to be sure we are doing what the insurance company wants.

Kevin Gilligan said he hasn't heard anything on the Rockwell Lease.

Leon Cook said he hasn't either.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ACTIVE PROJECTS.**

**A. Community Development Grant app - 2008.**

1) Park designs (SU &/or playground equipment manufacturers- Parkitects) – rejected.

- Bailey Park.
- LaFayette Beach.
- Stafford Park.
- Grant writer.

Kevin Gilligan said he hasn't heard anything on this yet. When they send the letter out they will advise us to have a public hearing and a 5-Year Plan adopted and have the application in by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Supervisor Scammell thinks we normally get the letter the third week in December.

Councilor Shute asked if we need to set a public hearing for this now.

Kevin Gilligan said the Board will need to set one. He doesn't know where the town is at with the 5-Year Plan.

Supervisor Scammell said we do have one but it needs to be updated.

Kevin Gilligan said you could schedule a public hearing for February 11<sup>th</sup> and have an updated 5-Year Plan to Mary Jo within 5 days.

Supervisor Scammell doesn't think it can be updated that quickly.

Councilor Shute asked if we could have a public hearing on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February.

Kevin Gilligan said yes. You can hold off until the next meeting to schedule the public hearing.

Councilor Shute said between now and the next meeting we will have to get together to decide what the 5-Year Plan is. He was interested in finding out what Jennifer Thau had to say as she worked in that department.

**B. NYS DOT: quarterly reports on 11 & 20 reconstruction & drainage.**

**C. For TB review.**

1) GBoR member: tbd , 01/01/07 – 09/30/08 (replacing John Aiken's term).

2) GBoR member: tbd, mm/dd/yy – mm/dd/yy (replacing Shawn Adam).

Supervisor Scammell reviewed the requirements for a member as there are two openings.

The Board returned to the Highway Report.

Leon Cook said they have been doing a lot of ditching and cleaning shoulders and taking care of the trees that were blown down.

They had an accident on December 25, 2007 during the ice storm. They had one truck going down Naughton Road and just after passing Naughton's house the truck took off down the hill. The driver tried to put it in the ditch but couldn't. When it slid down to Stillmeadow, it took the utility pole down and the lines fell on the truck. Al Klaiber and Art Gabriel were in the truck. They sat in the truck until Nationalgrid got there to shut the power off. They had to wait about 2 hours. They saw the lines arcing on the ground. They have had training that if something like this happens not to get out of the truck. From then on, the trucks backed around most of the routes so they were putting sand down before driving over the area.

Councilor's Knapp and McConnell arrived 7:16 p.m.

Leon Cook discussed a West Shore Manor flooding problem.

Leon Cook said the truck the town was going to get from Geddes was a 97 GMC as they had a new truck ordered to come in this spring. Geddes is plowing with this truck now. The truck needs a new transmission. They put the truck on surplus so he was going to get it and put the transmission in himself. The Geddes Town Board wants to put the truck up for bid now for a minimum of \$2,500. He had an agreement with the Highway Superintendent from Geddes that he could get the truck for \$2,000 but that is not the case anymore.

Councilor Bailey asked if he wanted him to call a friend of his regarding a truck.

Leon said that would be good.

Kevin Gilligan said a reminder that the used pickup must be \$10,000 or under or it has to go out to bid.

Councilor Knapp asked if it's worth \$2,500.

Leon Cook thinks it will go for a lot more than that. He asked the Board if they wanted Councilor Bailey to call about a truck.

The Board was in favor of this.

Councilor Knapp said he will work on this too. He asked if Leon wants a ½ or ¾ ton.

Leon Cook said a ½ ton is fine. It has to be heavy duty and have a hitch on it. They will be using it to haul the trailer and chase parts.

Councilor Knapp asked if he wanted diesel.

Leon Cook said if they go diesel, the cost will be getting up there. He doesn't really care right now.

**Councilor's Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion that the Town Clerk Cash Book has been audited and accepted by the Town Board. Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilor Knapp asked if we have had anybody show any interest in putting their land in an Ag. District.

Supervisor Scammell said he hasn't heard of anyone.

Leon Cook said he has a proposal written up for West Shore Manor that he will be getting to Mary Jo to type up to send to Senator DeFrancisco's Office.

Councilor Knapp said with Bob DeMore being elected to the County Legislature, he could no longer be the leader of the SOTS Committee. The Committee met this morning and he was picked to be the new Chairman of the Committee.

Leon Cook said E. Syracuse has postponed shutting off the water for a month as there is possibly 5 services that aren't hooked up yet. The big one is the county.

Supervisor Scammell said as far as we know OCWA and East Syracuse are both flowing.

Leon Cook asked who is going to be responsible for putting up hydrant markers. Wouldn't the water authority be responsible for that?

Kevin Gilligan said he would ask John Dunkle about this. He asked who does the other ones down there.

Leon Cook thinks OCWA.

Kevin Gilligan said they may do it once they take over the hydrants.

#### 10. **NEW BUSINESS.**

**A. Rx zoning classification – Comprehensive Plan.**

**B. Bill Moench's donation - "Don't Tread on Me" flag.**

**C. Other.**

Councilor Knapp said he and Councilor McConnell were up at the LaFayette Fire Dept. with the new folks taking over the Service Award Program. It went very well. There were a lot of misconceptions that were ironed out. They are going to be posting their list in the next day or two. If someone is in the program for two years and leaves, under the current rules they forfeit what they have accrued to that point. However, if they

come back within 5 years, they can recoup that time from the first two years and go from there. Currently when this happens, we take the money back and put it in the general fund. They are asking if we shouldn't leave the money in there and let it continue to grow so if the person does come back it wouldn't cause the town to have to find the money.

Councilor McConnell said they discussed changing the time-frame from 5 to 3 years.

Councilor Knapp said if the person doesn't come back within the 5 years, the money comes back to the town.

**Councilor's Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to appoint Tom Bailey as the Delegate for the Town of LaFayette at the Annual Association of Towns Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

12. There were no suggestions for improvement and positive contributions.

13. No Executive session needed.

14. **Councilor's McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to audit and pay the following bills:**

**HIGHWAY FUND #1099-1109**

**GENERAL FUND #110 – 1140**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

15. **Councilor's Knapp moved and Shute seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Town Board Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly  
Town Clerk

**Adopted 1/28/08**