

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on April 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: Norman Paul, Dep. Supervisor  
David Knapp, Councilor  
Thomas Bailey, Councilor  
Adrian Shute, Councilor  
William McConnell, Councilor

Absent: Gregory Scammell, Supervisor

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Kevin Gilligan, Town Attorney  
Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent  
Tom Chartrand, Bookkeeper  
Shawn Adam, Assessor  
Ralph Lamson, CEO  
John Harper, LFD  
Larry Paige, LFD  
Paul Zumpano  
Ryan Shanahan  
Joseph Jerry  
Mrs. Cohen  
Guy Martin  
Daphne Johnson  
Dr. Rubin Cowart  
Bob Burton

1. Dep. Supervisor Paul called the Meeting to Order at 6:31 p.m.
2. The Town Clerk took the Roll. Supervisor Scammell absent. All else present.
3. Pledge to our U. S. Flag led by Town Councilor Bill McConnell.
4. **Councilor's Shute moved and Knapp seconded the motion to accept prior Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2008, as submitted by the Town Clerk. Councilor McConnell abstained. Motion passed 3-0.**

Dep. Supervisor Paul said before going to the public hearing, Joseph Jerry is present to discuss Jamesville Grove.

Kevin Gilligan said last fall the developer of the Jamesville Grove Subdivision got most of the drainage done and the binder course down for the road over there and at this point in time the Highway Superintendent, Code Enforcement Officer and Town Engineer have inspected the property and agree to reduce the Security Deposit from \$120,000 to \$30,000. The current security is \$120,000. The new Security Deposit would be \$30,000. The Developer Fee Deposit would be \$3,000. There is outstanding

reimbursements for legal (\$4,465) and engineering (\$185) bringing the balance due to the developer of \$82,350.00.

Councilor Knapp confirmed everyone is in agreement with the numbers.

Kevin Gilligan said yes.

Councilor McConnell asked what the remaining Security Deposit will be used for.

Kevin Gilligan said hopefully it won't be used at all. It's security that the developer will do the top course of paving and drainage and sedimentation control to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer.

Councilor Bailey asked about the balance line.

Kevin Gilligan said the amount going back to the developer is \$82,350.

**Councilor Knapp moved and Councilor Shute seconded the following**

**Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION**

**Jamesville Grove Subdivision, Phase I (a/k/a Cohen Subdivision)**

**April 14, 2008**

**WHEREAS, the developer of the above subdivision has completed the binder course for roads and other work required to be completed by the developer in accordance with a certain "Highway, Sewer and Drainage Construction and Maintenance Agreement" dated October 13,2006 entered into between the developer and the Town of LaFayette, with respect to the above referenced subdivision and such work has been inspected and approved by the Town Engineer, the Town Highway Superintendent and the Town Codes Enforcement Officer; and**

**WHEREAS, "Interim Certificates of Completion" have been executed and submitted to the Town Board by the Town Engineer, the Highway Superintendent and the Codes Enforcement Officer, indicating that they approve of such work, with noted exceptions; and**

**WHEREAS, the developer has requested that the Town Board authorize the issuance of building permits and certificates of occupancy and authorize the reduction of project security and the return of certain amounts thereof.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the curb cuts and binder course for the subject subdivision, subject to such repairs and adjustments as are needed between now and the placement of the top course of paving and the final acceptance of this subdivision by the Town Board; and it is further**

**RESOLVED, that project security shall be reduced for this subdivision from \$120,000 to \$30,000, which said amount may be further adjusted upward or downward in the future, from time to time, depending on passage of time and projected costs to complete work (especially the costs of paving materials) until the top course of paving is completed, all of the work done and the subdivision is fully accepted by the Town; and it is further**

**RESOLVED, that the balance of security held by the Town, less amounts owed as of this date for engineering and legal expenses (developer's fees) and a \$3,000 deposit shall be returned to the developer; and it is further**

**RESOLVED, that the time for completion of the top course of paving pursuant to the "Highway, Sewer and Drainage Construction and Maintenance Agreement" shall be amended from November 20, 2007 (Section 2F of said Agreement) to a future date, upon completion of a majority of building construction in the subdivision or until the Town Highway Superintendent Shall determine.**

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

<b>Gregory Scammell, Supervisor</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>David Knapp, Board Member</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Thomas Bailey, Board Member</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>William McConnell, Board Member</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Adrian Shute, Board Member</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.**  
 Kevin Gilligan said the applicant can now draw Building Permits.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS. Zoning Ordinance amendment.**

Dep. Supervisor Paul opened the Public Hearing for the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding family accessory units.

Kevin Gilligan said this is an amendment to clarify the Board’s intent regarding family accessory units. Working with Ralph Lamson and the Zoning Committee this is the language recommended. It says one family accessory unit shall be allowed on any one lot and shall share a heated space with the principal residential structure of at least 100 square feet with no dimension to measure less than 8 feet. Ralph Lamson was concerned about saying adjoining walls so he came up with this language which goes along with what the Board wants to do.

Councilor Knapp confirmed this is the Zoning Committee’s recommendation.  
 Kevin Gilligan said yes.

Dep. Supervisor Paul asked the Board and the public for any other questions or comments.

Councilor Shute would like to keep the public hearing open until Ralph Lamson arrives as he has a couple of questions.

The public hearing will remain open until later in the meeting.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS.**

**A. Residents.**

**B. LaFayette Health Center Update.**

Dep. Supervisor Paul introduced Dr. Cowart, Guy Martin and Daphne Johnson who wish to give an update on the Health Center to the Board.

Dr. Cowart said the LaFayette Health Center opened in 2001. At that time there was a decision by Crouse Hospital to close its residency program and stop providing primary care services in LaFayette. Syracuse Community Health Center was requested by Univera and Crouse to fill the void that would be left by this action. In 2004 they expanded their services to include podiatry and behavioral health counseling services. In 2005 they expanded their services to include OB/GYN services. The Center now serves over 5,000 people. About 6 weeks ago he was informed that the building in which they have operated services out of was going to be sold. When he found out it was going to be sold, he informed the staff and notified their patients that by the end of August they would expect to have found a new location and transitioned to the new location. Their recommendation is to remain in this community and to provide health services. They have identified several possible locations. They will work with an architect and begin to negotiate for space. They had 6,554 patient visits in 2003 and in 2008 they expect to triple that number.

Councilor Knapp asked if they are still on track time-wise.

Dr. Cowart said yes. Unless something unforeseen occurs, they should remain on track. They have identified some prioritized spaces and some contingency plans if they don't work out. Both Syracuse Health Center and the new owner, Byrne Dairy, will work diligently to have the transition done by August.

Councilor Knapp asked if they are planning on building the pharmacy into the new location.

Dr. Cowart said it is the intent to have dental operation services right into the new space. They are in the process of working to explore how they might be able to bring pharmaceutical services to the new center.

Councilor Knapp believes there is a demand for this service in town and thinks it would be something residents in the town could use whether they are patients of the Health Center or not.

Dr. Cowart said they will be meeting with someone next week. He will get the contact name and information for Councilor Knapp so he can meet with the contact directly if he would like to.

Councilor Knapp recommended getting the name of the person to Supervisor Scammell. He will be back next week.

Dep. Supervisor Paul said if they get any information this week, they can contact him.

Councilor Knapp thinks that would be a wonderful service to the town.

Dr. Cowart said if the building had not been sold, one of the discussions they had with the pharmacy was to consider having the pharmacy as part of that structure. They were very receptive to exploring it. Now it might be a very good possibility to do something at the new location.

Councilor Bailey asked if they are looking at increasing the space.

Dr. Cowart said they are looking at added space for the dental services. They are looking to have at least what they have right now for the remaining services.

Kevin Gilligan asked if he is at liberty to discuss the potential location of the new facility.

Dr. Cowart said he would think so. They have 3 prioritized locations.

Mr. Martin said one is immediately to the south of here which is next to the on ramp for Route 81.

Dr. Cowart said another option is on Mondore Dr. by the high school where there is a vacant church and there is room to expand on the building. Another option is the site near McDonalds, however, to rely on that space would probably not meet the time requirements and it's not the space of preference.

Dep. Supervisor Paul asked how professional health care service vs. somebody else starting a business would occur under our current rules.

Ralph Lamson said they would have to get Controlled Site Approval which would go over parking and lighting, etc. If they choose to go with the parcel by Route 81, it would be an allowed use in the Hamlet District.

Councilor Knapp said the Board would be willing to work with them and they would like to keep the services in the town.

Dep. Supervisor Paul said the Board has received many letters of support regarding Dr. Nanivati.

Dr. Cowart said Dr. Nanivati is a provider that has been with them for the duration. Ms. Johnson also has been with them for 5 years. He said this is pleasing to hear and they will do all they can to maintain a smooth transition.

Councilor Knapp would ask to have copies of the letters sent to Dr. Cowart.

Dep. Supervisor Paul asked if any residents had any questions for Dr. Cowart. There were none.

Dr. Cowart said their next step is to talk to the local media to let them know what their plans are. They plan to send correspondence to residents in addition to the patients so they are aware of what's going on.

Councilor Knapp said from a personal standpoint, we have gotten a lot of letters of support for Dr. Nanivati. At this point do they anticipate any changes in personnel?

Dr. Cowart said within their system they have approximately 500 employees of which approximately 98 are health care providers. They want to recruit and retain individuals at all levels who are committed to what they are about. They do all that they can to maintain these employees.

Councilor Knapp said it's rare that we get this kind of response for anything so it's obvious there's a strong emotional tie which he would like to see continue.

Dr. Cowart said he will do his best to continue to make this happen.

Councilor Bailey said some of these letters were written in fear that the medical center will shut down which isn't the case. He will go as far as to contact the people who wrote this letters and advise the Board has met with the medical center tonight and will do whatever it can to keep the center in the Town of LaFayette.

Dep. Supervisor Paul thanked Dr. Cowart for bringing the Board up-to-date.

The Board returned to the public hearing for family accessory uses.

Councilor Shute asked if we change this, would it only affect new buildings?

Kevin Gilligan said yes.

Councilor Shute asked if he has a house with a garage connected by a breezeway and he wants to convert the garage for his mother-in-law to stay in, would this be allowed?

Ralph Lamson said it depends on the layout. If you could show that you changed the whole area into living space and it's not a breezeway anymore, it might be possible.

Councilor Knapp asked Ralph Lamson if he is comfortable with this language.

Ralph Lamson thinks it will work. What we had before stated it had to be attached by a shared wall which is basically a duplex which we are trying to avoid.

Councilor McConnell said if you had a large enough acreage, you could build a self standing accessory unit.

Ralph Lamson said no. You can't do that. You can't have two dwellings on one parcel.

Councilor Shute asked what the test is that it's all part of the same structure.

Ralph Lamson said you would have to look at the drawings. If there is a room shared by the two, it's O.K.

There were no further questions or comments.

## **TOWN OF LAFAYETTE**

### **RESOLUTION TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**April 14, 2008**

**The following resolution was offered by Councilor McConnell, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilor Bailey, to wit:**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Town Law, a proposed revised Zoning Ordinance Amendment was presented and introduced at a regular meeting**

of the Town Board of the Town of Lafayette held on March 10, 2008 which would clarify the legislative intent with regard to family accessory units; that such units be part of the main residential structure and not a detached, separate structure either unconnected or connected by artificial means; and

WHEREAS, after review and consideration by the Town's Zoning Committee, certain minor adjustments were made in the proposed ordinance in order to more clearly define the nature of the relationship between the family accessory unit and the principal residential structure to which it must be attached; and

WHEREAS, this amendment was previously referred to the Onondaga County Planning Board which responded on March 18, 2008 that it perceived no adverse inter-community or county-wide implications and authorized the Town to proceed on a local determination basis; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on April 14, 2008, to consider such proposed ordinance as revised by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette and proof of publication of the notice public hearing, as required by law, having been submitted and filed, and all persons desiring to be heard in connection with said proposed ordinance having been heard, and said proposed ordinance having been in the possession of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Lafayette in the manner required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that this Board hereby ratifies and reaffirms the negative declaration issued regarding this legislation on July 22, 2005 on the basis that this is clarifying legislation only and introduces no new regulation or restriction that was not contemplated and considered at that time; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette, Onondaga County, New York, does hereby adopt the proposed Ordinance amendment, as follows

**AMENDMENT TO THE 1970 ZONING ORDINANCE  
OF THE TOWN OF LAFAYETTE, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town of Lafayette, acting through its duly constituted Town Board and pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 265 of the Town Law, the 1970 Zoning Ordinance of the Town of LaFayette, as amended, is hereby further amended as set forth below:

**Section 1.** So that Article IX, Section B 2 of the Zoning Ordinance is amended to read, in its entirety, as follows:

- "2. A maximum of one family accessory unit shall be allowed on anyone lot, which unit shall share a heated space with the principal residential structure of at least one hundred (100) square feet, no dimension thereof to measure less than eight (8) feet. It shall not be sufficient that two dwelling units be joined with a breeze way, porch, garage, roof, foundation or other connecting structure. It is the intent of this provision that the family accessory unit shall be part of the main structure, not a separate structure artificially attached with such connecting fixtures."

**Section 2. All other provisions of Article IX of the 1970 Zoning Ordinance, as previously amended, shall remain in full force and effect, unchanged.**

**Section 3. Effective Date. This Amendment to the 1970 Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Lafayette, as previously amended, shall take effect as provided in Section 265 of the Town Law.**

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

<b>Gregory Scammell, Supervisor</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>David Knapp, Board Member</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Thomas Bailey, Board Member</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>William McConnell, Board Member</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Adrian Shute, Board Member</b>	<b>Voting</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.**

**C. Mr. Zumpano – Zone Change Request from A/R to Multi-Family.**

Councilor Knapp asked what his concept is.

Mr. Zumpano said they are looking for people to purchase a condo with the land, septic, etc. maintained by the corporation.

Councilor Knapp said he is looking at selling the condo's then.

Mr. Zumpano said yes.

Councilor Knapp asked how many units he is looking to do.

Mr. Zumpano said there are 4 lots now. He is proposing two on each lot and maybe 3 on the larger lot.

Shawn Adam said he is speaking on behalf of the Planning Board. A little over a year ago Mr. Zumpano came in for a subdivision for single family residences and residents in the area were concerned then. He is sure they are going to be very concerned when they find out it's multiple housing.

Mr. Zumpano said most of the homes in the area are 1200 square foot ranches and to build a \$300,000 house wouldn't fit in. They felt a duplex would fit into the size of the neighborhood. He thinks the condo's would be more affordable.

Shawn Adam said the Planning Board gave him approval for single family homes and he is not in favor of multi-family homes without the neighbors being allowed to discuss their concerns. He is opposed to this.

Councilor McConnell asked what he would do if it's rezoned and there's still no interest.

Kevin Gilligan said this would not be a multi-family application. The way it's being presented, it's an ideal setup for clustering. There are many of these projects going on all over the area and it allows for the shared walls with the townhouses next to each other. It requires a law from this Board authorizing clustering and then the Planning Board would look at it under the clustering approach. Once the Planning Board reviews it, the homes can be clustered together and part of the area is not developed. He thinks the cluster approach would be the easiest way to go. This leads to your homeowners association, covenants, etc.

Councilor Bailey confirmed the applicant would have to go back to the Planning Board.

Kevin Gilligan said yes. The first thing to be done is the plans and then the applicant would approach the Board. If the Board was interested in looking at it, it would be sent to the Planning Board for their review.

Dep. Supervisor Paul asked if the buildings would be put up and then sold.

Mr. Zumpano said he would build two at a time to sell. It won't be under contract.

Further discussion took place regarding clustering plans.

Councilor Shute asked if this would be marketed towards senior housing.

Mr. Zumpano said he needs to do more research on this to be sure it's legal to do it that way.

Kevin Gilligan said the applicant would probably like to hear from the Board if the clustering is something they are willing to consider before he goes to the expense of doing the plans.

Councilor Bailey said Supervisor Scammell is on vacation and he thinks it's fair to involve him in the decision.

Councilor McConnell said the Highway Superintendent and Town Engineer had good comments on the drainage, etc. that Mr. Zumpano did. He agrees with the home values. The demographics of the school are decreasing. What's important is that those in the area have some feedback. The density is important too.

This matter will be tabled until the next Board Meeting.

**D. NYS PSC: Area Code 315 White Paper, comment period.**

**E. Solar Fibers & Recycling: services brochure.**

**F. Onondaga County Department of Finance: NYS 2007-08 Centralized Property Tax Administration Program grant.**

Councilor Knapp thinks this is a terrible idea. He thinks making everyone go downtown for something like this is not the answer.

**G. Code Enforcement Officer: Junk cars.**

Ralph Lamson said he has a couple of properties that appearance tickets were sent to and they haven't shown up at court. He wants to know if the Board wants to go forward with what's in the Junkyard Ordinance where the town can clean the property up and put the cost on the owner's taxes.

Councilor Bailey asked if a private contractor would be used for this or if the Highway Dept. would do it.

Ralph Lamson would imagine we would use a private contractor. We may need to use the Sheriff's Dept. a couple of hours to do this.

**Councilor's McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer to send a letter stating that the owner has two weeks to clean up their property or the Town will take action to clean it up and the cost will be levied against their taxes. Motion passed 4-0.**

**H. LaFayette High School – After Prom Party.**

**Councilor's McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to support the LaFayette High School After Prom Party in the amount of \$250. Motion passed 4-0.**



**I. Letters of Support for Dr. Nanivati.**

**J. VFW – Memorial Day Parade.**

**Councilor's Knapp moved and Shute seconded the motion to support the Memorial Day Parade in the amount of \$250. Motion passed 4-0.**

**K. Other.**

John Harper was present. He advised Councilor Bailey has been working with the LaFayette Fire Dept. in getting a grant from Senator DeFrancisco's Office. He has been advised they will be receiving a grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the ambulance. He thanked Councilor Bailey for all his work on this. He said the total cost of the ambulance is \$143,000 fully equipped. They should have it by Memorial Day.

Councilor Bailey asked if most of their runs are in the district.

John Harper said they include Navarino, Jamesville, Otisco, etc.

John Harper said regarding the Service Awards, back in February paperwork was filled out for disbursement of some of the member's entitlement money. He gave it to Mary Jo Kelly and she made copies of it and gave it to Councilor McConnell. He sent it to them and they said they never got it. Between 3/1/08 and 3/3/08 the market took a dip and the members took a loss. Their contention is that they feel the paperwork was handed in during February so why should they be penalized the money that was lost.

Councilor McConnell said he talked with Harbridge and they said they didn't receive it. He faxed it to them again. It's unknown where the original correspondence is. He thinks John Harper is asking to be made whole by the town. In the future all mail will be sent registered mail. His concern is setting the precedent. He doesn't think this will happen again. The LOSAP accounts have been approved and self-managed. The people can make their changes daily. He thinks each member should come before the Board instead of John Harper speaking for all of them. John is speaking for himself tonight. He thinks if the Board considers John's request it should be from 3/1/08 to 3/3/08.

Councilor Shute asked why the individuals wouldn't send their own requests in to Harbridge.

Councilor McConnell said because the town has a fiduciary responsibility.

Councilor Shute asked if each time someone wants to take money out the Board has to approve it.

Councilor McConnell said it's only when they reach entitlement age.

Councilor Shute said this is not an unheard of thing in the financial world. He thinks BPA should be paying this.

Councilor Bailey asked what we can do to fix this for in the future. If the transfer is in progress and it's a down market, what can we do to absolve the town from this?

Councilor McConnell said it will be up to the volunteer himself. Anything sent out will be done by registered mail at this point. He would agree with Councilor Shute. He thinks the road block that we will run into is how do they know we sent it? He thinks the Board has 3 choices: (1) We could petition Harbridge to review from 3/1 to 3/3; (2) We could ask the town to pay for the investment loss; or (3) We can say no, you were part of the market.

Councilor Knapp asked Kevin Gilligan if it's legal to do use taxpayer money for this.

John Harper believes the Board has done this in the past.

Kevin Gilligan said he doesn't know.

Larry Paige arrived.

Discussion took place regarding payouts for John Harper and Larry Paige and the time-frames.

Councilor Knapp said regarding the final payout when you reach age 60, does it matter whether the person had a good year before or not?

Councilor McConnell said they must meet the point requirement.

Dep. Supervisor Paul said the member must qualify.

Councilor Knapp asked when someone reaches the age of 60, can they just be paid what's in their account?

John Harper said this is something the Board will have to work out with BPA Harbridge.

Councilor McConnell said there has to be a plan document that this should be specified in. BPA Harbridge should be able to produce this plan document which should address this.

Councilor McConnell can go back and talk to BPA Harbridge.

Councilor Knapp would be interested in knowing what the rules are or if we can make a rule about the payouts for turning age 60.

Councilor McConnell thinks the members need to be made aware of their options. In the big picture it would be to educate the members on choices they may wish to make at certain times.

Dep. Supervisor Paul asked Kevin Gilligan what the Board can do legally.

Kevin Gilligan said he isn't sure. This is a program that all the terms were voted on in a referendum. He doesn't know if more money can be put into the program. He thinks the first thing that should be done is to look at the plan document.

Dep. Supervisor Paul asked Larry Paige and John Harper if it was O.K. with them to come back to the next Town Board Meeting after Kevin Gilligan has a chance to look at the document.

They were in agreement with this.

Councilor Shute said he still isn't sure why the town is approving the disbursement at age 60.

Kevin Gilligan said the plan document may line this up.

Councilor Shute believes the remaining transactions should be between BPA and the account holder.

**7. SPECIAL REPORTS. None.**

**8. REPORTS.**

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

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

- a) Cold War veteran's exemptions.
- b) Condominium assessments.

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

- a. 2386 Route 11A, Springhill Construction – Illegal Home Occupation/Business in Agricultural-Residential. Court.
- b. Route 11 – graffiti and abandoned vehicles (spring cleanup).
- c. Certification paperwork completed (RL)?
- d. Building Code revisions.
- e. 2190 Tully Farms Road – demolition.

- f. **3448 Route 11 – debris. Court.**
- g. **2617 Route 11 – debris. Court.**
- h. **3231 Webb Road. House in disrepair.**

- 3. **DOG CONTROL: Jim Moore & Doug Scholes.**
  - a. **Dog enumeration – review, town-wide notice in newsletter.**
  - b. **Quarantine law - draft.**

- 4. **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Leon Cook.**

- a) **4. 25 & 26 – Earth Day.**  
 Leon Cook said they are all set with this.

Leon Cook said they have a safety program tomorrow morning. It's mandatory they have at least 3 training sessions a year. With the one that they took on the 7<sup>th</sup>, it will give them 3.

The price of material has gone up so high that he isn't going to be able to do everything he planned on doing. They did get a 23% increase in CHIP money. This increase in money will make it just about a wash for the increase in materials.

Leon Cook said he needs to get somebody from the Town Board to be on the committee with the Highway Superintendents to negotiate the snow contract.

Dep. Supervisor Paul said he will volunteer to work with Leon on this.

- b) **Building committee: rough estimate for new Highway Garage (subject to permissive referendum).**

Leon Cook said they are looking for a minimum of 5 acres for the new highway garage.

- 5. **JUSTICE COURT: Malcolm Knapp & Maureen Perrin.**

- a) **New computer required by NYS.**

- 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.**

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

- 1) **AGRICULTURE (Dave Knapp & Mary Jo Kelly).**

- a. **Ag district public hearing – July 17<sup>th</sup>, '08 @ 7PM, main meeting room.**
- b. **Farmland Protection query.**

- 2) **COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY (Mike Forte, Pat Keefe, Mary Jo Kelly, Marshall Taylor, & Greg Scammell).**

- a. **New town website – functional requirements in process, new email addresses, conversion & file transfers.**
- b. **Senior website being designed by S.U. student Gail Burleigh.**
- c. **Evaluate communications line (MT).**

**3) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Bill McConnell & Greg Scammell).**

- a. **Thoma/Comprehensive Plan proposal.**
- b. **Water survey – review.**

Councilor McConnell received estimates of 5.6 million for a sewer and 6.8 million for water districts.

The Board was in favor of Councilor McConnell contacting Thoma to seek funding for the cost.

**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)**

Councilor Bailey said they have come out with a new course which is a classroom course. He is planning on attending it when he gets a schedule of when and where it will be offered.

**1. Local resolution similar to county’s needed?**

Councilor Bailey said in August of this year NYS Emergency Management is coming out with some guidelines for the annual emergency program. He will keep monitoring this.

**2. Jurisdiction contact sheet**

**3. CNY Business Journal – “Legal, HR considerations before a pandemic flu strikes.”**

**d. Mass shelter response.**

Councilor Bailey said they want to get various people trained in using the AED’s and have them put into service. He has talked to the manger at the Nice N’ Easy who has to run it through the corporate office.

Councilor Bailey advised the State Police have a shift from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. where they could work regarding the speeding issue by Grimshaw School. If they will do this, we wouldn’t have to tap into the County Sheriff’s allocated funds.

The Board was in favor of having a State Trooper watch for speeding at Grimshaw School in the morning.

Councilor Shute said it would be best between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Councilor Bailey will contact the State Police about this.

**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).**

- **LaFayette Hotel.**

Councilor McConnell said he met with them a week ago. They had a lively discussion. They would like to help rectify the situation. The biggest constructive thing that came out of it is could we push the D.O.T. to make a decision on the corner building? He will write a letter to the D.O.T. asking for their position if the Board would like him to.

Councilor Knapp said just to let us know the status of that building.

Councilor McConnell said correct. They are thinking about things they can do to help beautify LaFayette. He asked the Board if they supported him writing the D.O.T.

The Board was in favor of this.

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

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

- **Groth Road Communications Tower.**

Councilor McConnell said if the tower falls down and the 4 users on it loose service, there is no coverage. It would be an additional \$1,500 for coverage on this. He asked the Board if they wished to insure the tower for this coverage.

Councilor Knapp said if the tower falls down and someone is hurt, we are covered.

Kevin Gilligan said yes under the liability and umbrella coverage.

Councilor Knapp said so if it falls down and the 4 carriers loose their service, what would the insurance do for us? Would it build a new tower quickly?

Kevin Gilligan said it would repair or replace the tower that has fallen down. He doesn't know if it would cover loss of use or revenues from the tenants. These leases don't renew for 40 years. If we get a new tenant, we can try to get some of the coverage in their lease. He will review the documents for the next Meeting.

**9) PHYSICAL PLANT (Herb Salladin, Dave Knapp & Bill McConnell).**

**a) Next heat pump replacement and programmable thermostats.**

**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).**

Councilor Knapp said he has contacted a local contractor who is putting an estimate together for this.

**d) Community Center basement flooding – masonry pointing, window blocking, backfilling and trenching.**

**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).**

- **NYS Workplace Violence Prevention Law (NYS boilerplate & DVD).**

**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).**

- **LOSAP – reimbursements.**

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

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

Councilor McConnell said they met last week and they are trying to develop the plan. He will meet with Ralph Lamson Thursday morning.

**17) WATER (Greg Scammell & “Pete” Paul).**

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

- **Spring restoration.**

Deputy Supervisor Paul said he has had several calls from people who are wondering about when the restoration will start. John Dunkle said it looks like they will be starting to restore the area around the water line shortly.

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

**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.**
- e) **Family accessory units – review.**

**Councilor’s Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to have Syracuse Haulers bring dumpsters in at Stafford Park and the ballfields by the concession building from May 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Councilor’s Knapp moved and Shute seconded the motion to appoint the Moore’s as Physical Plant Deputies to start opening bathrooms from April 14, 2008 through October 31, 2008. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Councilor’s Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to start having Shari Wheatley begin cleaning bathrooms at Stafford Park and the concession building effective April 14, 2008 through October 31, 2008. Motion passed 4-0.**

Councilor Shute said the Chamber of Commerce is working on a business directory. There will be some editorial comments as well as some advertising. If the Town Board is interested in taking out an ad, he will look into it.

The Board was in favor of supporting the directory.

Ralph Lamson said he will be in court tomorrow for the Watson case.

Councilor Knapp said he talked to Leon Cook before the meeting regarding insurance for the possible fuel tank leaks. The insurance is about \$600. He and Leon think they should be in pretty good shape and don’t need it at this point in time.

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

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

**B. Springhill Farms.**

**C. Pending zoning issues list.**

**D. Joseph Jerry: Jamesville Grove Estates/Cohen subdivision – security deposit reduction request.**

**E. Other.**

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

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

- 1) Stafford Park.**
- 2) LaFayette Beach.**
- 3) Grant writer.**

**B. For TB review.**

- 1) Assessor: tbd, (replacing Jim Munnell).**
- 2) GBoR member: tbd, mm/dd/yy – mm/dd/yy (replacing Shawn Adam).**
- 3) Commercial Planned Development (CPD) District – Crossroads Development Corporation.**
- 4) Condominium assessments.**
- 5) Budget initiatives.**
- 6) Dog quarantine.**
- 7) Windmill Energy legislation.**

**10. NEW BUSINESS.**

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

**B. Bill Moench’s donation - “Don’t Tread on Me” flag.**

**C. Stafford Park - flag pole.**

**D. Education requirements – PB, ZBA & CE.**

**E. Other.**

**12. Suggestions for improvement and positive contributions.**

**13. Executive session (if needed).**

**14. Motion to audit & pay bills.**

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

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>#1577 - 1591</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>#1592 – 1627</b>
<b>SPECIAL DISTRICT FUND</b>	<b>#1648</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY FUND</b>	<b>#1649 – 1650</b>

**Motion passed 4-0.**

**15. Motion to adjourn.**



**Councilor's Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to adjourn.  
Motion passed 4-0.**

The Town Board Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly  
Town Clerk

Adopted 4/28/08