

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held by the La Fayette Town Board on March 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the La Fayette Commons Office Building at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of La Fayette.

Present: Gregory Scammell, Supervisor
David Knapp, Councilman
Thomas Bailey, Councilman
William Mc Connell, Councilman
Adrian Shute, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Thomas Chartrand, Bookkeeper
Kevin Gilligan, Town Attorney
Ralph Lamson, C. E. O.
Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent
Pete Paul, Dep. Supervisor
Greg Sgromo, Town Engineer
Sandy Smith, Ropes Course
Jim Clarke, Ropes Course
Brian Kenealy, Ropes Course
Renee Gosselin, Ropes Course
Terry Duehl, EFC

1. Supervisor Scammell called the Town Board Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. The Town Clerk took the Roll. All present.
3. Pledge to our U. S. Flag. Town Councilor Dave Knapp.
4. **Councilmen Shute moved and Knapp seconded the motion to accept prior meeting minutes of March 9, 2009 as submitted by the Town Clerk. Voting was as follows:**

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

Motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

- None.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS.**

A. Residents. (Please sign in and give your name before you speak).

B. Town of Pompey Supervisor Carole Marsh: Durkee's Bread Run.

C. Onondaga County Agriculture and Protection Board: pre-proposal applications for the purchase of development rights on farmland.

Councilor Knapp said he talked to a couple of people about this and there didn't seem to be much interest.

D. NYS ORPS: special franchise full values.

E. Onondaga County Health Department: water supply satisfactory.

Supervisor Scammell said we have received our second notice.

Councilor Knapp said it was expected as we didn't have anyone testing the water then. Starting in March we have been testing but in January and February there was no testing going on so there was no report to file.

Supervisor Scammell asked what the Town Board wanted to do about this.

Councilor Bailey asked if we should call them.

Mary Jo said some of the time there was no recorded testing is when Scott Shute was putting in the new equipment the County Health Dept. said we had to have and it took awhile to get it regulated.

Councilor Knapp will contact the Health Dept. about this.

Supervisor Scammell said he talked about this with the inspector who wasn't aware of the notices.

F. Jamesville-DeWitt High School: After prom party thank you.

G. Time Warner Cable: TWC spinoff.

Councilor Knapp said he saw something on T.V. a couple of weeks ago that Verizon was approaching some towns about franchising lines in their towns. He wondered if we should talk to them about it. Given that we have talked to Time Warner for the 10 years he's been on the Board about expanding down here and basically been laughed at, this is something that follows the phone line so everyone could get coverage. He thinks this is something we might want to pursue. He knows a couple of folks at Verizon so he will contact them.

Councilor Bailey said if it's anything like DSL, it will only go out a certain distance from the substation which is next to the Nice 'N Easy.

Councilor Knapp said this is growing though because when it first came out, his house wasn't in it and now it is.

H. Association of Towns: 2009 Legislative Program.

Supervisor Scammell asked Councilor Bailey if he had any comments on this.

Councilor Bailey said everything was anticipated to pass by resolution and they did.

I. Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth: 13th Annual Intergenerational Awards.

Supervisor Scammell asked if anyone had any recommendations.

Councilor McConnell said he couldn't come up with any suggestions.

There were none.

J. Other.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS. Central LaFayette Water District.

Councilor McConnell introduced Terry Duehl of EFC who is here to help answer any questions on the EFC loan regarding financing or anything else that might come up. He submitted a report last week to the Town Clerk for everyone to look at if they wanted to. They met last week to do the final report. The district size hasn't changed since last time. Approximately 685 parcels are in it. He reviewed the water district boundaries.

Supervisor Scammell asked the size of the lines.

Greg Sgromo said there are 12", 10" and 8" lines. OCWA is giving us permission to take 300,000 gallons a day from the tanks.

Councilor McConnell said there are 26 buildings in LaFayette that must be tested by the County Health Dept. \$694 is the unit cost. The last thing we have to do is to list the project with the EFC.

Terry Duehl said in terms of participating, the next step is to take the engineering report that has been put together and submit it to the EFC with a preapplication form. There are some timelines and budget information required. This would get you listed on the next cycle which would come out in October 2009. Your project will be scored largely by the Health Dept. They hope to see better funding in the future. The next step is to submit an engineering report.

Councilor McConnell said this doesn't put the town under any obligation. He asked about the scoring.

Terry Duehl said it's not a simple program. They are in partnership with the Department of Health so they offer the finances and legal side of things and the Department of Health offers the technical review. They offer 1/3 % of the market rate so the town would pay 2/3 % of the rate. For consideration of more than the 1/3 %, they look at project costs, per unit cost, etc. They decide if it's hardship eligible. In LaFayette the medium per household is \$50,179. He believes \$694 is an acceptable rate per unit.

Councilor Knapp said as far as the scoring, especially in the village with the wells so close to the septic systems, where does that come into play?

Terry Duehl said the better you can illustrate the number of problems this will take care of, the higher the score. The score helps them determine where the project would lie on the long list of projects that are state-wide. For projects that don't qualify for their funding rate, you can still come in and get their special bonding rate.

Councilor Mc Connell asked the urgency of getting this listed.

Terry Duehl said there is no urgency since the first draft of this document doesn't come out until June. The deadline to have it submitted for listing purposes is the first week of August. There is certainly time if the Board wants to review the document. There is no obligation from submission of the document.

Councilor Knapp confirmed if we list this, we still have flexibility on the dynamics to move a boundary line.

Terry Duehl said yes. The sooner anything changes, the better it is to contact the Department of Health and advise the changes and then send the change under separate cover.

Councilor McConnell said the time-line they came up with was number one to get the project listed and then to begin our grant writing process as soon as we get listed. Conceivably, we wouldn't be ready for a project until February 2010.

Terry Duehl said the construction contract will have to be executed by January 1, 2010 to qualify.

Councilor McConnell said he has reserved the LGI for April 6th and 7th for public meetings on this. The other thing is that the Board take on the responsibility of forming the water district. This would eliminate the need of the citizens to come forth with a petition. He believes it would be one parcel, one vote.

Kevin Gilligan will check on this but it would follow the same line as the Northeast LaFayette Water District followed. It must be 50% of total evaluation and 50% of the owners.

Supervisor Scammell asked what if 50% of the folks don't vote.

Kevin Gilligan said then it fails.

Councilor's Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion authorizing Councilor McConnell to hold informational meetings on April 6th and 7th.

Councilor Shute asked if we have firm numbers to give to the public at this time.

Greg Sgromo said no. The number of units will fluctuate.

Councilor Knapp asked if we can give them the worse case scenario.

Gregg Sgromo said yes.

Supervisor Scammell said you could state the limit won't exceed \$624 which includes the water usage.

Kevin Gilligan said if at all possible you want to be below the comptroller's limit of \$624.

Councilor Knapp asked if as far as being listed, do we have enough done now to do that?

Terry Duehl believes it's enough to get listed but not enough to go to district formation.

Councilor Knapp confirmed before we list it, we should pretty much have the district set the way we want it.

Terry Duehl believes so.

Pete Paul asked if it will be a special district that only benefits those in the district and is only paid for by those in the district.

Councilor McConnell said yes.

Councilor Shute asked what's holding us back from getting the numbers.

Gregg Sgromo said the number of units.

Kevin Gilligan said and the grant money you will be getting.

Terry Duehl said until the committee can actually look at the project, you can't get the amount you are eligible for.

Councilor Shute is wondering if it's the time yet to be taking it to the people as all we are going to tell them is it could be more than a certain amount but we are going to look for some money and maybe it will happen.

Gregg Sgromo thinks the sooner you get the process going, the better.

Terry Duehl asked if a public interest survey went out to this area.

Councilor McConnell said yes. It was done in 1992 and another one was sent out by Thoma but the boundaries were smaller. He doesn't think it's too early for the public meetings.

Gregg Sgromo reviewed how the units are decided on. Vacant land would be assessed at ½ unit.

Supervisor Scammell asked what the current number of units are.

Greg Sgromo said 625.

Supervisor Scammell asked what the number of parcels are.

Greg Sgromo said 471.

Supervisor Scammell said he has the current copy of the report and anyone can look at it that wants to.

Councilor McConnell submitted a letter of support for the water district from the school.

Kevin Gilligan said to make sure he gets copies of everything to the attorney.

Councilor Shute asked what assumptions he made to come up with the 625 units.

Greg Sgromo said some of the uses as far as water usage. He reviewed the apartments, 2-family dwellings, etc. These numbers are not set in stone.

Sandy Smith asked if they are talking about the district going along Route 20 and Route 11.

Councilor McConnell showed the limits of the district.

Sandy Smith said it would have to go under Route 81 to reach McDonalds and the neighboring property.

Greg Sgromo said McDonalds would count as 8 units. The cost to go under Route 81 would be about \$200,000.

Mary Jo asked if the rest of the taxpayers in the district would have to pay this \$200,000 for the two parcels to be added to the district.

Councilor McConnell said it's normal construction.

Greg Sgromo said the original proposed district stopped at Route 81. It would cost about \$200,000 to get to those two parcels and that is assuming we don't hit rock. The other possibility is to attach the lines to the bridge. They would have to see if the bridge is actually designed to take that weight.

Councilor Bailey asked if the two properties would pick up the tab.

Greg Sgromo said if the unit cost doesn't substantiate going across Route 81, there are options.

Councilor Shute asked if it would be less than \$200,000 to attach the lines to the bridge.

Greg Sgromo thinks so. They would have to first talk to the D.O.T. to see if the bridge could hold the weight.

Councilor Shute said if we know the amount it's going to cost to go over Route 81, we could figure out how many units they would need to be assessed at to even the cost out with the rest of the district.

Greg Sgromo said you could use it as an alternative. You could have it broken out from the district for the petition. You could have one petition include it and the other not going across Route 81.

Kevin Gilligan said it's kind of a decision that has to be made before you can determine costs for the district.

Terry Duehl asked if there is any existing geotechnical work as to what existed when the highway was built.

Kevin Gilligan said the D.O.T. may decide whether it's going under Route 81 or whether it can be attached to the bridge.

Councilor Knapp said if we decide not to go across Route 81, we could cap it off before Route 81 so it could be tied into if there were more development on the other side.

Greg Sgromo said yes.

Councilor Knapp said depending on our numbers, he doesn't see a lot of people going for this because it's going across Route 81 but he can see some people voting against it because of the added cost to go over 81. The main thing is to get the village problem solved.

Councilor McConnell doesn't look at it as a village problem. He can pick out surveys all the way to Sentinel Heights Rd. that expressed they wanted public water.

Councilor Knapp said definitely but because of the proximity and closeness of the homes in the village, he is concerned with that area too. He asked how far south on Route 11 the district would go.

Councilor McConnell said just past Cazenovia Tractor as the system is gravity fed so they didn't take it up the hill by the cemetery.

Councilor Shute said the last parcel listed is Bob Burton's.

Greg Sgromo said there is one parcel that should be omitted. It is the property on Route 20 west owned by Wesley Hall.

Supervisor Scammell would agree with Councilor Shute that we don't have anything solid to give to the public at this time.

Councilor Shute said his concern is that we need to be very careful on what we tell the public. We can't tell the people we are going to get grant money when we don't know if we will.

Councilor McConnell thinks if you are going to vote on something you can't wait until a month before the vote to educate people.

Councilor Bailey thinks the format could be structured that there is no solid ground we are launching from but to get the people together as an icebreaker.

Councilor Knapp said to keep the expectations very low but to see what the response from the public is.

Supervisor Scammell said you wouldn't give out any monetary numbers then. It would be a concept meeting.

Councilor McConnell said knowing the process ahead of us, he asked Terry Duehl's opinion on reaching out to the public.

Terry Duehl said from his experience, the format is broken out in terms of here is the history, here is what's been done to date, here's what we have come up with based on that, and here's what opportunities we have for the future which would include trying to get grants, etc. The next meeting you have you could give the steps you have taken since the last meeting and keep the meetings going all the way up to the vote.

Pete Paul said the key word is informational so you can get the public's input.

Terry Duehl said he has also sat in on meetings where committees are taking the next step in going to district formation and only at that point to bring the public in and the public was discontented as they weren't brought in along the way.

Councilor Knapp thinks communication is good and maybe we identify an area that says they are really not interested in this and that way we can tweak it before we have to go for the listing.

Councilor Shute thinks we need the project. If we are at 50/50 and it's going to be tight and you set a couple of people's expectations too high and then when you can't give them what you have said, they don't vote for it and the whole project goes away.

Councilor Bailey thinks it's a forward motion to bring the folks in. He asked about the 26 units in the Town of Onondaga.

Greg Sgromo said there would be no extra cost to add them to the district as the line will go right by their homes.

Discussion took place regarding the 26 units in the town of Onondaga that the line will go by.

Greg Sgromo said they can form an extension to the district but it would be their own district.

Kevin Gilligan thinks if you get outside the town, they would have to form their own district and could contract with the Town of LaFayette.

Councilor Bailey asked if it wouldn't be a cost savings if we were to do this.

Greg Sgromo said that district would have to pay into the Town of LaFayette's district.

Tom Chartrand said the other joint districts he has been involved with consist of considerable amounts of paperwork.

Supervisor Scammell asked about the motion for the informational meetings.

Councilor Shute said information is good as long as we don't get carried away with what we tell people.

Supervisor Scammell agreed.

Councilor Bailey asked if there could be negotiations as to how much water the schools would use.

Greg Sgromo said yes.

Councilor's Knapp moved and Bailey seconded an amendment to the above motion that the Board would tentatively approve the informational meetings on April 7th and 8th after reviewing what Greg Sgromo plans on presenting to the public which they will receive documents on by the end of March. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor McConnell's thoughts were to come up with a letter when he leaves here and forward it to the Town Board for approval. The PowerPoint would only be about 10-12 slides.

Supervisor Scammell confirmed by the end of March the Board would be given the information that would be presented at the informational meetings.

8. **REPORTS.**

A. **Departmental (4th Monday).**

1) **Assessors: Marshall Taylor, Shawn Adam and Bill Turner.**

- **Cold War veteran's exemptions – impact estimate.**

Councilor Knapp said he received some information on this from our County Legislator Bob DeMore. He doesn't think it has passed yet. He will get copies of this to the Board.

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

a. **3448 Route 11 – debris. Court. Warrant issued.**

b. **3448 Route 11 – cleanup.**

Supervisor Scammell read the following letter to the Town Board from Ralph Lamson:

“I have notified Robert Shute at 3448 Route 11 that he is in violation and if it is not cleaned up in 14 days the Town will clean it up. The 14 days will be up on March 26, 2009. We do not have a process on how to proceed with the clean up. I know Leon doesn't want this dumped in his lap so we would need to hire an outside agency. This will also have to be coordinated with law enforcement to mitigate any problems that could arise. Thanks for your attention to this matter...”

Supervisor Scammell asked if this would be affixed to the property owners taxes.

Kevin Gilligan said first you would send the owner the bill. If there was no response, it would be attached to his taxes. You must notify him of each step you take.

Mary Jo said she knows Harrison Homer and Ralph Lamson affixed the notice to the owners door.

Kevin Gilligan said they should do an affidavit that they have served the letter and how it was served.

Supervisor Scammell asked if this must be done before we can go forward.

Kevin Gilligan said yes. If you don't follow the correct procedure, it will not be added to the taxes by the county.

Supervisor Scammell asked if we can get a copy of the procedure.

Councilor McConnell supported the concept.

Councilor Knapp asked if the stuff is considered junk or if it will be stored somewhere.

Kevin Gilligan said once the stuff is packed up, it will probably go to the Resource Recovery Center on Rock Cut Road. He thinks photographs should be taken. Ralph Lamson might want to talk to one of the other Code Enforcement Officers from another town that may have done this more frequently who could give him some practical steps they take.

Supervisor Scammell confirmed photographs should be taken before, during and after the pickup. He asked about law enforcement for protection.

Kevin Gilligan said when Ralph Lamson is going to schedule the pickup, he should schedule law enforcement to be there too. If you want to be extremely careful, you can go to the Supreme Court for a Court Order.

Mary Jo left to make copies of the Junkyard Ordinance for the Board.

The Board moved on to the Ropes Course.

Councilor McConnell said he and Jim Clarke have worked very hard over the past few weeks on this. A copy of the Nature Preserve and Ropes Course Management Operations Policy has been given to the Board.

Councilor's Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to appoint Jim Clarke as an Assistant Ropes Course Manager for the town. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor McConnell said as far as the Nature Preserve, the school will schedule the usage through Mary Jo Kelly.

Mary Jo said she never knows when the school is using the Nature Preserve.

Councilor McConnell said the school has received a copy of this policy.

Councilor Knapp asked why we would be involved with the Nature Preserve.

Councilor McConnell said because the town owns it. As far as Ropes Course Certification, Jim Clarke, Sandy Smith and Kevin Corcoran are certified.

Jim Clarke said certification is performed through professional vendor members approved by the ACCT. Currently anyone who isn't certified has a couple of years to do so unless the insurance rates go up because someone isn't certified.

Councilor McConnell said they put in the policy that anyone who has acted as a director will grandfather in until 4/1/2011.

Councilor Knapp asked if the ACCT group is the recognized authority.

Jim Clarke said yes. There's another agency out there that does the team building.

Councilor Knapp asked if the certification can be taken locally.

Jim Clarke said currently there's one place in Vermont and one in Massachusetts. There are a handful of places.

Councilor Knapp asked how long it takes.

Jim Clarke said it's a one-day training.

Councilor Knapp asked how long it lasts.

Jim Clarke said for Level II it's good for 3 years and for Course Manager it's good for 5 years.

Councilor Knapp asked if there's any certification required for the Facilitators.

Jim Clarke said you can get certification for those but ACCT is trying to just be sure there is one certified person on the course.

Councilor McConnell discussed the course fee of \$200.

Councilor Knapp said we discussed raising the fee a little especially with losing the grant that helped offset the expenses.

Councilor McConnell said he and Jim Clarke talked about this and our course is probably one of the higher rates now.

Jim Clarke said the Syracuse course is \$150 right now. He isn't sure what the Marcellus course is.

Councilor Bailey asked if the \$200 usage covers our expenses.

Tom Chartrand said we had \$3,550 in revenues from the course last year and \$5,586 in expenditures. We also received around \$1,100 for the grant which we probably won't get this year.

Councilor Shute asked how the people will know the cost of the Facilitators.

Jim Clarke said they have to interview the group to see the amount of Facilitators they will need.

Tom Chartrand said the Town does not have Workers Compensation on these Directors or Facilitators.

Councilor Knapp confirmed since they are independent contractors, we don't need proof of Workers Compensation.

Tom Chartrand said if we write the check directly to the Director, we must show he is covered by Workers Comp. and anyone he pays must have Workers Comp.

Councilor Bailey asked if a Hold Harmless Agreement would come into play.

Kevin Gilligan said it's in the Director's Agreement.

Councilor Shute said all the checks are made payable to the Town of LaFayette and then the Town pays the company or the Director.

Tom Chartrand said they would have to submit a voucher like we have now. The only thing the Town will be keeping is \$200 for the course fee. No payment will be made to the Director until payment is received from the organization.

The Director will send the bill to the group with a copy to the Town Clerk.

Sandy Smith would like Renee Gosselin appointed as a Course Director here too. She would highly recommend her and she has all her certification.

Councilor's Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to make Jim Clarke, Renee Gosselin, Kevin Corcoran, Brian Kenealy and Sandy Smith Course Directors with Jim Clarke also being Ass't. Course Manager and Sandy Smith being the Course Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor McConnell asked Kevin Gilligan to have the agreements ready for the next meeting.

Kevin Gilligan asked if he got his email of March 9th giving his input on the agreement.

Councilor McConnell believes so.

Kevin Gilligan said it was in response to Councilor McConnell's request for comments. He had comments in this email.

Councilor McConnell said he didn't get this email. He asked Kevin to resend it.

Kevin Gilligan will resend the email to everyone.

- c. **3231 Webb Road. House in disrepair (spring cleanup).**
- d. **Oschner Road – junk.**
- e. **LaFayette Beach capacity determination.**
- f. **Monthly report - February.**
- g. **Other.**

3) Dog Control: Jim Moore & Doug Scholes.

4) Highway Superintendent: Leon Cook.

Leon Cook said he has to turn in the plates on the old truck and cancel the insurance and put new plates on the new truck.

Councilor Knapp confirmed he is taking the box off the old truck.

Leon Cook said it's already done and the plow equipment is on it.

Leon Cook said he talked to an engineer from Fayetteville about the bridge on Webster Rd. The engineer advised there is grant money available. The state inspected the bridge in 2007 and it barely passed. Not only the bridge but the entrance to the water coming in has to be straightened out. He talked to the engineer about this and he said he can design the bridge and work it up so we can put it up for bid. He would take care of getting the grant money. Leon Cook asked him if the grant money we would get would cover the engineering costs. He also asked the engineer what it would cost to design the bridge. The engineer wasn't sure if he would get paid through the grant or not. The cost to design the bridge from start to finish would be close to \$20,000. The bridge would probably cost about a quarter of a million dollars. Right now he still has to talk to the engineer some more and he's going to see if he can get the blueprints from the bridge the county put in on Nichols Rd. He asked the Board if they wanted him to go ahead with this without spending any money.

Councilor Knapp said it's kind of like what we are doing with the water district. If the money materializes, it's fine. If it doesn't, we don't go forward.

Councilor Bailey said make the project as shovel ready as possible.

Tom Chartrand asked if Leon Cook if he needed the old truck declared surplus.

Leon said yes.

Councilor's Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to declare the 1994 International 10-Wheel truck as surplus. Motion passed unanimously.

Leon Cook will check to see when the next county auction is.

5) Justice Court: Malcolm Knapp & Maureen Perrin.

a. January, 09 audit letter to NYS Unified Court System.

Councilor Knapp checked with Dave Lamson who has done the audit for the Justice Dept. through December 2008. These audits have been submitted to the Town Board. He would like authorization to send a letter to the Unified Court System saying we have performed our audit through December 2008.

Councilor's Shute moved and Mc Connell seconded the motion authorizing Councilor Knapp to send a letter to the Unified Court System that the audit of the Justice Court records has been completed through December 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Monthly report – February.

A written report was submitted.

6) Library Director: Scott Kushner.

• Monthly report - February.

A written report was submitted.

Supervisor Scammell said Scott Kushner advised they are going ahead and having someone do a needs assessment for an addition to the building. We would have to do one of these ourselves if we want to add on above their addition.

7) Recreation Director: Regina Reinschmidt.

a. Monthly report – March.

A written report was submitted.

b. Beach capacity sign.

Councilor Knapp said he attended their last meeting and gave the Certificate of Appreciation to Teresa Mech. She did a great job and she will be missed. He is very excited about our new Board. Mike Appel will do a super job. He looks forward to working with them and thinks they will do a great job.

8) Ropes Course: Sandy Smith.

a. Periodic Usage reports.

b. Report submittals (AS).

c. Access maintenance/easements (BM).

d. Appoint Deputy Ropes Course Manager – Jim Clarke.

e. Draft policy letter.

All of above were discussed earlier in the meeting.

9) Tax Collector: Mary Doster.

10) Town Clerk: Mary Jo Kelly.

a. Monthly report.

b. Federal Duck Stamp Consignment Agreement.

Mary Jo said she would like the Town Board to authorize her to sell Duck Stamps for a fee of \$16 a stamp. When hunters come in to get their hunting licenses it would be much easier for them to get the Duck Stamp right here rather than having to go up to the Post Office to get one once they have purchased their hunting license. She has talked to one of the other Town Clerk's who tried this last year and the hunters were happy and it went quite well. It's just to provide an added service to the hunters.

Councilor's Knapp moved and Shute seconded the motion authorizing the Town Clerk to sell Duck Stamps for \$16 and authorizing the Supervisor to sign any necessary paperwork. Motion passed unanimously.

11) Town Supervisor: Greg Scammell.

a. Monthly report – February.

A written report was submitted.

b. Transfer of Appropriations.

Councilor's Knapp moved and Shute seconded the motion to make the following transfers:

GENERAL FUND

To:

A1410.2	Town Clerk	Equipment	\$115.00
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From:

A1410.4	Town Clerk	Contractual	<u>\$115.00</u>
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Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Chartrand said the Supervisor's Books were submitted to the Board for review and to be signed.

Councilor's Knapp moved and Shute seconded the motion that the Supervisor's Books have been audited and accepted for 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

B. COMMITTEE (2nd Monday).

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

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.

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

- 4) **Emergency Response (Tom Bailey, Bill McConnell & “Pete” Paul).**
 - a. **Onondaga County Department of Communications - OCICS.**
 - b. **Mass shelter response.**

- 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).**
 - a. **LaFayette Hotel.**
 - b. **Replace planters at hamlet four corners.**

- 7) **Highway (“Pete” Paul, Leon Cook, Dave Knapp, Sumner Palmer & John Greeley).**
 - **Building committee: rough estimate for new Highway Garage (subject to permissive referendum).**

- 8) **Insurance (Adrian Shute & Bill McConnell).**
 - **ISO/PPC rating for LFD.**

- 9) **Physical Plant (Herb Salladin, Dave Knapp & Bill McConnell).**
 - a. **Next heat pump replacement and programmable thermostats.**
 - b. **Fire & smoke alarms at Town Offices (1st & 2nd floor) & Community Center. Code requirements (Rick Storrer/DK).**
 - c. **Town offices - Loose clapboards – estimate needed (DK).**
 - d. **Community Center basement flooding – masonry pointing, window blocking, backfilling and trenching.**
 - e. **Community Center fencing.**
 - f. **Commons water supply violation correction. (DK)**
 - g. **Commons water testing.**
 - h. **Deputy.**
 - i. **Community Center phone jack and wall extension for Regina.**
 - j. **Copier costs and evaluation.**
 - k. **Park Ranger startup date.**

- 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). Keep or remove?

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. Stafford Park.

- Pavilion ingress/egress

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

- a. NYS Workplace Violence Prevention Law (NYS boilerplate & DVD).
- b. Community Center inspection.

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

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

- a. LOSAP audit.
- b. Legislative relief appeal.
- c. Prior service award spreadsheet.

14) SOTS & OCRRA Liaison (Dave Knapp & Bill McConnell).

15) SPDES (Bill McConnell, Jim Nakas, Steve Beggs, Nancy Mueller, Mark Parrish & Kevin Gilligan).

- Onondaga County intermunicipal contract.

16) Water (Greg Scammell & “Pete” Paul).

- Hamlet drainage study – request submitted to NYS DOT, intersection of Routes 11 & 20 to be reconstructed in 2011-12.

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

- a. SOCPA subdivision guidelines to distribute to local subdivision applicants.
- b. Digitized zoning map, correction & amendments.
- c. Streamlining of similar uses, controlled site approvals and specific permits.
- d. Tully Valley Conservation Initiative.

9. LITIGATION & OTHER LEGAL MATTERS.

A. ONONDAGA NATION LAND/LAND RIGHTS CLAIM.

B. PENDING ZONING ISSUES LIST.

C. LFD/JFD CONTRACT.

D. Other.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ACTIVE PROJECTS.

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT APP - 2008.

- 1) **Stafford Park – accepted, to be bid.**
- 2) **LaFayette Beach – rejected.**
- 3) **Grant writer.**

Councilor Knapp said he met with Community Development folks to lay out what's going on. He and Councilor Shute met with CNS Engineers and they are currently finishing up the actual layout of the walking, biking and jogging path which they should have any day. They will submit this to the Community Development folks who will do a SEQR and then we will be ready to go.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT APP – 2009.

Councilor Knapp said this has been submitted.

C. STIMULUS PROJECTS.

- 1) **Central LaFayette Water District (timeline**).**
- 2) **LaFayette Hamlet Sewer District.**
- 3) **Highway Garage.**
- 4) **LaFayette Beach Renewal.**

Supervisor Scammell said Scott Kushner advised the Library is going ahead and having someone come in and do a needs assessment. We would have to do this ourselves if we want to add onto the top of their addition.

Councilor Shute said at the last meeting the Board wanted him to talk to the school about a possible shared fueling station. The school seems to think there is money available for this and they would be interested. They were actually interested in looking to find a new bus garage. He asked if a town garage could be included in this and they said yes, definitely. He discussed the Gazotis property with them and they seemed interested. Apparently there is enough grant money that if they get it all, they could buy the land and put the garage up right away. He doesn't know how much it would save the Highway Dept. but it would be a way to get the building up. It would be a joint building between the School Transportation Dept. and Highway Dept. He will continue to look into this.

Leon Cook said any way to get a new Highway Building would be good.

D. FOR TB REVIEW.

- 1) **Grievance Board of Assessment Review (pending).**
- 2) **Christian Hollow Cemetery – RoW, access (DK).**

11. **NEW BUSINESS.**

A. RX ZONING CLASSIFICATION – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

B. STAFFORD PARK - FLAG POLE (DK).

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT – DISTRICT BOUNDARY, PRELIMINARY BUDGET.

Supervisor Scammell said we could send a letter inviting them to a meeting.

Councilor Knapp would be in favor of sending a letter without setting any date or time-frame.

Councilor's Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to send a letter to the L. F. D. inviting them to come to any of our meetings the second and fourth Monday of the month but to let Supervisor Scammell know by noon on the Wednesday before the meeting to discuss the budget or any matters of concern to them. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Bailey said to remind them we only have one meeting a month in the summer.

Councilor Knapp recommended attaching the Town Board Meeting schedule.

D. TOBACCO FREE PROPOSAL (SIGNS, POSTERS, FACILITIES USAGE).

Councilor Shute said he stopped into the Nice 'N Easy and talked to the manager about the town passing the resolutions. The manager advised it's always been their policy that all tobacco products and tobacco advertising is behind the counter. They do have a sign out front which the manager really didn't feel was advertising tobacco products.

Supervisor Scammell asked about the signs they offered to put up.

Councilor McConnell said we need to send a copy of our resolutions to them and they will take care of supplying us with the signs.

Mary Jo will send them a copy.

Councilor Knapp submitted the 2 bids for the new heat pump. Upstate Temperature Control bid \$4,890 and Murray's Heating bid \$4,580.

Councilor's McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to accept the low bid from Murray's Heating for \$4,580. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Knapp will let them know and will also discuss the water leaking problem we have had. He got a quote for the programmable thermostats over a year ago from Upstate Temperature Control. They are updating the quote and will get back to him in a day or two.

Councilor Knapp said he will be going out to replace some of our flags that go through the center of town in mid April. He would like the Board's opinion on whether to stay with our current format of American Flags and Military Flags or to go back to all American Flags.

Supervisor Scammell likes the way it is not including the Military Flags.

The Board agreed.

Councilor Knapp said the Celebration of the Senses will be this weekend at Watson's. Last year there were complaints about parking on the road. The Apple Festival has some cones and he will check with the Highway Dept. and see if they will put some cones up along the road to deter parking on it.

Supervisor Scammell said Regina Reinschmidt has already had calls about people using the park. He wondered if the Board wanted to start the Park Patrol up a little earlier this year.

Councilor's Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to start the Park Patrol up April 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 with the patrol to include Stafford and Bailey Parks and the Beach. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Jo will check with Cross Bros. Plumbing to see when they can get the bathrooms opened for the Beach and the Park.

Councilor's Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to have the dumpsters put at Stafford Park from May 1, 2009 to October 31, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

E. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT LIST.

Councilor's Shute moved and Knapp seconded the motion declaring the following items surplus:

Dell Precision Computer 360 sn 3Jx3H31

Monitor CN-0646-46633-3CR-OVIL

Keyboard CN-06W610-76163737J8K03

HP Business inkjet 1100 printer

Speakers CN 020CKU-47782 29D-1297

Computer given to Community Council by Justice Dept. Item #383, Celeron 300, 1999

Motion passed unanimously.

F. OTHER.

Leon Cook would suggest he get in touch with Rainer Brocke about the planters and they can look over the ones that are in storage and see how much it will cost to fix them up. He thinks it would be a lot cheaper to fix them up than to build new ones.

Supervisor Scammell said he would appreciate this.

Leon Cook said he will have the cost at the next Town Board Meeting.

12. Suggestions for improvement and positive contributions. Former Town Supervisor Sumner Palmer visit to LaFayette, Louisiana(photo and new story), May 3rd and 4th, 1984.

Supervisor Scammell said Sumner Palmer donated a framed newspaper article regarding his visit to LaFayette, Louisiana in 1984. This will be hung in the Town Offices.

Councilor McConnell said he picked up the writing pads today. Councilor Shute will take 400 for the Chamber and he will give 300 to the school leaving the Town 300 to put out for folks when they come into the Town Offices.

13. Executive session (if needed). Highway storage contract.

Councilor’s Knapp moved and Shute seconded the motion for the Town Board to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter, contractual matter and personnel matter and to include the town attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town Board went into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. and Supervisor Scammell called the Regular Town Board Meeting back to order at 10:55 p.m.

Councilor’s Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to amend the earlier motion regarding informational meetings for the water district so that the dates would be determined at the next Town Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Councilor’s Knapp moved and Shute seconded the motion to audit & pay the following bills:

HIGHWAY FUND	# 3548 - 3554
GENERAL FUND	# 3555 – 3581
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	# 3583 - 3587

Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Town Board Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly
Town Clerk

Approved 4/13/09