

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held by the La Fayette Town Board on July 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Station 1 of the LaFayette Fire Department on Route 11 in the Town of La Fayette.

Present: Gregory Scammell, Supervisor  
David Knapp, Councilman (Arrived 6:42)  
Thomas Bailey, Councilman  
William Mc Connell, Councilman  
Adrian Shute, Councilman (Arrived 6:59 p.m.)

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Thomas Chartrand, Bookkeeper  
John Dunkle, Town Engineer  
John Harper, L.F.D.  
Greg Hoxie, L.F.D.  
Mike Shafer, L.F.D. Attorney  
Steve Young, L.F.D.  
Sharon Cleaver, L.F.D.  
Phil Field, L.F.D.  
Merikay Harper, L.F.D.

Supervisor Scammell called the Town Board Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Mike Shafer asked what the preference was for this meeting.

Councilor McConnell said John Dunkle came here because there was a scheduled meeting of the Town Board with the L.F.D. Do you want to listen to John Dunkle first or the L.F.D.?

The L.F.D. said they were fine letting John Dunkle go first.

John Dunkle said at the last Town Board Meeting a resolution was passed scheduling a public hearing for the Central LaFayette Water District on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. That resolution references a legal description of the proposed Central LaFayette Water District boundaries which reflected an inaccurate legal description so he would ask the Board to look at the revised resolution before them tonight and the revised legal description. The error was that the legal description included the McDonalds property and it was determined at this point it will not be included in the Central LaFayette Water District.

Supervisor Scammell asked for any comments or questions on the resolution.

There were none.

**The following resolution was moved by Councilor McConnell, seconded by Councilor Bailey.**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRAL  
LAFAYETTE WATER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF**

**ORDER CALLING  
PUBLIC HEARING**

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**LAFAYETTE, IN THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA,  
NEW YORK**

**Pursuant to Town Law Article 12-A**

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**WHEREAS, previous hereto a map, plan and report dated July 2009 have been prepared by Dunn & Sgromo Engineers, PLLC, competent engineers licensed by the State of New York, in such manner and in such detail as has heretofore been determined by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette, New York, relating to the establishment of a proposed Water District, to be known and designated as the Central LaFayette Water District, Town of LaFayette; and**

**WHEREAS, such map, plan and report have been duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of LaFayette, New York; and**

**WHEREAS, the boundaries of the proposed district are set forth in Schedule A, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and**

**WHEREAS, the improvements proposed consist of the construction and installation of approximately 25,000 l.f. of 12” water mains, 10,000 l.f. of 10” water mains, 30,000 l.f. of 08” water mains, including land or rights in land, tanks, pumps and pump systems, original equipment, machinery, valves, furnishings, fittings, connections, fill, services, hydrants, appurtenances and related site work (the “water improvements”); and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Board will give due consideration to the impact that such construction in the District may have on the environment and on the basis of such consideration, the Town Board will determine the environmental impact, if any, to be caused by such construction; and**

**WHEREAS, the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the construction of the water improvements is estimated to be Five Million Seven Hundred Thousand (\$5,700,000) Dollars and the plan of financing includes the Town’s procurement of a combination of long-term, low interest financing and available grants to finance the cost and the assessment, levy and collection of special assessments from the several lots and parcels of land within the District, which the Town Board shall determine and specify to be especially benefited thereby, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit conferred upon the same, to pay the principal of and interest on said indebtedness as the same shall become due and payable, all as described in the financing plan for said district on file with the Town of LaFayette Town Clerk; and**

**WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to supersede a Resolution of the Town Board dated July 13, 2009 to account for an inadvertent error discovered in the legal description and slight modification to the Map, Plan and Report including the legal description.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED and stated that the estimated cost of hook-up fees to the typical property is a One Hundred Seventy (\$170) Dollars (one-time) OCWA charge and an additional charge of Eighteen (\$18) Dollars to Twenty-Five (\$25) Dollars per linear foot for connection of each service to the home from the water improvement (an approximate minimum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars) and the cost of the District to the “typical property” (as defined in the Town Law) is Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars annually; and that the Town Board has theretofore caused to be prepared and filed**

for public inspection with the Town Clerk, a detailed explanation of how such estimates were computed; and further that the cost of the District to such typical property is not above the average estimated cost to the typical properties for the establishment of similar types of districts, as computed by the State Comptroller, and be it

**ORDERED**, that a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette be held at the LaFayette High School Auditorium, located on Route 11 North, LaFayette, New York, on Monday, August 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the establishment of the proposed District herein referred to and the construction of such water system therein, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law; and be it

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Town Clerk publish at least once in the Town's official newspaper, being a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and post on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to Subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law, a copy of this Order, certified by said Town Clerk, the first publication thereof and said posting to be not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of such public hearing; and be it

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Town Clerk file a certified copy of this Order with the Comptroller of the State of New York on or about the date of publication of a copy of this Order; and be it

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the July 13, 2009 "Order Calling Public Hearing" of the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette is hereby rescinded; and be it

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the July 13, 2009 Lead Agency Designation Resolution is unaffected and hereby ratified and reaffirmed.

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

Gregory Scammell	Supervisor	Voted	Abstain
David Knapp	Councilman	Voted	Yes
Thomas Bailey	Councilman	Voted	Yes
Adrian Shute	Councilman	Voted	Yes

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

#### SCHEDULE A

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the northerly boundary of the Town of LaFayette with a point 300 feet east of the Sentinel Heights Road right-of-way;

- Then south, 300 feet east of the Sentinel Heights Road boundary to its intersection with a point 300 feet north of the Commene Road right-of-way;
- Then east along this line approximately 550 feet;
- Then south to a point on the line 300 feet south of the Commene Road right-of-way;
- Then west along this line to its intersection with a point 300 feet east of the New York State Route 11 right-of-way;
- Then south along this line to its intersection with a line 300 feet north of the New York State Route 20 right-of-way in the Hamlet of LaFayette;

- Then east along this line to its intersection with the line 300 feet north of the LaFayette Road right-of-way;
- Then northeast along this line to a point at the northeast corner of tax parcel 20-04-08.0;
- Then southeast along the northeast line of tax parcel 20-04-08.0 to the centerline of LaFayette Road;
- Then southwest along the centerline of LaFayette Road approximately 110 feet to its intersection with the southerly property line of tax parcel 09-01-26.0;
- Then southeast along the southerly property line of tax parcel 09-01-26.0 to a point 300 feet from the LaFayette Road right-of-way;
- Then southwest along this line to a point 300 feet north of the Dodge Road right-of-way;
- Then east along the line 300 feet north of the Dodge Road right-of-way to a point on the extension of a line 300 feet east of the easterly New York State Route 20 right-of-way;
- Then south along this line to its intersection with the westerly boundary of the railroad tracks (tax parcel 10-02-12.0) owned by Onondaga County Industrial, once the New York Susquehanna and Western Railway;
- Then south along the western railway boundary, approximately 370 feet to a point on the easterly extension of a line 130 feet south of and parallel to the southern lot line of tax parcel 14-03-50.0;
- Then west along this line to a point 300 feet west of the westerly Ashburn Drive right-of-way;
- Then north along this line to the southerly line of tax parcel 14-06-04.0;
- Then west to the southwest corner of tax parcel 14-06-04.0;
- Then north along the westerly property line to tax parcels 14-06-04.0, 1-06-03.0, and 14-06-02.0 to the northwest corner of the tax parcel 14-06-02.0, said point also being on the southerly property line of tax parcel 17-05-05.0;
- Then west along the southerly line of tax parcels 17-05-05.0 and 17-05-06.0, a distance of approximately 350 feet west of the Ashburn Drive right-of-way to a point on the southerly line of tax parcel 17-05-06.0;
- Then perpendicular to the southerly line of tax parcel 17-05-06.0 heading north, a distance of approximately 500 feet;
- Then perpendicular to this line, heading east to a point at the northwest corner of tax parcel 17-04-09.9;
- Then along the northern line of tax parcel 17-04-09.9 to its intersection with the southerly extension of tax parcel 17-04-11.1;
- Then north along the westerly line of tax parcel 17-04-11.1 to where this line extended intersects the southerly line of tax parcel 17-04-10.0;

- Then easterly along the southerly line of tax parcel 17-04-10.0 to a point 300 feet west of the westerly right-of-way of New York State Route 20;
- Then along an arc following a line 300 feet from the westerly and southerly New York State Route 20 right-of-way to a point on the extension of the westerly line of tax parcel 18-02-18.0 and 300 feet south of the New York State Route 20 right-of-way;
- Then diagonally from said point southwest to a point on the southerly line of tax parcel 18-02-04.0, said point being 300 feet east of the easterly right-of-way of New York State Route 11;
- Then southerly along this line 300 feet from the New York State Route 11 right-of-way to a point on the southerly line of tax parcel 17-04-06.1;
- Then west along the southerly line of tax parcel 17-04-06.1 to the centerline of New York State Route 11;
- Then south along the centerline of New York State Route 11 approximately 160 feet to the southerly line of tax parcel 17-03-15.0;
- Then west along the southerly line of tax parcels 17-03-15.0 and 17-03-14.0 to a point 300 feet from the westerly right-of-way of New York State Route 11;
- Then north along this line approximately 1,880 feet to a point at the southwest corner of tax parcel 18-01-07.1;
- Then diagonally from that point, northwest to a point at the southwest corner of tax parcel 18-01-01.1, said point also being on the easterly right-of-way of New York State Route 81;
- Then northerly along the easterly right-of-way of New York State Route 81 approximately 1,000 feet to a point, 650 feet north of the northerly right-of-way of New York State Route 20;
- Then east along the line 650 feet north of the northerly right-of-way of New York State Route 20 to a point on the west line of tax parcel 19-01-06.2;
- Then north along this line to its intersection with the southerly right-of-way line of the New York State Route 81 off ramp;
- Then diagonally northwest to a point at the northwest corner of tax parcel 20-05-10.2, said point being 300 feet west of the westerly right-of-way of New York State Route 11;
- Then northwest along this line approximately 3,150 feet to its intersection with the southerly line of tax parcel 20-05-01.0;
- Then west along the southerly line of tax parcel 20-05-01.0 to the southwest corner of this lot, said point being on the easterly line of the New York State Route 81 right-of-way;
- Then northwest along the New York State Route 81 right-of-way to its intersection with the westerly line of the Onondaga Nation Territory and north along this westerly line to its intersection with the north line of the Town of LaFayette;

- **Then east along the north line of the Town of LaFayette approximately 575 feet to its intersection with the eastern right-of-way line of McClary Road;**
- **Then diagonally southeast from this point a distance of approximately 4,800 feet to the intersection with the north line of tax parcel 24-03-52.0, said point being 300 feet east along this line from the easterly right-of-way of New York State Route 11;**
- **Then northeast along the north line of tax parcel 24-03-52.0 and its extension to its intersection with the west line of tax parcel 25-02-05.0;**
- **Then southeast along the west line of tax parcel 25-02-05.0 approximately 1,990 feet to the northwest corner of tax parcel 24-03-53.0;**
- **Then east along the north line of tax parcel 24-03-53.0 a distance of approximately 180 feet to a point on the line 300 feet west of the west right-of-way line of Sentinel Heights Road. Then north along the line 300 feet west of the west right-of-way line of Sentinel Heights Road to the north boundary of the Town of LaFayette;**
- **Then east along the north boundary of the Town of LaFayette to a point 300 feet east of the east right-of-way line of Sentinel Heights Road, said point being the point of beginning.**

John Harper said one reason they wanted to start this meeting now is they still haven't received their \$50,000 from the state.

Councilor Knapp said he spoke to Senator DeFrancisco's Office today and the Governor has put a temporary hold on checks. The contact at Senator DeFrancisco's Office would like someone from the L.F.D. to call him to be sure everything is all set so when the moratorium is lifted, it will be all set to go.

John Harper said he was told it was in the Comptroller's Office waiting for a signature.

Councilor Knapp said the contact at Senator DeFrancisco's Office can confirm this when they talk to him.

John Harper said basically they want to sit down with the Town Board and start negotiating their budget. They have a tanker that has to be replaced and they have also lost the interest they would have gotten on the \$50,000 if it had been in the bank.

Councilor Knapp asked if this tanker was scheduled to be replaced.

John Harper said no. The tanker is ready to rupture at any point. This will be Tanker # 22 from down below.

Councilor Knapp asked if they would just be putting the new tank on the old chassis.

John Harper said yes. The next vehicle that is up for replacement is Engine # 12 in 2012 at an estimated cost of \$402,763. Right now he believes they have \$155,000 in their Capital Reserve.

Councilor Knapp asked which engine this is.

John Harper said the engine is down in Station 2. Right now Greg Hoxie is projecting a zero percent increase in their budget but would like the \$50,000 that they didn't get last year.

Councilor McConnell said they will get the \$50,000 when the moratorium is lifted.

Mike Shafer said they went out and pursued the grant thinking it would give them a leg up on their ongoing Capital Reserve Fund. If it's taken out of the budget, it's a zero sum gain. The allocation of it going solely to the town rather than to the L.F.D. is of concern.

Councilor McConnell said his understanding is that the grant is going to the L.F.D.

Mike Shafer said last year the town took a credit against the budget in that amount.

Councilor McConnell said that is one way to look at it.

Mike Shafer said that is the way the L.F.D. is looking at it.

Councilor Knapp said the Town Board counted the grant towards their Capital Reserve.

Councilor Bailey said with the purchase of the ambulance, the Board was looking for a way to fund it so the full cost of the purchase of the rig wouldn't be a total burden on the taxpayers. This is why he sent a letter to Senator De Francisco's Office requesting funding. It came through that a \$50,000 grant would be received. This made it so the total cost of the new rig wouldn't be on the taxpayer. This was in lieu of coming out of the town budget.

John Harper said as they have explained in every budget session he's sat in on, every year their budget has been cut from what they have asked for. Their operating budget is set in stone. Every time the Town Board cuts their budget, they end up cutting their Capital Reserve. At the current rate, they won't have enough money to replace the truck without the money they request and the interest it would earn.

Councilor Knapp asked if the ambulance is paid for.

John Harper said yes.

Councilor Knapp said so the good news is that when the money comes in, it will be on top of this.

Mike Shafer said from the L.F.D.'s perspective, how do you continue to rejuvenate the replacement fund? The L.F.D. has to keep an eye on their reserve fund. They don't have a mechanism to raise the funds themselves so they need to come to the Town Board to be sure they are on track to replace their equipment.

Councilor McConnell said he doesn't disagree but there are other things that have taken cuts in the budget process. The L.F.D. is not the only one to take a cut. The Highway Dept. has taken cuts. They can't keep going on with the same trucks either. It's a balancing act of how we take care of the needs of the community. The Highway Dept. has been in their building since 1942. The L.F.D.'s building was paid off 2 years ago and the L.F.D. came to the Town Board asking for double what the payment of \$38,000 had been for the medics. He doesn't have the confidence that we have 24-7 coverage yet for the medics.

John Harper said they do have this now.

Councilor McConnell mentioned the incident at Grimshaw School where Tully had to be called.

Mike Shafer said if there's going to be a claim that they are not providing a service, it could just be a perception in the community. Councilor McConnell mentioned one incident. If it's out there, let's document it.

Councilor McConnell said there have been other incidents documented. Is there a need in Cardiff to replace the vehicle? How often does our ambulance go out? He thinks the ambulance is called out a lot more than the EMS goes out. Is he correct?

John Harper said the EMS calls are about 3 to 1 in comparison.

Councilor McConnell asked if there is a need to replace the tanker in Cardiff.

John Harper asked Steve Young about this. He asked if the residents in Cardiff would stand for closing that station.

Steve Young doesn't think they would.

Councilor McConnell said it's a balancing act. Everyone within the town infrastructure can ask for something but he doesn't believe it's fair to put this all on the constituents to pay.

Everyone can make their requests and they must define the need. How do we support the Highway Dept., the Library, Community Council, etc.? It's not just cutting the L.F.D.

John Harper said when they were in the old station, there was a public hearing at the high school and there were several residents present objecting to the budget. Last year there was no one at the public hearing for the budget other than people from the fire department.

Councilor McConnell said in 6 years he hasn't seen anyone come to the budget public hearing.

John Harper said that shows the people don't care about the budget.

Councilor Bailey said the Town Board has a fiduciary responsibility. Last year was probably the toughest budget year he has had.

John Harper said every year the school budget goes up and it goes through zip. He asked how many people show up to vote on the town budget.

Councilor McConnell said there's the public hearing and then the Town Board votes on the budget.

Councilor Knapp asked what amount was approved last year for the LaFayette Fire Department's Capital Reserve.

Tom Chartrand said we just give them the total amount. We don't earmark what goes into their Capital Reserve.

Supervisor Scammell thinks the contract has it in there.

Mike Shafer asked what the proposed budget figure for the fire department was.

Tom Chartrand said the request was \$381,300 contractual, \$40,000 pension and \$26,000 workers comp.

Mike Shafer asked if those were the numbers that were used at the public hearing.

Tom Chartrand said no, these were the numbers that were submitted.

Councilor McConnell asked Mike Shafer if he is familiar with the laws the Town Board must follow regarding the budget process.

Mike Shafer said yes.

Councilor McConnell said the budget meetings are publicized. There is a lack of flexibility in dealing with the laws in doing the budget. We have limitations and timelines to produce the budget.

John Harper said he can have a meeting with the fire department members in 48 hours. In the past they have come to the town and presented their budget and walked away feeling like they got what they asked for and then when it's time to sign the contract, they find out differently.

Councilor McConnell said when Tom Chartrand gets all the budget requests in, he gives the total amount of the requests to the Town Board who must then determine what the taxpayers can afford. He doesn't think the fire department should walk away after their request feeling like they have it but that they should walk away feeling they have submitted their request.

John Harper said prior to last year they were never told they were being cut and weren't given an opportunity to come back to the Town Board and explain why they needed their request.

Councilor McConnell would disagree as he knows he has talked to Larry Paige in the past and he knows how hard he and the rest of the Board have worked in reviewing all the departments and their needs.

Councilor Knapp said once all the requests are in, Tom Chartrand crunches the numbers and the Board must review the requests and try to cut where they can. He thinks last year if all



the requests were granted, it would have been about a 22% increase which the Board didn't feel the residents should pay.

Councilor McConnell said the fire department should come in and show the Board how much they need and what it's for. He would advocate they come in and say here is what we need and this is what will happen if we don't get it. He doesn't like negotiating the budget. He thinks it's a matter of here's where we are today and where we need to be tomorrow and in the future.

Mike Shafer said one of the issues you are going to have is that you have a system that has worked great but are being faced with budget restraints. At some point when push comes to shove, expectations have to be met which cost a certain amount of money. He thinks the fire department is trying to take a moderate position on this.

Councilor McConnell said the ambulance was an investment in the fire department to generate revenues from funds collected from the insurance companies. One thing we haven't seen is how much the ambulance responses have generated in revenues. He thinks the investment was made with the idea it would decrease the budget which the Board hasn't seen. It's a noble cause to assist people outside the community but it doesn't help the residents in the community.

Councilor Knapp asked how the new company they are using to collect the funds is doing.

Greg Hoxie said phenomenal.

Councilor McConnell said they have had two years of providing this service. What is the cost to operate the service and what revenue has been generated?

Councilor Bailey said you don't even have to go back 2 years. What is it to date for this year?

Greg Hoxie has come within \$1,000 of what was projected. Expenses to date are \$3,600. Payroll is \$46,000. The revenues are \$20,000. There is \$4,000-\$5,000 pending.

Councilor Knapp asked if they are using both ambulances.

Greg Hoxie said since they have had both ambulances in service, they needed both ambulances 8 times.

Councilor Knapp asked how they man it.

Greg Hoxie said with the remaining crew left behind on standby.

Councilor Knapp asked typically how many EMT's are there. Is one on staff all the time as well as one on 24-7? If you need 2 ambulances, is that when the volunteers come in?

Greg Hoxie said no. The volunteers are all the basics which assist the medics.

Discussion took place regarding the different levels of medics.

John Harper said a lot of their medics show up when they hear a call. They don't go on the clock unless they go on the call.

Councilor Knapp noted the medic cars are on the schedule to be replaced this year.

John Harper said Car One has 100,000 miles on it. He's not sure what the medic car has on it.

Greg Hoxie said they are not a high priority for replacement. They are running fine.

John Harper said they haven't been taken to their Board for consideration. He knows the medic car has had some problems and there are some things that don't work on it.

Discussion took place regarding maintenance.

Greg Hoxie reviewed their Capital Replacement Plan.

Councilor McConnell asked what they've tried to do to reduce their cost of operating their facility.

John Harper said they have taken the lights out of the bay area and replaced them with more energy efficient lights. They have put in timers for the lights and they have put some programmable thermostats in about 5 rooms that are locked.

Greg Hoxie said propane and electric for the building are probably the most expensive items.

John Harper said he talked to National Grid and they told him in June or July they would be having something where you can have someone come out and do an energy efficiency study. He would like to have this done.

Councilor Knapp said right now we are definitely spending \$50,000 to replace the tanker.

Greg Hoxie said it actually is \$42,632. This has to be done. This will extend the replacement time tremendously.

Councilor Bailey asked with the MVA's on the interstate, has there been any problem getting reimbursement from the Canadian travelers' insurance companies?

Greg Hoxie said not that he is aware of.

Mike Shafer asked if there was anything else anyone wanted to address tonight.

Councilor McConnell thinks it's good to have dialogue and he would hope it stays as a creative thought process. He would hope the rumor doesn't go out that Bill McConnell is looking to close the Cardiff Station because that is not the case. He doesn't think they should ever have the opinion that they submit their budget request and it's just chopped. A great deal of consideration goes into it.

John Harper said the only request they have is if it's cut, they have the option to come back to the Town Board and discuss why they need what they requested.

Councilor Knapp asked when officially the window opens to begin requesting budgets.

Tom Chartrand said normally he sends out requests for the budgets just before Labor Day asking for them to be returned in September. Sometimes the budget requests don't come back in time for the Board to review. Last year we had a presentation from the fire department at the Town Board Meeting but nothing on paper.

John Harper would ask the Town Board if there is a way to start the negotiation sooner.

Tom Chartrand said you can submit something any time but the Board looks at it as a total package. In this situation, it's a contractual agreement between the town and the fire department. The town tries to balance all the budgets into one package. We don't have anything from the county as far as assessed values until October.

John Harper confirmed if \$20,303 was proposed for equipment, the Town Board would want to know what the fire department will be spending this on during the year.

Councilor McConnell said when he had to present a budget he had to say here's what I need and here's what will happen if I don't get it. He doesn't believe you can negotiate a budget.

John Harper thinks it was last year or the year before that PESH came out with a rule that any firefighter out on the road needs to have a green vest on. It's not budgeted in equipment. The vests run \$15 each and they would need around 20 of them. This would be an unplanned expense.

Councilor McConnell said it's the same thing as when the Highway Dept. dumps a transmission. It's an unknown expense.

John Harper asked if the Highway Dept. has a Capital Reserve Fund for their equipment.

Councilor McConnell doesn't believe it's to the dollar amount of the fire department.

Tom Chartrand said there's \$11,000 to \$12,000 in it.

Councilor Knapp said we have leased when the Highway Dept. couldn't purchase outright.

Councilor McConnell said the Highway Dept. and LaFayette Fire Dept. are the two biggest budgets.

John Harper said over the past 10 years, the fire tax has actually gone down.

Councilor McConnell said he knows John Harper would like to see the fire department budget a percentage of the assessment which he doesn't believe can be done. He challenges the fire department to try to reach out and realize they are not the only ones in town that need large apparatus and there's a balancing act that needs to be done. He doesn't think the people would have been happy with 22% increase last year. He wouldn't have been happy with it or happy taking it to the people.

Councilor Knapp said we might have had some folks at the public hearing with that amount of an increase.

John Harper said maybe a referendum would have to be done asking the residents if they would accept paying more money.

Greg Hoxie asked when the earliest time is that they can get some preliminary numbers together and meet with the Town Board.

Supervisor Scammell said the Board has to do all the budgets. They cannot do an individual budget.

John Harper asked Tom Chartrand if he can step up the date to receive the budgets.

Tom Chartrand said we are still stuck because we won't know until October what the actual revenue is. He would appreciate it if he could receive their budget by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The fire alarm went off and the fire department members had to leave.

**Councilor's Knapp moved and Bailey seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried.**

The Special Town Board Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly  
Town Clerk

**Adopted 8/3/09**