

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on January 11, 2010 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: Adrian Shute, Supervisor
 David Knapp, Councilman
 William McConnell, Councilman
 Andrew Ohstrom, Councilman
 Gerry Doolittle, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Kelly, Town Clerk

Others Present: Leon Cook, Highway Superintendent
 Kevin Gilligan, Town Attorney
 Tom Chartrand, Bookkeeper
 John Greeley, Dep. Highway Superintendent
 Larry Paige
 Bruce Donohue

1. Supervisor Shute called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.
2. The Town Clerk took the Roll. All present.
3. Pledge to our U. S. Flag led by Town Councilor Andy Ohstrom.
4. **Councilmen McConnell moved and Doolittle seconded the motion to accept prior meeting minutes of January 5, 2010 as submitted by the Town Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.**
5. **Public Hearings. None.**
6. **Communications.**
 - A. **Residents.**
 - B. **Professional Indemnity Agency, Inc.**

Councilman Knapp asked if this is a standard thing you get when your policy is up for renewal.

Supervisor Shute said we don't really know who Professional Indemnity is. He asked Kevin Gilligan if this was a company used for bonding for the proposed water district.

Kevin Gilligan doesn't think it's the Memphis outfit and we didn't get that far with the new water district. This could have something to do with Cohen.

Tom Chartrand said we have never paid this company anything.

Supervisor Shute has a suspicion that it's inside the Brown and Brown Insurance Company but upon calling them he didn't get an answer. He guesses we will have to wait to see the bill.

C. Letter from John Langey re: State Court Dismissal Based on Statute of Limitations article.

Councilman Knapp asked Kevin Gilligan about this.

Kevin Gilligan said all it means is if someone goes through an entire process with the town and it goes through the state court, they can proceed with the federal court.

Councilman Doolittle wondered if the town has a certain time limit and if the federal limit is longer, would it make the town decision null and void?

Kevin Gilligan said no because they would have to go to the state. They would have to be claiming some kind of discrimination.

D. Association of Towns Annual Meeting Resolutions and Delegate.

Councilman Knapp asked Councilman Ohstrom if he would be interested in attending the Annual Association of Towns Meeting.

Councilman Ohstrom said yes. He said there is also a program the county is doing at the OnCenter in March that he would like to attend.

Kevin Gilligan said that is put on by County Planning and if the ZBA and Planning Board Members go to it, it will fulfill their obligations for the year. There will only be one of these offered this year.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to authorize Councilman Ohstrom to act as the delegate for the Town of LaFayette at the Annual Association of Towns Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to advance Councilman Ohstrom \$700 for expenses to attend the Annual Association of Towns Meeting as we did Judge Perrin and Eva Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Gilligan said regarding the Resolutions, generally speaking, the Towns interest will be the same as the Association of Towns. He brought the Boards attention to the Resolution regarding elections which would require the Town to set up Wards.

Voting on these Resolutions will be carried over until the next Meeting.

Councilman Knapp said it looks like the Association of Towns is not in favor of the proposal for a change in current election procedures.

Kevin Gilligan said that is correct.

E. Other.

7. Special Reports. None.

8. Reports

A. Departmental

1. Assessors

2. Building & Zoning Code Enforcement

- a) **3231 Webb Road. House in disrepair (spring cleanup).**
- b) **Oschner Road – junk.**
- c) **Other.**

3. Dog Control: Jim Moore & Doug Scholes.

4. Highway Superintendent: Leon Cook.

a. Eager Road turnaround.

Leon Cook said this can be removed from the agenda. He does a special trip for the guys in that area. He lets them know when he put a little extra salt and sand down and they get a truck right up there. The garbage people have his home number, cell number and garage number. He doesn't want to see them have a problem and then raise our rates the following year. He has to keep it really good on Dodge Rd. by the creamery too.

Leon Cook said so far this winter they have gone around 42 trips. They have used 598 ton of salt and 598 ton of sand. They do a 50/50 mix. That is a total of 1196 ton. He thinks we are having more small breakdowns than usual. So far they have been able to take care of all but one of them. They had to replace the hose on the wing of truck # 6, the sander hose on truck #4, 2 new blades on truck #1, 2 new blades on truck #2, and 2 main hoses on truck #3. They have changed the front plow on truck # 5 twice. The transmission on the 550 Ford truck #2 has gone again. It's been giving us a problem ever since Koerner Ford put it in.

Councilman Knapp asked how many transmissions this is.

Leon Cook said 3. This will be the fourth.

Councilman Knapp said plus a lot of repairs.

Leon Cook said this transmission is supposed to be under warranty. He is trying to get it taken care of.

Leon said part of the ceiling in the old part of the garage fell down.

Councilman Ohstrom asked if it was the inside or outside ceiling.

Leon Cook said it's the insulation board. They will have to take care of this.

Councilman Ohstrom asked what a trip is.

Leon Cook said we have 25 ½ miles of county roads that we plow and de-ice and de-snow that we get paid for. We have a little over 28 miles of town roads. Each crew has their own route. They have the same route every day. When we have a truck down, the other trucks help plow that route. It takes 3 hours to do a trip around when visibility and weather conditions are O.K. One trip takes in all the roads.

Councilman Doolittle asked how this year compares to other years.

Leon Cook said this has been the worst beginning of winter. They have been going around 3 times almost every day.

Councilman Knapp asked how we stand with the salt and sand.

Leon Cook said we have 1,200 ton and we have already used almost half of it.

5. Justice Court

- a. Monthly report was submitted and Reviews of August through November.

6. Library Director

- a. A written report for November was submitted.

7. Recreation Director.

8. Ropes Course

9. Tax Collector

10. Town Clerk

- A written report for December was submitted.
- Town Clerk Cash Book for 2009 was submitted to Board for auditing and was approved.
- A Year -end Report for 2009 was submitted.

Councilman Doolittle asked what Facility Usage fees for Nice N Easy were.

Mary Jo Kelly said any time a business or for-profit agency uses the Community Center to conduct their business, there is a \$50 user fee.

Councilman Doolittle asked what Conservation covered.

Mary Jo Kelly said this is all the DEC fishing and hunting licenses.

Councilman Doolittle noticed the Duck Stamps are separate.

Mary Jo Kelly said that is because they are federal stamps and the DEC is state licenses.

11. Town Supervisor

- A Monthly report was submitted for November along with a Monthly Statement of Supervisor for December.

Tom Chartrand said overall we are not looking too bad.

Councilman Knapp said he got a call from the President of the L.F.D. right before the meeting stating today they received a check for \$50,000 from the state. This gives \$15,000 back to the taxpayers and we don't have to worry about it.

Supervisor Shute said in the end the L.F.D. did quite a bit of cage rattling to get this money.

Councilman Knapp said they were in DeFrancisco's Office re: the cell phone drive and John Harper got to talk to the person that was responsible for this who said he couldn't believe this hadn't gone out yet. He gave John the contact at the Comptroller's Office who said they were waiting for one piece of paper to be sent. John said they sent it right out and have now received the check. This was the \$50,000 towards the new ambulance we bought a couple of years ago. This was very good news.

Councilman Doolittle asked about the Trust & Agency Fund under the Monthly Supervisor's Statement.

Tom Chartrand explained what the Trust & Agency Fund is. We also hold Developer Deposits here. On the expenditure side, you will see how much of the money coming in goes out to different places.

Supervisor Shute returned to the Communications section of the Agenda.

Larry Paige said he has some concerns regarding the new hydrofracking. He asked if a moratorium could be placed on it like was placed on windmills until more details are found out.

His fears are that in sections of the Cardiff Valley, people are starting to sign leases and if this does cause problems like they say it can, how do we support the schools bringing in bottled water as well as the residents. He urges the Board to take some action to outlaw it right now until we can get some more technical information. He might also suggest some legislation that would outlaw it all together. Is there anything required by a business to come in and start drilling? There should be fees high enough to cover any accidents that might occur. He thinks there's an awful risk we are facing over the next 5 years.

Supervisor Shute said we did do a moratorium on the windmills until we could get the local law in place.

Larry Paige said he just thinks this might be something to look at. He thinks we should try to protect our groundwaters in the town.

Supervisor Shute said from the conversations he has had with the DEC, we might not have any authority over the gas drilling.

Kevin Gilligan said from what he's heard, we have zero authority over the gas drilling and it will be completely governed by New York State. As far as he knows, we are precluded by law in passing any legislation that regulates the drilling. As he understands it, they have voiced some concerns about allowing this drilling in the watersheds of New York City. He has not seen a draft of the regulations yet.

Larry Paige said if Exxon decides LaFayette looks like a nice place to drill for oil, would it be allowed?

Kevin Gilligan said this doesn't effect oil. This deals with gas.

Larry Page asked if they could drill for oil.

Kevin Gilligan said he doesn't know. We have not been faced with that issue.

Larry Paige said we were able to pass some legislation regarding the cell towers.

Kevin Gilligan said we were given certain allowances under local regulations which we did.

Councilman Knapp said if someone can show they have a gap in their coverage, we can't stop them.

Councilman Ohstrom said at the March 4th meeting they are doing some education seminars at the OnCenter and they have a section on this. Hopefully he can learn some more about it. He shares some of Larry's concerns. It might come down to more of an education campaign if New York State bars us from doing anything so the people signing the leases know more about it.

Larry Paige said from what he saw in the paper, it's more in the southwest part of LaFayette where the leases have already been signed. He is confused that the town would have nothing to say about what people can do on the land in town.

Kevin Gilligan would suggest he contact his Assemblyman and State Senator to voice his concerns.

Larry Paige said he's starting at the local level.

Kevin Gilligan said but the decisions are being made at the state level.

Larry Paige said if we can't do anything about this and they elect to put a drilling station in, will they have to get a permit to do it or get any licensing?

Councilman Knapp said they will have to get DEC permits.

Kevin Gilligan said that is correct. We cannot govern that business in any way.

Larry Paige said so our zoning falls apart.

Kevin Gilligan said that is correct. We are prohibited to govern this in any way.

Councilman McConnell asked if we could voice our own opposition and forward this on to our state representatives.

Kevin Gilligan said you could do that. He thinks the time for comments is over. Onondaga just passed a resolution last week opposing this.

Supervisor Shute said we have an Environmental and Conservation Committee that we will ask to see what they can find out about this. He would definitely like to find out more about it.

Councilman McConnell asked if we want to set a timeline for this.

Larry Paige said he is even thinking about performance bonds if peoples wells are contaminated.

Kevin Gilligan thinks if there is one, it will be at the state level through the DEC.

Councilman McConnell suggested we ask the Environmental and Conservation Board to report by the next Town Board Meeting on their findings. Then we can formulate something to send on to the state.

Supervisor Shute said they may need more than 2 weeks.

Councilman McConnell said just some general information would be good.

Larry Paige said with the conditions in the Cardiff Valley, it wouldn't take much to drop a well in there and the impact would be widespread.

Supervisor Shute will talk to the Environmental and Conservation Board about this and ask them to get on it as soon as they can

A. Committee.

1) Community Development .

Councilman McConnell said he has visited Hamilton, NY and has watched them for a few years. He met with Mr. Bauman who works with Colgate and the Village and Town of Hamilton. They have brought in money to assist in restoring rundown areas and the college, village and town have all benefited from this.

2) Emergency Response.

3) Employee Policies & Benefits .

4) Environmental & Conservation Advisory Board.

5) Highway .

6) Physical Plant .

Councilman McConnell said after the Organization Meeting they had a discussion and it was decided Councilman Doolittle would be the Chairman of the Physical Plant Committee and he would help him out. The Board was in agreement with this.

a. Fire & smoke alarms at Town Offices (1st & 2nd floor) & Community Center. Code requirements.

Supervisor Shute said this can be removed as we have met the codes for the building.

b. **Town offices - Loose clapboards – estimate needed.**

c. **Stafford Park pole, flag light, bathroom light.**

Councilman Knapp said this can be removed as the flag light and bathroom light at the park are fixed and the flag pole will be installed this summer once the walking trail is done.

d. **Town offices carpeting – clean or replace?**

e. **Mechanical Service Report – Upstate Temperature Control.**

7) **Recreation & Youth**

8) **Safety.**

9) **School District liaisons .**

10) **Service Awards.**

Councilor McConnell told Larry Paige one of the things he and John Harper discussed was the electronic posting of the Service Awards. Since we have gone with the automated listing, the Town does not get a copy of the listing. When they post the list at the fire dept., can they forward a copy of the list to the Town Board?

Larry Paige said sure.

11) **SOTS & OCRRA Liaison .**

Councilman Knapp said we have extended the contract with Feher for another year with no increase. That should allow us to go a third year with no change in rates.

12) **SPDES**

Councilman McConnell said a lot of work is coming down the road. They anticipate in March the entire Town will be in a MS4 area. He will discuss this with the Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer. There's a planning meeting coming up in February and he would highly recommend the Codes Officer and Planning Board Chairman attend it.

Supervisor Shute said the coalition was discussed at the last meeting.

Councilman McConnell said it's a coalition to look for a coalition of towns that join together because individually you don't have a voice loud enough to be heard. We have a process before us to attempt to do this which he and Councilman Doolittle would attend. He would suggest passing the resolution to support this. It doesn't cost us anything at this time. Because LaFayette is designated in the Onondaga Lake Watershed, SPDES is our biggest issue.

Supervisor Shute said they will be spending \$90,000 of grant money to do this. They will be doing this with or without us.

Councilman McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the following motion and appointing Councilman McConnell as the municipal representative for the Town of LaFayette:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
CREATION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN THE
CENTRAL NEW YORK
INTERMUNICIPAL STORMWATER COALITION**

WHEREAS, the Town of LaFayette has been designated a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) community and has filed for coverage under NYS Department of Environmental Conservation SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from MS4s (GP 0-02-002), and

WHEREAS, as a condition of obtaining coverage under the General Permit, the Town of LaFayette must develop and implement a storm water management program which addresses six minimum control measures designed to protect the quality of storm water runoff and which must also include a reduction of any pollutants of concern as specified in the 303(d) list and/or TMDL, and

WHEREAS, the Town of LaFayette recognizes that, because watersheds and separate storm sewer systems cross municipal boundaries and because there are opportunities to reduce duplication of services, take advantage of economies of scale, better coordinate regulatory requirements and enforcement actions, secure state grants for regionally supported projects, improve water quality, and reduce flooding by working collaboratively, the Town of LaFayette should work with other Central New (CNY) MS4 communities to identify and analyze options for meeting the requirements of the General Permit, and

WHEREAS, there has been proposed an intermunicipal organization entitled the Central New York Stormwater Coalition, (Coalition) and

WHEREAS, it is the intended purpose of the Coalition to foster the exchange of information, identify and promote discussion of issues of mutual concern facing MS4 communities in CNY, foster cooperation among participating MS4 communities in addressing issues that are of mutual concern, propose recommendations and make reports which identify mutually-beneficial solutions to the concerns facing the participating MS4 communities, and to seek funding sources and/or sustainable funding mechanisms which may help to accomplish the goals of the Coalition and the participating MS4 communities, and

WHEREAS, an intermunicipal storm water coalition will provide a mechanism for coordinating the implementation of regional solutions by the participating MS4 communities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of LaFayette supports the creation of an intermunicipal storm water coalition comprised of designated MS4 communities in CNY and that by adoption of this resolution acknowledges its participation in said Coalition as described in Attachment A, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of LaFayette, having expressed its desire to participate in the intermunicipal storm water coalition, will designate an official representative to the CNY Stormwater Coalition under separate cover.

ATTACHMENT A

- 1. The title of the intermunicipal organization shall be the Central New York**

Stormwater Coalition (Coalition).

2. **As supported through this Resolution, the Coalition will be in effect through December 31, 2010. Any participating municipality can withdraw from the Coalition with thirty (30) days written notice to the other municipalities participating in the Coalition.**
3. **The Coalition will operate under the following temporary governing structure through December 31, 2010:**
 - a. **Each participating municipality will designate an official representative to serve on the Coalition. The designee shall be responsible to attend and participate in scheduled meetings of the Coalition and to transmit storm water policy issue questions to his or her municipality. The designee shall also be responsible to obtain storm water policy issues from their represented municipality and to share those issues for discussion with Coalition members. Each participating municipality may also designate additional representatives to participate in the work of the Coalition in cooperation and coordination with the official representative as appropriate.**
 - b. **Regular meetings of the coalition will be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. No more than one regular meeting will be scheduled within a given month.**
 - c. **Special meetings may be called at the request of three or more Coalition members. Special meetings will require advance notification of five business days.**
4. **The Coalition will work toward developing an Intermunicipal Agreement outlining the long term roles and responsibilities of the participating members and a permanent organizational structure which will be ratified as organizational by-laws governing the election of officers, the conduct of its proceedings and other administrative matters as deemed appropriate by the membership.**
5. **The Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board (CNY RPDB) will serve as the coordinator/facilitator of the Coalition through December 31, 2010. CNY RPDB will serve in an advisory capacity by assisting the participating municipalities to: identify and frame issues for discussion; advance the development of a long-term organizational structure; advance the development and implementation of regionally based compliance strategies; develop sustainable funding mechanisms. CNY RPDB will provide staff support to the Coalition including preparing meeting notices, agendas and minutes.**
6. **Existing grant funds will be used to support the CNY RPDB's role through December 31, 2010.**
7. **Each participating municipality shall retain sole responsibility for implementing their individual storm water management programs and will hold harmless all other municipalities participating in the Coalition, for liability arising as a result of its**

own acts and omissions, or the acts and omissions of other participating municipalities regarding activities under this agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Doolittle seconded the motion authorizing Supervisor Shute to sign the Municipal Representative Designation Form. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Litigation & other legal matters.

A. Onondaga Nation Land/Land Rights Claim.

This can be removed from the agenda until future actions take place.

B. Pending zoning issues list.

This can be removed from the agenda.

C. LaFayette Beach.

Kevin Gilligan sent a memo to the Board. Leon Cook was never notified when the surveyors were going over to the Beach so he would presume the markers have been placed. He would say wait until the weather permits so Leon's people can go over there and do what they need to do with the stakes.

Leon Cook said if someone can get in touch with the surveyor and have him call Leon, he might be able to spare a couple of guys during the upcoming warm spell to go around with the surveyor and hammer in the posts and spray them with fluorescent paint.

Kevin Gilligan will contact Christophersons about this.

Supervisor Shute knows Community Council would like to get this taken care of. He thinks it would be better to get this done sooner rather than later.

Councilman Knapp would recommend getting in touch with Christopherson and letting him know he didn't do what we wanted him to and tell him to get in touch with Leon Cook.

John Greeley said he talked to the guy that was doing the surveying and he said he put ribbons up at the corners and on the metal stakes and we wouldn't have any problem finding the boundaries.

Supervisor Shute confirmed everything else is in place.

Kevin Gilligan said he has the proposed transfer documents on his desk which he can send over to his title person for review.

D. "The Grove" subdivision.

Kevin Gilligan said this is still on hold.

E. LaFayette Fire Department Audits.

Supervisor Shute said they have been doing audits as he has seen them.

Bruce Donohue said generally New York State requires an outside auditor do an accounting if they are over a certain amount for income.

Kevin Gilligan said by state statute they do need to have an outside audit done and the report should be on file with the town.

Bruce Donohue said the 990's are due 4 ½ months after their fiscal year ends but they can ask for an extension.

F. **Other.**

10. Unfinished Business & Active Projects.

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

Councilman Knapp said we will have to start looking to apply for the 2010 grant.

Kevin Gilligan said you would have to hold a public hearing in February and he thinks the application is due in February.

Councilman Knapp will contact Community Development regarding the application deadline.

Supervisor Shute said in the past couple of years, we have had Thoma write the proposal, do we want to do this again?

The Board was in agreement to have Thoma write the proposal.

Councilman McConnell will contact them tomorrow. Since we were given such substantial amounts for 2008 and 2009, will our application for 2010 really be evaluated for its worth? Is it worth the cost of having Thoma write the proposal?

Councilman Knapp said he will talk to Community Development about this.

Kevin Gilligan said they won't know this until they see what other applications come in. Onondaga has received a grant for the past 30 years.

Councilman Knapp will contact Community Development and then give Councilman McConnell a call.

A public hearing will be scheduled at the next Town Board Meeting.

B. **Stimulus projects.**

1) **LaFayette Hamlet Sewer District.**

• **District area boundaries and size.**

Councilman McConnell would ask Councilmen Ohstrom and Doolittle to stop into the Town Clerk's Office and look at the final reports submitted on this.

Mary Jo said she can make copies of the reports and send them to them.

2) **Highway Garage.**

3) **LaFayette Beach Renewal.**

4) **LaFayette Beach Transfer.**

12. New Business.

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

Mary Jo asked if this should be deleted from the agenda.

Councilman McConnell would recommend deleting this and readdressing it if we decided to go for funding to do it. The cost would be about \$40,000 of which the Town would have to pay half.

Supervisor Shute would like to pursue this. He knows it's not in the budget for this year but we should think about it in the future.

Councilman McConnell said he can ask Thoma to come to the next meeting to make a short presentation.

The Board was in favor of this.

Supervisor Shute likes the idea of having someone from the outside taking a look at it. He thinks a lot of things have changed since the last Comprehensive Plan was done.

This will be left on the agenda.

B. Other.

Councilman Knapp thinks we should do an inventory of what computers we currently have and how long the leases are for. Right now we lease all our computers. When the leases run out, we re-lease a new one. There are service agreements built into the leases. He thinks maybe we should put a moratorium on leasing new computers until we get a handle on what we have. The cost of computers has gone down dramatically and we might be better off buying them outright and not worry about the service contract.

Councilman Doolittle asked if it's all one big contract.

Councilman Knapp said no. It's scattered all over the place.

Supervisor Shute would agree. We don't have any control over it right now and we have computers we are not using.

Councilman Knapp doesn't think we want to go backward either but we just need to see where we're at.

Councilman Doolittle asked if we would buy them under state contract.

Councilman Knapp said ideally, yes.

Bruce Donohue said he uses Hewitt Packer and they generally come with a 3 year warranty. He's been very pleased with the service he's gotten.

Councilman Ohstrom asked if it's a purchase or lease.

Bruce Donohue said he purchased them.

Councilmen Knapp moved and Doolittle seconded the motion to place a moratorium for 90 days on computer acquisition while we review our current policies and procedures. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Shute said he would like the board to consider putting a moratorium on new apartment buildings in the Town of LaFayette. In his mind, we have enough of them in town and he's not sure more of them would fit with what he would see as the goal for LaFayette. He thinks a moratorium would stop building until we have our plan together. He asked if there is anything we need to be aware of if we start discussing this. Are we able to do this?

Kevin Gilligan said you could do a moratorium.

Councilman Ohstrom asked if he had a definition of what he thinks apartments would be.

Supervisor Shute said in his mind it would be anything above a duplex.

Supervisor Shute said he has been talking with Webmaster Mike Forte and there has been quite a few things he has wanted to improve for quite some time with the town website. They are working together to try to come up with a written plan for how to do it. There's a couple of steps we need to take first. One is to get a little bit of server space for the town website. He pulled together a quote for the town to purchase the space for town, library, community council

and email for everyone. It would come out to be about \$10/month. He thinks this could replace the AOL and save us money.

Councilman Knapp said on his home computer they all have AOL and when he signed up for DSL they got AOL as a free service. Maybe we can do the same deal here.

Councilman McConnell thinks we can definitely do better on the website.

Councilman Ohstrom said maybe we could be the host for multiple community organizations.

Supervisor Shute said to get Mike Forte going, we need to sign ourselves up for the server space.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion for Mike Forte to purchase safe, separate server space outside his home not to exceed \$300. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Shute said the cost would be \$300 for 3 years as opposed to \$3,000 over 3 years.

Councilman Doolittle said we would need to establish some guidelines for organizations who wish to be on the site.

Councilman McConnell asked how we are going to move forward with this.

Supervisor Shute thinks what Mike wants to do is come up with a plan that provides a list of the abilities the website can accomplish. The Board will have to decide what they want and don't want and then he will go back and build it.

John Greeley asked if we could leave a space on there for the Highway Dept. He would love to write some safety tidbits about winter. Maybe the tidbits would make the Highway Dept. a little more user friendly.

Supervisor Shute thinks that's a good idea. This is what everyone else is doing.

12. Suggestions for improvement and positive contributions.

Bruce Donohue said he wanted to come and welcome the new Town Board Members. Just from listening this evening he can see there are some issues that will finally be addressed. On rezoning, he likes the idea that it will be addressed. Syracuse University and Cornell University of Architecture might offer some pro-bono work. It's good to take a lead and look into it. He thinks residential districts need to be established in certain areas. All these areas are currently Residential/Agricultural. He doesn't want horses next to him. He knows a lot of effort went into trying to get water, it's still an issue that needs to be addressed. Maybe looking down the road, you could concentrate on a tank by the L.F.D. that would serve the 4 corners. He would donate 4 acres of his property for this. Maybe the town should take a lead on hydrofracking. He doesn't buy into this at all. He thinks the town should take a position and be at the forefront of what's going on. He thinks windmills should be addressed regarding being put in residential areas. Maybe there should be a minimum land requirement.

Mary Jo said there was a moratorium and there is a minimum requirement but she can't remember offhand what it is.

Bruce Donohue said the old gray building on the 4 corners should be addressed. He knows there's been efforts to do something with this. He thinks this hurts the towns appearance.

Councilman McConnell said an outside agency would lead the efforts but there would be people from the community who offer their views. The outside agency doesn't tell us what to do. He thinks you could take a lot from the 1980 study. He thinks the residential district needs to be addressed.

Supervisor Shute said the Board is going to look at the Comprehensive Plan. Earlier hydrofracking was discussed and it was noted the Town has no authority to make any rules regarding it. We are going to have the Environmental and Conservation Committee look into this and give us information so we can inturn contact our state representatives.

Councilman Knapp said every legislation is that the state will be locking the local governments out of this.

Bruce Donohue asked if a non-binding resolution could be made.

Supervisor Shute said that is what we are going to do. We are just waiting to hear from the Environmental and Conservation Board.

13. Executive session (if needed).

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

HIGHWAY FUND	# 5039 – 5055
GENERAL FUND	# 5056 – 5112
LIBRARY FUND	# 5113 – 5130
SPECIAL DISTRICT FUND	# 5131 - 5133

Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Town Board Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Kelly
Town Clerk

Adopted 1/25/10