

## May 24, 2010 Town Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on May 24, 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  
William McConnell, Councilman  
Andrew Ohstrom, Councilman  
Jerry Doolittle, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Carleen LaRonde, Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Kevin Gilligan, Town Attorney  
Thomas Chartrand, Bookkeeper  
John Greeley, Deputy Highway Supervisor  
Regina Reinschmidt, Community Council Recreation Director

1. Supervisor Shute called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. The Deputy Town Clerk took the Roll. (Councilman Knapp absent (arriving at 7:08 p.m.))
3. Pledge to our U. S. Flag led by Town Councilman Ohstrom.
4. **Councilmen Doolittle moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion to accept prior Town Board Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2010 as submitted by the Deputy Town Clerk. Motion passed 4-0.**

### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

The public hearing was opened by Supervisor Shute to discuss the SPDES Annual Report. Councilman McConnell stated that it's been the same the last two years, according to Mark Parish of O'Brien and Gere who prepared the report. A letter is to be prepared to send to the Planning Board CEO.

**Councilmen McConnell moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion to accept the SPDES Annual Report. Motion passed 4-0**

**Councilmen McConnell moved, and Doolittle seconded the motion to have the Town Supervisor to sign the SPDES Report close the Public Hearing. Motion passed 4-0.**

### 6. COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Residents.

B. Supervisor Shute reported on the Town of Geddes Resolution to disband the County Government. Discussion was held about the issue with Bookkeeper Tom Chartrand and Attorney Gilligan. Attorney Gilligan said to wait and see.

C. Supervisor Shute read the letter from William Doupe on his retirement. He explained the details of the compensation with Councilmen Ohstrom and Doolittle.

**Councilmen McConnell moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion to accept the compensation proposal outlined in the William Doupe retirement letter with retirement effective May 14, 2010. Motion passed 4-0**

7. SPECIAL REPORTS

8. REPORTS

A. Departmental

1. Assessors

a. Supervisor Shute suggested that the Board meet some time in June with County Legislator Bob DeMore and someone from the County.

2. Building & Zoning Code Enforcement.

3. Dog Control, Jim Moore and Doug Scholes

4. Highway Superintendent, Leon Cook

a. Deputy Highway Superintendent John Greeley presented the Board with a list of accomplishments, maintenance, and projects.

The Brush pickup will begin again on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion began on the mowing of the Community Center. The Garden Club had been doing it. The Highway Department has done it but now they need someone to continue do it for this year.

Councilman

Ohstrom volunteered to temporarily mow the lawn.

rifle.

There has been a complaint from a Groth Road resident that there was a car parked at the end of the road and heard a shot from a rifle. Perhaps a street light should be erected.

generally  
homeowner

Deputy Superintendent Greeley discussed with Sam Warner of NYSDOT about the roadside temporary signs. The temporary signs are fine if they are set back from the road. Most often the homeowner removes in a timely fashion.

Day. The  
to assist the

Phase I at the Park will be completed by May 25<sup>th</sup>. Phase II and III will be completed by June 10-15. Phase I will be ready for Community volleyball court is still being worked on. Mr. Greeley offered Optimists in any way he could.

Mr. Greeley also stated that new tires have been put on the Koering – Trucks #3 and #4.

Mr. Greeley talked with Highway Superintendent Leon Cook. He sounded good and hopes to be home by May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Shute returned to the Groth Road access. Should a new gate be put in there? Mr. Greeley said cars drive right down through property. The location is posted and no loitering signs. McConnell thought the street light could solve the problem.

Warner  
Councilman

One other issue was discussed. There is a tree overhanging Route 20 on the Markoff property. Suggestion was to remove it.

5. Justice Court

6. Library Director

7. Recreation Director

a. Recreation Director Regina Reinschmidt discussed the spring sports. There were 9 teams and all had sponsors. John Morgan coached teams because they were short coaching staff.

two

Field cleanup was done on May 1. Bleachers were painted but they are not in good shape. Weed spraying has been done and D. Prince maintenance of fields.

doing

Councilman McConnell questioned the condition of the bleachers and why not remove them. Visitors can sit on lawn chairs. Maybe we can work with the Athletic Department of LaFayette Central School for a rate on bleacher equipment. The dugout benches need

reduced  
replacement, too.

Instruction for Girls Lacrosse is starting this week.

Beach cleanup is in progress, opening June 14<sup>th</sup> with 4 returning lifeguards and 2 new ones.

LaFayette Central School's YCIP is discussing the making of a sandbox and the Big Picture is looking for work, possibly painting.

Permits are on target and signs (no smoking, etc.) plan to be in place.

***(Councilman Knapp arrives at 7:08 PM)***

8. Ropes Course

Scout a. Councilman Doolittle said Safety Officer Rezsnyak walked the trail and discussed the fact that clearing the trail would be a good Eagle project. There is one guy wire that needs to be fixed.

Councilman McConnell stated that he emailed Sandy Smith and had not gotten a response back from her.

Supervisor Shute said to move ahead. Should there be a motion to appoint a course manager? Councilman McConnell was disappointed that Ohstrom be the person for it. there was no response. He suggested that Councilman Board representative and that Jim Clark be the tech Supervisor Shute will talk to him.

Councilman McConnell will contact Jim Clark regarding inspection.

**Councilmen McConnell moved and Doolittle seconded the motion to establish a new Ropes Course Committee to be chaired by Supervisor Shute with committee members to be appointed. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Tax Collector
10. Town Clerk
11. Town Supervisor

**Councilmen Knapp moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion to have Supervisor Shute sign the collateral agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### B. Committee

1. Community Development
  - a. Community Day – all set and weather will be 81 degrees and sunny. All details are in place, and emergency preparedness ready.
2. Emergency Response
  - a. Councilman Knapp asked about FEMA – all set? Supervisor Shute responded that he was told yes by county by email.
3. Employee Policies and Benefits
  - a. Discussion was held about retirement benefits between Board and Tom Chartrand. Mr. Chartrand says it is a combination of service credit, retirement benefits and the State.
4. Environmental and Conservation Advisory Board
  - a. Councilman Knapp commented on the planters and State sweeping of highway.
  - b. Councilman Ohstrom said that Dr. Rainer Brocke will hold a public meeting on hydrofracking. Information forthcoming in next newsletter.

5. Highway
  - a. Discussed water conditions on Gordon Cooper, Smokey Hollow, West Shore Manor.
  
6. Physical Plant
  - a. Town Offices – loose clapboards.  
Councilman Doolittle again reported on the building problems. He passed out estimates. Town building doesn't need new roof immediately, but siding needs to have problems fixed before new problems start.
  
  - b. Community Center – Painting  
Councilman Doolittle also reported. He stated that paint is cheaper than new siding. The roof is OK. Do siding but must find the money in the current budget in order to cover the cost, perhaps transferring from other departments. Discussion continued about siding for the Town building and concrete board. He cited a home in the area with the same siding. Councilman Doolittle will bring in sample.
  
  - c. Supervisor Shute asked if the heat pump had been paid for, and Tom Chartrand said he had not seen a bill for it.
  
  - d. Supervisor Shute also asked about the water testing. Phil is monitoring overall and Scott is testing.
  
7. Recreation and Youth
  - a. Regina Reinschmidt discussed the beach and purchasing a barrier for stopping. Talked with John Greeley and will get something done.  
  
Councilman Knapp asked about lifeguards and she stated that there are 4 coming back and 2 new people.
  
8. Safety
  - a. Councilman Doolittle stated that most of the safety inspection has been completed.
  
  - b. Councilman Knapp asked about the cracked well cap. It has been replaced and all set.
  
9. School District Liaisons
  
10. Service Awards
  - a. Councilman McConnell commended Tom Chartrand and Greg Hoxie. The audit was done two weeks ago and very good results. A sincere thank you to Mr. Chartrand was given by Councilmen Knapp and McConnell.
  
11. SOTS & OCRRA
  
12. SPEDES

## 2. LITIGATION 7 OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

- A. People of the State of New York vs. Tim Thorpe and Attorney Forward's reply
  - 1. Attorney Gilligan had report on Tim Thorpe.
- B. Needs final word from the Board on Festival Garden PILOT. Will get PILOT signed if in all in agreement. Councilman McConnell stated that he had not heard any complaints.

**Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded the motion to accept the Festival Gardens PILOT Agreement and authorize Supervisor Shute to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**

- C. Other

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ACTIVE PROJECTS

- A. Supervisor Shute signed the Taxidermy SEQR & Negative Declaration.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rx zoning classification – Comprehensive Plan

- B. Review Draft Revised Zoning Map

- C. William Doupe Retirement – remove from agenda

- D. Special Meeting with County Legislator Bob DeMore

- 1. Councilman Knapp said Mr. DeMore and the County Budget Director were unable to make tonight's meeting. Mr. DeMore will be unable to make a meeting on June 14, 2010. A suggestion was made to have a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 5:30 PM if all were able to attend. Each Councilman said they would check their own calendar but all thought it was a good day and time. Attorney Gilligan offered to take care of the public notice posting.

- E. Planning/ZBA Training by NYS Planning Federation

- 1. The training session was great. A big thank you will be given to Mary Jo Kelly for the idea and planning of the session. It worked out well.

- F. Other

- 1. There will be a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, June 14 and will commence at 5:00 PM to meet with the Fire Department for the purpose of budget, sales tax impact. Supervisor Shute said that no one will be on the "hot seat". Councilman McConnell said that the discussion will be on the Town's budget, not individual departmental budgets. There will be just a small agenda.

- G. Other

- 1. Councilman Doolittle stated that the Ag Planning Grant was completed.

12. Suggestions for improvement and positive contributions

- A. Supervisor Shute asked if Mr. Chartrand will be attending the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting

13. Executive Session (if needed)

**Councilmen Knapp moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion for the Town Board to move to Executive Session to discuss contractual issue and to include Attorney Gilligan and Deputy Highway Superintendent Greeley. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Town Board went into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. and was called back to order by Supervisor Shute at 8:03 p.m.

14. Motion to audit and pay bills

**Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to audit and pay the following bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>#5832 - #5857</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>#5828 - #5831</b>
<b>SPECIAL DISTRICT FUND</b>	<b>#5858</b>
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &amp; CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>#5861 - #5864</b>

**Councilmen Knapp moved and Doolittle seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Regular Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carleen LaRonde  
Deputy Town Clerk

Adopted 6/14/10