

## June 14, 2010 Town Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on June 14, 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  
Andrew Ohstrom, Councilman (arriving at 7:00 p.m.)  
Jerry Doolittle, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Carleen LaRonde, Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Wendy Reese, Town Attorney  
John Greeley, Deputy Highway Supervisor  
James Moore, Dog Control Officer

1. Supervisor Shute called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. The Deputy Town Clerk took the Roll. (Councilman McConnell absent; Councilman Ohstrom arriving at 7:00 p.m.)
3. Pledge to our U. S. Flag led by Town Councilman Knapp.
4. **Councilmen Doolittle moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion to accept prior Town Board Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2010 as submitted by the Deputy Town Clerk. Motion passed 4-0.**

5. PUBLI HEARINGS – none

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Residents
- B. Other

1. James Moore, Dog Control Officer, spoke regarding his letter of retirement. He recommends that Officer Douglas Scholes continue and asked that the Town consider Terry Merron for his replacement after his resignation/retirement.

Councilman Knapp asked if the position needed to be posted and Supervisor Shute stated it probably would. Mr. Chartrand said it didn't have to be posted in the newsletter and extend the deadline to June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Shute and Councilman Knapp thanked Mr. Moore for his many hours of dog control.

Mr. Moore accepted their thanks and suggested he could stay in the position till July 1, 2010. Mr. Chartrand said to continue discussion and consideration at the next meeting on July 12, 2010.

Supervisor Shute agreed to the extension of the retirement to July 12, 2010. Mr. Moore agreed to the extension till mid-July. Mr. Chartrand said that a written resignation would be necessary with the revised date be submitted to Supervisor Shute.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS

8. REPORTS

A. Departmental

1. Assessors
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 his departmental accomplishments.

Maintenance has been done on with regular brakes on Truck II.

Park Paving – Phase I, II and III for completion target date of June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Today was last day for brush pickup. There was a straggler pile on Colton Road today, also. Now the Highway Department is to start working on Town roads.

5. Justice Court
6. Library Director
7. Recreation Director
8. Ropes Course
  - a. Supervisor Shute reports on first meeting with Jim Clark, Course Manager. Inspection passed. He is writing report on minor repairs, needs list – water obstruction, dam, signage faded, wood chips in each area for falls and looks nicer. Jim talked about Grimm, who offered some. Town truck could load and drop off. Maybe no cost there. Secondly, lumber/benches deteriorated, patching and trail clearing. A chopper rental needed for overgrown trail. There are 4 tables. Total of 16 people.

Bench repair or buy new ones, either plastic or steel would last. There would be no cost to the wood chips. Wood needed for pavillion and bridges. Renting a chopper needed. Cost \$0 - \$500.

**Councilmen Ohstrom moved and Doolittle seconded to expend up to \$500 to revitalize the Ropes Course. Motion carried 4-0.**

9. Tax Collector
10. Town Clerk
11. Town Supervisor
  - a. Supervisor Shute stated that there would be a Town Meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. regarding the hydrofracking process.

B. Committee

1. Community Development
2. Emergency Response
3. Employee Policies and Benefits
4. Environmental and Conservation Advisory Board
5. Highway
6. Physical Plant

a. Town Offices –

Councilman Doolittle again reported on the Town Office building. A number of windows have been replaced by Comfort Windows, free of charge, donated by Bill Putzer.

Regarding the siding on the South and West walls of the building, he had a sample of the concrete boards. They carry a 15-30 year warranty. Councilman Doolittle had color charts and it can be painted. Bids have been submitted and cedar siding was on 2 of 3 bids. Rebid will be done with the two who didn't bid concrete board.

b. Community Center –

Supervisor Shute asked about the Community Center and it's foundation problem. Councilman Doolittle has spoken with Phil DeSaw. The Center had water issues last fall. It can be fixed. Councilman Ohstrom asked if cold patch would help keep water away.

Councilman Ohstrom also asked about front wall. It looks the worst. Needs paint or cover with lattice. The bushes, trees all need pruning – blocking the sign. Councilman Ohstrom offered to trim, saying it would give a fresh look to the building. Remove the old bench, too. Councilman Doolittle said to ask Phil for lattice and Councilman Ohstrom also agreed.

7. Recreation and Youth

8. Safety –
  - a. Councilman Doolittle stated that most completed or is in the process of being done. The repair of the air conditioning by putting in a tray has solved the Library water problem.
9. School District Liaisons
10. Service Awards
  - a. Town Attorney Reese raised the issue of Service Awards and bonding. We're exempt for a couple of reasons.
11. SOTS & OCRRA
12. SPEDES
9. LITIGATION & OTHER LEGAL MATTERS .
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ACTIVE PROJECTS
11. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Review Draft Revised Zoning Map - wait till Mary Jo is back from sick leave and Kevin Gilligan,
12. Suggestions for improvement and positive contributions
  - A. Supervisor Shute stated that the Second Annual Community Day was a complete success. It was well attended. Activities, right from the bike rodeo through the fireworks display was enjoyed by all. Thanks went to Councilmen Ohstrom and Knapp for their efforts, and also they thanked others including Supervisor Shute.
13. Executive Session (if needed)

**Supervisor Shute Knapp moved and Councilman Knapp seconded the motion for the Town Board to move to Executive Session to discuss contractual issue and to include Attorney Reese. Motion passed 4-0.**

The Town Board went into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. and was called back to order by Supervisor Shute at 7:38 p.m.

A brief discussion continued on Community Development Money – RFP for pavilion and Costello, Cooney & Fearon to prepare. Town Attorney Reese will make RFP and submit to paper.

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

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>#5924 – 5955</b>
<b>COMMUNITY DEVEL. FUND</b>	<b>#5957- 5958</b>

Motion carried.

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

The Regular Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carleen LaRonde  
Deputy Town Clerk

Adopted 7/12/10 with following amendment: page 3, under 6a last sentence should read "one" instead of "two".