

June 14, 2010 Special Town Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on June 14, 2010 at 5:05 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 (arriving at 5:10)
William McConnell, Councilman
Andrew Ohstrom, Councilman
Jerry Doolittle, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Carleen LaRonde, Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Greg Hoxie, LFD
John Harper, LFD
John Greeley, Deputy Highway Supervisor
Thomas Chartrand, Bookkeeper

1. Supervisor Shute called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He stated that it was Councilman McConnell's idea to have a meeting. It is a chance to get communication going.
2. Tom Chartrand spoke about carryovers from 2008 town budget. Supervisor Shute and Councilman McConnell asked about numbers changing from 2006-2010. The 2011 just not finished. These budget numbers are from 2009. The General Fund and Highway had drops.

Councilman McConnell asked what drove the numbers forward? Tom Chartrand explained that they had a bump up on carry forwards.

Supervisor Shute, Councilman Knapp and asked about insurance and discussion continued on the subject with Mr. Chartrand.

Mr. Chartrand had a handout that was given to each Town Board Member regarding the sales tax.

Supervisor Shute said the Town was being more careful with spending.

3. Supervisor Shute then opened discussion with the representatives of the LaFayette Fire Department.

First Supervisor Shute asked about the tanker. Mr. Hoxie stated that the tank was ordered this week. The cab and chassis is a polymer rather than stainless steel. It will hold out longer – 20 years or more.

Councilman Knapp asked about warranty and Mr. Hoxie replied that it was a lifetime warranty. Baldwinsville looking to purchase old tank – it holds up to 1800 gallons.

4. Discussion continued with the LFD regarding members – Active 25, service awards 37, retirees 10. Mr. Hoxie said that they have 5 new members. Sentinel Heights are up to about 20 members, covering Town of Onondaga.
5. Regarding payroll changes, Mr. Chartrand said exactly the same as current. Keep pushing money towards equipment. Hate to cut putting money towards new equipment.

Mr. Greeley suggested “green” money out there now.

Councilman McConnell asked about buying property or tearing down and rebuilding. Mr. Greeley stated building for future – need 6-10 acres. Councilman Knapp asked if the Town needs a referendum.

Councilman McConnell asked if they would share with the LFD and Mr. Greeley said that they would probably share with State Garage as a possibility.

6. Back to insurance, Mr. Chartrand stated that Pomco’s insurance is a very generous plan – actually Town having their best plan. Mr. Chartrand also gave Board Members information on retiree incentive being offered.

At 6:05 p.m. Mr. Hoxie and Mr. Harper left the meeting.

Mr. Chartrand explained the retirement incentive stating that right now only the Highway Department has members eligible to apply. The retiree would receive one month for each year’s service, with a maximum limit. The benefit of having someone retire would show up in the rehiring of someone at a substantial decrease in retirement salary and rehire at a lower hourly rate.

Councilman McConnell asked what the reward would be for the Town and Mr. Chartrand stated that the Town would be eliminating a position, and also through Pomco has an incentive for retirement with insurance.

Supervisor Shute stated the need to have a discussion with the employees eligible. Mr. Chartrand also noted that the incentive is in effect until August 31, 2010. Open enrollment is August through October and will be billed February, 2010. It can be spread out over a period of 5 years.

Councilman Ohstrom suggested the Town find out if anyone is eligible. Supervisor Shute stated it is something to look at. Councilman Ohstrom also asked about a staffing plan. Mr. Greeley replied that he’s trying to get new subs, winter vacations, but not really a staffing plan.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion to adjourn the Special meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The Special Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carleen LaRonde
Deputy Town Clerk

Adopted 7/12/10 with following amendment: Page 2, 3rd paragraph should read "Councilman McConnell asked about buying property for Highway Garage or tearing down and rebuilding."