

-February 28, 2011 Town Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on February 28, 2011 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
David Knapp, Councilman
Andrew Ohstrom, Councilman
Jerry Doolittle, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Carleen LaRonde, Deputy Town Clerk

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

1. Supervisor Shute called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. The Deputy Town Clerk took the Roll. All Present
3. Pledge to our U. S. Flag led by Town Councilman Ohstrom
4. **Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded the motion to accept Town Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2011 as submitted by the Deputy Town Clerk. Motion carried 5-0**
5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Five Year Plan for Community Development

Supervisor Shute opened the Public Hearing. Councilman Knapp stated that we're not in low income now and not qualified for grants as we used in the 90's on the Community Center. With census data out next year, there may be a change. Councilman McConnell discussed money pending from last year's project and ability to close books. Attorney Gilligan said that a five-year plan needs to be approved.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded to close the Public Hearing on a Five-Year Plan for Community Development. Motion carried 5-0

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded to approve the Five-Year Plan for Community Development. Motion carried 5-0

Councilmen Ohstrom moved and Doolittle seconded to authorize Supervisor Shute to apply for any available funding the Town is eligible for as proposed for a Five-Year Plan for Community Development. Motion carried 5-0

6. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Retirement resignation of Alfred C. Klaiber from the Highway Department.

Councilmen Doolittle moved and Ohstrom seconded to accept with regret the retirement resignation of Alfred C. Klaiber from the Town Highway Department, effective April 1, 2011. Motion carried 5-0

B. Jamesville-DeWitt High School Operation Graduation.

Councilmen Doolittle moved and Knapp seconded to support the Jamesville-DeWitt High School Operation Graduation in the amount of \$100 as in the past. Motion carried 5-0

C. Health Department Report dated 2/17/11

A letter from the Onondaga County Health Department was submitted. The Town Office building water supply passed testing.

D. Board of Elections

The Onondaga County Board of Elections submitted a new five-year Polling Place Agreement for the purpose of voting in the Primary and General Elections.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded to authorize Supervisor Shute to sign the Polling Place Agreement for 2011 – 2015 with the Onondaga County Office of the Board of Elections. Motion carried 5-0

E. FFA Resolution

Councilman Knapp submitted the final resolution in support of Agricultural Education and the FFA Organization adopted at the February 14, 2011 meeting. He will also plan on attending the Annual Tully FFA Banquet on March 22, 2011 and extended the invitation to the Board.

F. Other

1. National Grid wants to take down 7 decayed black willow trees at the LaFayette Beach. They will cut down and the Town has plans in place to remove.

Councilmen Knapp moved and Doolittle seconded to authorize Supervisor Shute to sign the agreement with National Grid to cut down 7 black willow trees that are interfering with the power lines at the LaFayette Beach. Motion carried 5-0

2. Earth Day

Plans are in place for the 2011 Earth Day Clean-Up, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, 2011. Hours are posted at the Town Highway Garage.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS

8. REPORTS

A. Departmental

1. Assessors

2. Building & Zoning Code Enforcement

3. Dog Control

4. Highway Superintendent (Deputy Highway Superintendent John Greeley)

a. John Greeley spoke to the Board regarding the 8 times snow plowing since the last meeting. It has been a hard winter.

b. Maintenance on equipment is ongoing and interrupted by plowing, but they are doing the best they can to keep the equipment "active ready".

c. Earth Days/Town Clean-Up Days are planned. As reported earlier in the meeting, Earth Days are scheduled for April 29-30, 2011. Roadside trash can be dropped off at the Highway Department on Friday (8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) and Saturday (8:00 a.m. – Noon). The

Highway Department will take the trash to OCRRA. The Annual Town Clean-Up Days are scheduled for two Saturdays, May 7 and May 14, 2011. This year, the Town will be accepting "E-Waste" in conjunction with Regional Computer Recycling & Recovery (RCR&R). Hours will be posted at a later date.

d. Request #1

Deputy Highway Superintendent John Greeley submitted a Removal of Equipment Off Inventory list and to be auctioned off at a later date. This list includes:

1. 1992 Chevy Pick-Up / Dump #1GBJK34K8NE190656, License #K90796
2. 1995 Koering Wheeled Excavator #BC856433, License #K22451
3. 2004 John Deere F-1445 Mower
4. Eutectic Model 225 Arc Welder

Tom Chartrand suggested the Board declare the mower and the excavator up for sale/auction and perhaps the Apple Festival would be interested in purchasing them. Kevin Gilligan said the Town could not donate to the Apple Festival it is a violation of gifts to a private entity.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Knapp seconded to authorize the Deputy Highway Superintendent to put the John Deere Mower and the Koering Wheeled Excavator up for auction or local sale. Motion carried 5-0

e. Request #2

Order the Mower for the parks as it will take 60 days for delivery. The money has already been appropriated and the new mower is on State contract. Sale of the old mower of approximately \$5,000, plus the approximate cost of the State contract price of \$13,700 for the new mower needs to have a motion to authorize.

Councilmen Ohstrom moved and Doolittle seconded to authorize Deputy Highway Superintendent purchase a new mower on State Contact at a cost not to exceed \$14,200. Motion carried 5-0

5. Justice Court
6. Library Director
7. Recreation Director

Regina Reinschmidt gave the Board the stats on the basketball, wrestling teams and skiing. Adult exercising is going great with the day exercise program at the Community Center, Zumba and Yoga. CPR is scheduled for March. Spring sign-ups are scheduled for next week. Discussion on the batting cage was discussed and Councilmen McConnell and Ohstrom offered to help.

8. Ropes Course

9. Tax Collector
10. Town Clerk
11. Town Supervisor – Monthly Report for January 2011
12. Annual Financial Report, Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/2010

Tom Chartrand said the overall estimates look good.

Councilmen Knapp moved and McConnell seconded to authorize the Town Clerk to place an ad in the paper regarding the Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/2010 is available. Motion carried 5-0

B. Committee

1. Community Development
Councilman McConnell reported that there is no money in Ag and Markets for grants.
2. Emergency Response –
Councilman McConnell reported that they are still working on it.
3. Employee Policies & Benefits
4. Environmental & Conservation Advisory Board
5. Highway
Councilman Doolittle and John Greeley took a road trip and looked at the Town of Geddes' and Solvay's new buildings.
6. Physical Plant
Councilman Doolittle talked about fixing the Library ceiling. Estimates 10-16 hours for repair and painting and will go ahead with the repairs.
7. Recreation & Youth
Councilman Ohstrom talked with Community Council group and others regarding the modification of use at the Beach due to maintenance hurdles.
8. Safety
9. School District Liaisons
10. Service Awards
 - a. Councilman McConnell said there are 23 people eligible for \$700/person for LOSAP for 2010. These names were reviewed with John Harper.

Councilmen McConnell moved and Doolittle seconded the authorization of a \$16,100 deposit in the LOSAP account for Fiscal year 2010. Motion carried 5-0

11. SOTS & OCRRA Liaison
12. SPDES

9. LITIGATION AND OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ACTIVE PROJECTS

Supervisor Shute, Councilman Ohstrom and Tom Chartrand spoke to the insurance policies of Tier II Benefit Plan. There are many variables, i.e. retiring through State and looking at health insurance policies. He said we have an excellent policy with POMCO, but to look at 2-3 programs such as Excellus, POMCO and MVP, and also look at employee contributions. Councilman Ohstrom said he was open to suggestions. Councilman Knapp suggested that someone from POMCO come out to talk with the Board.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A, Local Law A-2011, A Local Law Amending the Subdivision Regulations of the Town of LaFayette

Supervisor Shute asked if there was anything to discuss. Councilman Knapp said it gives the Planning board more ability to make determinations.

Councilmen Doolittle moved and Ohstrom seconded to introduce a resolution for the proposed Local Law No. A-2011, Amending the Subdivision Regulations of the Town of LaFayette as written in these minutes below. Motion carried 5-0

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Councilman Doolittle_ introduced proposed Local Law No. A-2011, A Local Law Amending the Subdivision Regulations of the Town of LaFayette, Originally Adopted by the Town of LaFayette Planning Board on May 12, 1987, Approved by the Town of LaFayette Town Board on July 13, 1987 and Ratified by the Town Board by Local Law 4 of 2007, as Amended, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilman Ohstrom:

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of LaFayette.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter, that the enactment of proposed Local Law No. A-2011 is a Type II action and will have no significant effect on the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local law No. A-2011 at the Town Hall located at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette on March 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

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

Councilman McConnell	Voted	Yes
Councilman Knapp	Voted	Yes
Councilman Doolittle	Voted	Yes
Councilman Ohstrom	Voted	Yes
Supervisor Shute	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**TOWN OF LAFAYETTE
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. A-2011**

A Local Law Amending the Subdivision Regulations of the Town of LaFayette, Originally Adopted by the Town of LaFayette Planning Board on May 12, 1987, Approved by the Town of LaFayette Town Board on July 13, 1987 and Ratified by the Town Board by Local Law 4 of 2007, as Amended

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette Town Board, as follows:

Section 1. Article 5 of the Subdivision Regulations, Titled “Design Standards and Required Improvements”, is amended so that the provision titled “Dead End Roads” shall read in its entirety, as follows:

“Dead End Roads. Dead-end roads, designed to be so permanently, shall generally not be longer than five hundred (500) feet and shall be provided at the closed end with a turn-around having a street property line diameter of at least one hundred thirty (130) feet or, in the case of a cul-de-sac, have a minimum outside radius of at least sixty (60) feet. The length of a dead-end road may be extended beyond five hundred (500) feet by waiver of the Planning Board pursuant to Section 150 of these Subdivision Regulations,

based upon written evidence from the Town Highway Superintendent, the affected school district and the pertinent fire department that the additional length will not pose a safety hazard or interfere with Highway Department or School District services and activities.”

Section 2. Article 1 of the Subdivision Regulations, Section 150 thereof is hereby amended to change the title of said section to “Waiver” instead of “Variance”.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect upon its filing with the New York Secretary of State.

12. SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

Councilman Doolittle thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Association of Towns Annual Meeting and Training in New York City. He submitted a three-page report and said in one seminar he attended that effective 3/1/11 new MS-4 regulations will be coming out affecting the Town. Since we are designated as an MS-4 area, he believes that our Town Engineer John Dunkle should come to speak to the Board.

Mr. Dunkle has penciled in March 28, 2011. He would like to meet at 6:00 p.m., so we will need to post a change in the time of our meeting for that evening. Discussion would include the new regulations and what they mean to the Town, i.e., highway, zoning, etc. Councilmen agreed to the 6:00 p.m. starting time for the March 28, 2011 Board Meeting. Councilman McConnell thanked Councilman Doolittle for his great notes and verbal report.

Councilman Knapp spoke regarding Don Miller and the meeting held on 2/24/11 on the 5-Year Plan for Community Development. Supervisor Shute and John Greeley attended. Flyers were distributed.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

14. MOTION TO AUDIT AND PAY BILLS

Councilman McConnell moved and Ohstrom seconded to audit and pay bills. Motion carried 5-0

General Fund	7376 - 7397
Highway Fund	7367 - 7375
Special District	7398 - 7399
Trust & Agency	7400 – 7401
Community Development & Capital Fund	

Councilmen McConnell moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

The Regular Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carleen LaRonde
Deputy Town Clerk