

B. Accounting Services Agreement

Councilman McConnell moved and Doolittle seconded motion authorizing Supervisor Shute to sign Agreement between the Town of LaFayette and Thomas Chartrand Accounting for Contractual accounting services as set forth in Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Ohstrom moved and Doolittle seconded motion authorizing Supervisor Shute to sign January 9th, 2012 letter to Alliance Bank authorizing Accountant Chartrand to transfer funds between high interest savings accounts to checking accounts as authorized by Town Supervisor Shute. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Fire District Contracts

Councilman Ohstrom moved and Doolittle seconded motion for the Town of LaFayette to enter into the Agreement with the LaFayette Fire Department. Motion carried 5 -0. Contract signed by Town Board and Notarized by Town Clerk Jackie Roorda.

Councilman McConnell moved and Zajac seconded motion for the Town of LaFayette to enter into the Agreement with the Jamesville Fire Department. Motion carried 5 -0. Contract signed by Town Board and Notarized by Town Clerk Jackie Roorda.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS

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1. Assessors - Supervisor Shute advised that Assessor Shawn Adam advised that National Grid has agreed that the assessment will remain as it is for this year and will go down next year and that Attorney John Langey is checking on a written contract with regard to this.

2. Building and Zoning

3. Dog Control - Dog Control Officer, Ken Johnson addressed the Town Board that there were 4 dog bites in the previous two weeks, one dog was not licensed and did not have its rabies vaccine either. His concern is the legal responsibilities the town has. He also advised that the Town controls the fees for licensing and that to his knowledge LaFayette's licensing fees are lower than other towns. Johnson also stated that there really is no good system in place regarding licensing and rabies documentation and questioned possibility of going door to door. He is also investigating the possibility of holding a rabies/licensing clinic in LaFayette and include some neighboring towns, such as Tully, Pompey, Marcellus, etc. Discussion followed and Councilman McConnell suggested Johnson discuss this with other Dog Control Officers, put together a proposal for the Rabies Clinic and bring it to a Town Board Meeting for their approval. The Board thanked Johnson for his input and for the good job he is doing as Dog Control Officer.

4. Highway Superintendent - written report of Highway Superintendent Greeley wherein he advised that due to the unusual small amount of snow so far this winter we have only used 80 tons of salt in December compared to 547.4 tons used in December of 2010. This will help with the Town Budget. Also, since not having to plow the time is being used to work on equipment and other maintenance needed at the Highway Department. Greeley requested scheduling a meeting for the Highway Committee. Supervisor Shute advised that he will do so in the near future.

5. Justice Court
6. Library Director

Written Report and Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes were reviewed.

7. Recreation Director
8. Tax Collector
9. Town Clerk
10. Town Supervisor - Supervisor Shute advised that the budget estimate reviews look good and will carry over into next year, which makes 2013 look good as well.

B. Committee

1. Community Development - Councilman McConnell advised that the last Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 24th and he will advise the Board after the meeting.

2. Emergency Response

3. Employee Policies & Benefits

Insurance Meetings - Councilman Ohstrom advised that he met with the Highway Department with regard to the changes in insurance plan and is happy to report there are no issues of concern.

4. Environmental & Conservation Advisory Board - Councilman Doolittle advised that response to requests for businesses to sponsor the Flower Boxes in Town has been extremely positive with 20 businesses committing to maintaining the boxes. Kennedy Lumber is donating lumber, Purcell Paints is donating preservation oil and WCIB in the school is building the boxes. They are considering having a contest on which flower boxes are prettiest and maintained the best. The Board complimented Councilman Doolittle and Paul Ellis on the work and effort put into this project. They also commented that this not only will beautify the Town but will also save the Town money.

5. Highway Committee -As previously discussed, Councilman Doolittle will be scheduling a meeting for the Highway Committee.

6. Physical Plant -Councilman Doolittle advised that Dan Bush Heating installed a motion detecting thermostat set at a minimum of 60 degrees. When someone enters the building the motion detects and raises the temperature to 70 degrees. The thermostat is locked and decreases temperature after 3 hours. This should help with fuel oil costs and eliminate the furnace running at long intervals when left on in the empty building.

Councilman Doolittle moved and Ohstrom seconded motion to charge \$50.00 deposit along with a \$50.00 rental fee for use of the Community Center, both Pavilions at Stafford Park and Jack's Shack, the rental fee will exclude any tax exempt 501c3 groups, non-residents and businesses to pay a rental fee of \$250.00, to offset the increased costs of fuel oil heating and lighting and wear and tear.

Councilman Zajac said that he agreed with the rental fee for the Community Center, however would like to get the opinion of some of the Optimist members with regard to Stafford Park, since they have been the most involved with the entire Stafford Park development, wherein.....

Councilman Doolittle amended the above motion to charge a \$50.00 deposit and a \$50.00 rental fee for the use of the Community Center to start immediately for town residents. The rental fee will exclude any tax exempt 501c3 groups; non-residents and businesses to pay a rental fee of \$250.00, and to hold off with the rental fee changes for the two Stafford Park Pavilions and Jack's Shack until next month's Town Board Meeting in order to get opinions of Optimist Club Members. Councilman Zajac seconded the amended motion. Motion carried 3-2. Doolittle, Ohstrom and Zajac voting Yes; Shute and McConnell voting No.

7. Recreation and Youth

8. Safety

9. School Liaisons

10. Service Awards

Councilman McConnell moved and Doolittle seconded the motion authorizing Supervisor Shute to sign the letter/agreement received from Hilton & Powers, CPA's PC regarding the Length of Service Award Program Audit for May 2012. Motion passed 5-0.

Town Clerk Roorda will mail two copies via certified mail return receipt and maintain a copy for our files.

11. SOTS & OCRRA Liaison

12. SPDES Councilman McConnell advised that at the November 2011 meeting SPDES updated laws for the Board to review in order to move forward. Attorney Wendy Reese will circulate by email for next meeting.

9. LITIGATION & OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

Councilman Ohstrom advised that Clerk Jackie Roorda received a call from a group interested in purchasing land in LaFayette for a Mud Run, which is similar to a Ropes Course. She then contacted Ohstrom who contacted this group and has exchanged phone calls/conversations regarding the possibility of this group leasing the Ropes Course from the Town instead of purchasing land and building a new course. Ohstrom requested the Town lawyers check into the legality and liability issues involved with the Town leasing the Ropes Course to this group. Attorney Wendy Reese commented that generally you can lease property and will look into "permissive referendum leases" and will advise the Board of her findings.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman McConnell moved and Zajac seconded motion giving Ohstrom authorization to move forward in proceeding with a possible lease of the Ropes Course to this group interested in the Course.. Motion passed 5-0.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Doolittle asked the Town Board if they got a chance to look over the information he provided with regard to hydrofracking. Supervisor Shute advised that there is a month extension with regard to this which provides time to investigate further before voting on a moratorium on hydrofracking. Councilman Doolittle advised he will check on this.

12. Suggestions for improvement and positive contributions

Supervisor Shute reminded everyone that the Winter Festival is scheduled for February 4th, 2012.

13. Executive Session

14. Motion to audit and pay bills

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

**General Fund
Highway Fund
Special District
Trust & Agency
Community Dev. & Capital Fund**

15. Motion to adjourn.

Councilman Zajac moved and McConnell seconded motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

The Regular Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline G. Roorda
LaFayette Town Clerk