

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on November 6, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the LaFayette Commons Office Building at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette

Present: William McConnell, Supervisor
Andrew Ohstrom, Councilor
Steve Zajac, Councilor
Doug Daniel, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Jacqueline Roorda, Town Clerk

Others Present: John Greeley, Highway Superintendent
Tom Chartrand, Bookkeeper
Steve Robson, Deputy Highway Superintendent
Kevin Gilligan, Attorney
Jeff Palin, C&S Engineers
Mark Chambers, C&S Engineers

1. Supervisor Shute called the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll call taken. All present.
3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

TOWN 2014 BUDGET

Supervisor McConnell opened the Public Hearing. He asked for questions or comments.

Discussion regarding amended budget for salary of Carleen LaRonde \$18,200 to \$20,000, by reducing the 3rd part-time clerk's hours to 11 per week; roll back \$5,000 of LaFayette Fire Department budget; increase of petty cash fund to \$75.00 for Justice Court; postponement of property sale of Sugar Bush Drive parcel; increasing the Town newsletter two more editions for a total of 6 editions per year; reduction of \$2,000 for website cost which will go toward the walking trail; final rates for OCEBA which reduced the General Fund Health by \$8,000 (\$91,000 to \$83,000); Highway General decreased \$8,000 (\$110,000 to \$102,000).

Budget Officer Tom Chartrand advised that he made all the changes the Board requested. After all those changes, there will be a \$0.10 per \$1,000. The Contractual Budget will be from \$14,500 to \$16,000 and the Contingent Budget from \$30,000 to \$46,000.

Supervisor McConnell asked if there were any further questions or comments. There were none.

Councilor Daniel moved and Ohstrom seconded the notion to close the public hearing. Motion passed.

- **2014 COYE ROAD WATER DISTRICT BUDGET.**

Supervisor McConnell opened the Public Hearing. He asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

Councilor Ohstrom moved and Daniel seconded the notion to close the public hearing. Motion passed.

- **2014 NORTHEAST LAFAYETTE/SMOKEY HOLLOW WATER DISTRICT BUDGET.**

Supervisor McConnell opened the Public Hearing. He asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

Councilor Ohstrom moved and Zajac seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed.

- **2014 LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET with changes to Contract.**

Supervisor McConnell opened the Public Hearing. He asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

Councilor Daniel moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed.

- **2014 JAMESVILLE FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET.**

Supervisor McConnell opened the Public Hearing. He asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

Councilor Daniel moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed.

- **2014 SOTS - Southern Onondaga County Trash District.**

Supervisor McConnell opened the Public Hearing. He asked for any questions or comments.

Supervisor McConnell asked for any other questions or comments. There were none.

Councilor Ohstrom moved and Zajac seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed.

- **2014 WEST SHORE MANOR LIGHTING DISTRICT.**

Supervisor McConnell opened the Public Hearing. He asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

Councilor Ohstrom moved and Zajac seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Motion passed.

- **TOWN 2014 BUDGET.**

Councilor Daniel moved and Zajac seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed.

Supervisor McConnell opened the Special Town Board Meeting.

Councilor Ohstrom moved and Daniel seconded the motion to accept the following 2014 Budgets:

- Coye Road Water District**
- Northeast LaFayette/Smokey Hollow Water District**
- LaFayette Fire Department**
- Jamesville Fire District**
- SOTS – Southern Onondaga County Trash District**
- West Shore Manor Lighting District**
- Town 2014 Budget**
 - General Highway Budget**
 - Library Budget**

Motion carried.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted Yes
Andrew Ohstrom	Councilor	Voted Yes
Steven Zajac	Councilor	Voted Yes
Douglas Daniel	Councilor	Voted Yes

Special Meeting Minutes

1. LaFayette Community Council Discussion of Budget - To offset the \$28,000 overage for the LaFayette Beach Project \$5,000 from Youth Program Personal Services, \$7950 in original Equipment budget \$5,000 from Youth Program Equipment; \$16,400 added to budget from Contingency and Park. Supervisor McConnell asked Councilman Ohstrom to speak with Dan Meldrum regarding this matter.

2. Salary – Justice Court Clerk

Councilman Ohstrom moved and Daniel seconded motion to change Justice Court Clerk Carleen LaRonde’s salary to \$20,000, retroactive to October 1, 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted Yes
Andrew Ohstrom	Councilor	Voted Yes
Steven Zajac	Councilor	Voted Yes
Douglas Daniel	Councilor	Voted Yes

3. Motion to audit and pay bills.

Councilman Ohstrom moved and Zajac seconded the motion to audit and pay bills.

Motion carried 4-0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted Yes
Andrew Ohstrom	Councilman	Voted Yes
Steve Zajac	Councilman	Voted Yes
Doug Daniel	Councilman	Voted Yes

General Fund	4269-4287	\$ 15,156.30
Highway Fund	4265	\$ 9,081.60
Special District	4249-4230	\$ 870.89
Trust & Agency	4210	\$ 954.64

4. Highway Garage Discussion-

Supervisor McConnell asked if all Board Members are in agreement of the previous Booher Property for location of a new garage. All agreed that is the best location.

Discussion of Bond rates, applying money from sale of old garage property, tax stabilization moneys, options for heating the building, which of the three Building Options would be in the best interest of the town, concern of being over the tax cap for 20 years. Greeley Reported that everyone he has spoken with has opted for Option I when looking at the plans as they do not want to have to add on in the future. Concerns of going over budget as unsure of the soil quality were voiced.

Jeff Palin suggests doing soil sample checks. Although there are no guarantees it is a useful tool and further suggested doing five 50 foot tests and four 10 foot tests. He estimates that would cost approximately \$5,000. Jeff asked if anyone knows the depth of the well.

Ohstrom suggested that if a problem evolves, something be cut from the original plans as to not go over 3,100,000. Greeley questioned other property purchase and can it be included in the bond. Greeley advised that there are Shared Services for Fuel Stations grant moneys are available and maybe the Police, Fire Department or school would be interested.

Supervisor McConnell advised that to move forward a plan of attack needs to be in place .It was determined to set timeline goals and assignments to achieve this.

Councilman Ohstrom moved and Zajac seconded motion for C & S Engineers to propose for Phase II, a cost statement/scope of site work, including geotechnical study research of soil of five 50 foot holes for the building foundation and three 10 foot holes off the road. Motion carried 4-0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted Yes
Andrew Ohstrom	Councilor	Voted Yes
Steven Zajac	Councilor	Voted Yes
Douglas Daniel	Councilor	Voted Yes

Attorney Gilligan will check the bonding procedure, and advised that the Town Board will need a Bond Resolution, subject to Permissive Resolution, an action of the Board set up referendum – 20 day before it goes to Public Sale. He will check into cost of a Bond Consult and see if possible to go longer than 20 years. He will investigate Short-term and Long-term financing and report back for the November 25th, 2013 meeting and a Bond Resolution can be prepared for the December 9th, 2013 Meeting.

Supervisor McConnell will check with the School and Fire Department regarding a Shared Fueling Station Grant.

Jeff Palin will be looking for PESH money.

Councilman Ohstrom will be looking at cost cutting options. He will look into improving parking at Stafford Park Ball Fields and check into a berm and trees for borders of neighboring property.

Gilligan warned to be very careful with the SEQR review. Phase I and Phase II need to cover engineering.

Supervisor McConnell advised there is potential for a mailing to advise residents on December 10th, 2013.

5. Website Change

Councilman Daniel moved and Zajac seconded motion to approve North Shore for the Town Website. Motion carried 4-0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted Yes
Andrew Ohstrom	Councilor	Voted Yes
Steven Zajac	Councilor	Voted Yes
Douglas Daniel	Councilor	Voted Yes

6. SHPC Home Improvement proposal – Supervisor McConnell will write a letter in support.

7. Niagara Mohawk letter. Councilman Zajac will get the details of when Optimist decorations will be hung on poles and check on insurance letter to send to Niagara Mohawk.

8. Fire District Contracts

Councilman Zajac moved and Daniels seconded motion authorizing the Supervisor and Board Members to sign the Contract between LaFayette Fire Department and the Town of LaFayette for the Year 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted Yes
Andrew Ohstrom	Councilor	Voted Yes
Steven Zajac	Councilor	Voted Yes
Douglas Daniel	Councilor	Voted Yes

Councilman Daniel moved and Zajac seconded motion authorizing the Supervisor and Board Members to sign the Contract between Jamesville Fire Department and the Town of LaFayette for the Year 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted Yes
Andrew Ohstrom	Councilor	Voted Yes
Steven Zajac	Councilor	Voted Yes
Douglas Daniel	Councilor	Voted Yes

9. C & S, Nadine Bell- Prospective property purchase

Councilman Ohstrom moved and Daniel seconded motion for the Town Board to authorize Nadine Bell of C & S to proceed with Acquisitions and title review of Prospective Property purchase by the Town. Motion carried 4-0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted Yes
Andrew Ohstrom	Councilor	Voted Yes
Steven Zajac	Councilor	Voted Yes
Douglas Daniel	Councilor	Voted Yes

Councilman Daniel moved and Ohstrom seconded motion to allow the transfer of appropriations of \$5,000 from the Youth Program Personal Services to Equipment budget for the purchase of bleachers. Motion carried 4-0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted Yes
Andrew Ohstrom	Councilor	Voted Yes
Steven Zajac	Councilor	Voted Yes
Douglas Daniel	Councilor	Voted Yes

Councilor Daniel moved and Ohstrom seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

The Special Town Board Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline G. Roorda
Town Clerk

Adopted 11/6/2013