

Town Board SPECIAL Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 5:00 PM via Zoom link

Present: Steve Zajac, Deputy Supervisor
Melanie Palmer, Councilor
William McConnell, Councilor
Carole Dwyer, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Jackie Bush Roorda, Town Clerk

Attorney: Jeff Brown
Budget Officer: Tom Chartrand

Others Present: Sue Marzo, Jerry Marzo, Dave Knapp

1. Deputy Supervisor Zajac called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM
2. Town Clerk Jackie Roorda took the Roll. All Present
3. Pledge to our U. S. Flag led by Councilor Dwyer
4. COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Supervisor Zajac advised that at this time he was going to turn the meeting over to Councilor McConnell.

McConnell reported that upon Supervisor Fitzpatrick's resignation effective February 28th, 2021, Dan Fitzpatrick asked McConnell if he would be interested in stepping into the Supervisor position to fill this vacancy and finish out his term. McConnell advised that he will gladly step into the position if he had the support of the Town Board members. All members responded that they support him fully. Councilor McConnell submitted his written resignation from the Town Board to the Town Clerk effective immediately.

R-45-2021 Councilor Palmer moved and Zajac seconded the motion accepting the resignation of Town Board Councilor, William McConnell, effective March 1st, 2021. Motion carried 3 – 0.

Steve Zajac	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes

R-46-2021 Councilor Zajac moved and Dwyer seconded the motion to appoint William McConnell as Supervisor for the Town of LaFayette, effective March 1st, 2021 through the remainder of the term, December 31, 2021. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Steve Zajac	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes

R-47-2021 Councilor Palmer moved and Zajac seconded the motion to appoint Jerry Marzo, Councilor for the Town of LaFayette, to fill the Town Board vacancy, effective March 1st, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Motion carried 4 - 0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Steve Zajac	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes

McConnell commented that Jerry Marzo is currently on the Planning Board and prior was active on Zoning Board. He will be an asset to the Town Board. Now that both vacancies have been filled there are a list of things that Danny Fitzpatrick had been working on and the Board will need to continue with his progress.

Cardiff Water District - County Legislative Chair, Dave Knapp advised that we will need to keep that momentum going with the Cardiff Water District, including the contract with the Town and OCWA. Attorney Jeff Brown advised that he will be working on an Intermunicipal Agreement with Tully regarding disbursing the joint funds from Honeywell. He also advised that the Engineers, Barton and Loguidice will need to look at the system and incorporate into a tight agreement that will work for the Town.

GoPetie – McConnell discussed that last May, the Town Board agreed \$800.00 for the Go-Petie App, contingent upon receiving a grant for the dog park next to Stafford Park. The Town received two bills, one for \$1,100 and the other for \$900.00, from GoPetie prior to any services. He asked Town Clerk Jackie Roorda for her comments.

Town Clerk Jackie Roorda advised no other Town's in Onondaga County are using this app nor have any intentions of signing up. The one Town that used it in 2020 opted out after 7 months as there were too many glitches in the system. Fiscally it just does not make sense, as the cost is almost twice the cost of our BAS program that handles every dollar that comes through the clerk's office. All Board members were in support of not participating in this program at this time.

McConnell asked the Board if they are in agreement that Attorney Jeff Brown and himself investigate the procedure for rescinding any commitment with GoPetie. All Board members were in favor.

Highway Department – Supervisor McConnell stated that there are some budgetary things that need to be discussed and he has emailed information out to the Board and asked Budget Office Tom Chartrand his thoughts. Tom said that this will need to be discussed at the March 9th Town Board Meeting but agreed that we should not get more debt when we have a surplus.

McConnell reported that he has spoken with the Clerks, etc. and checked on the protocol for having "in-person" meetings since the Covid restrictions have let up. The meeting room can hold a maximum of 50 people. He will have an outline of procedures that need to be met prior to the meeting to ensure everyone is compliant with Covid restrictions.

Supervisor McConnell thanked everyone for their support and thanked Jerry Marzo for his position as Town Councilor. He is looking forward to continuing with the projects previous Supervisor Fitzpatrick was working on and as Covid restrictions have lightened the

committee for the Community Day and VFW committee for the parade will be working with the Town Board for those successful events.

Tom Chartrand reported that there are a couple items that need to be addressed and motions are necessary for the NYCLASS account.

R-48-2021 Councilor Zajac moved and Palmer seconded the motion authorizing Supervisor McConnell to sign the necessary paperwork with regard to the NYCLASS account for the Town of LaFayette. Motion carried 5 - 0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Steve Zajac	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jerry Marzo	Councilor	Voted	Yes

R-49-2021 Councilor Palmer moved and Dwyer seconded the motion authorizing Supervisor McConnell, Deputy Supervisor Zajac, Town Clerk Jackie Roorda and Tax Collector, Katherine Rienhardt to sign the updated paperwork with regard to the NBT bank resolution for the Town of LaFayette. Motion carried 5 - 0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Steve Zajac	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jerry Marzo	Councilor	Voted	Yes

Town Clerk Roorda wanted to know if there were going to address the open position of Planning Board member now that Jerry Marzo is on the Town Board and will they move the alternate member to a regular member. Supervisor McConnell advised that this conversation will be put on the March 9th, 2021 Agenda.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN

R-50-2021 Councilor Dwyer moved and Palmer seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Steve Zajac	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jerry Marzo	Councilor	Voted	Yes

The Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline G. Roorda
Town Clerk