**February 13th, 2018 LaFayette Town Board Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on February 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the LaFayette Commons Office Building at 2577 Route 11 in the Town of LaFayette.

Present: Daniel Fitzpatrick, Supervisor

Steve Zajac, Councilor

Carole Dwyer, Councilor

Michael Johnson, Councilor

Absent: Melanie Palmer, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Jackie Bush Roorda, Town Clerk

Attorney: Kevin Gilligan

Budget Officer: Tom Chartrand

Others Present: John Greeley, Highway Superintendent

Ralph Lamson, Building & Codes

Dave Prince, Library, LCC, Parks & Rec

Dave Knapp, County Legislator

Steve & Kathleen Pitoniak

Joe Fox, Laura Holt, Zac Newton

Herb Brodt, Martin Ossenburg

Dave Griswald, Mike Breed

Mackenzie & Beauden McElhannon

1. Supervisor Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed all in attendance.

2. Pledge to our U.S. Flag was led by Councilor Johnson.

3. The Town Clerk, Jackie Roorda took the Roll. Councilor Palmer absent, all other Town Board members were present.

4. The Town Board Minutes of January 9th, 2018 Organizational Meeting & Regular Meeting Minutes were accepted as submitted by Town Clerk, Jackie Bush Roorda.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. County-wide Shared Service Initiative proposal for real property tax services. Supervisor Fitzpatrick explained that this program will save the Town potentially $2,500 by using the County’s e-Tax software program (at no charge).

**Councilor Dwyer moved and Johnson seconded the motion authorizing Supervisor Fitzpatrick to sign the letter from Onondaga County Real Property Tax Director indicating the Town of LaFayette’s intention to use the County’s eTax software when it becomes available. Motion carried 4 - 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

B. Signage Posting – Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that there have been several complaints of hunters on the property where the ropes course used to be. This is dangerous as many people walk the trails, etc. Also, complaints have been voiced concerning snowmobiles, ATV’s traveling on the sidewalks in Town where many pedestrians walk daily. He proposes posting signs in both locations.

**Supervisor Fitzpatrick moved and Dwyer seconded the motion to for Highway Dept. to post “No Hunting” signs on the location off Apulia Road and “No ATV’s” on the sidewalks in Town in hope to alleviate these problems.**

**Motion carried 4 - 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

C. 2018 Ironman 70.3 Syracuse event to be held on Sunday, June 17th, 2018. This will be the ninth year for this event and they are requesting the Town of LaFayette approve and support hosting it again. They predict approximately 1500 athletes competing this year. The course goes throughout the Town of LaFayette and includes biking and running on our roads and swimming at Jamesville Reservoir. As in past years, they will provide the necessary insurance certificates and work with Onondaga County Sheriff’s Department for traffic control along the course.

**Councilor Dwyer moved and Zajac seconded the motion approving the 2018 Ironman 70.3 event taking place in LaFayette on June 17th, 2018 and authorizing Supervisor Fitzpatrick to sign the letter reflecting the LaFayette Town Board’s approval. Motion carried 4 - 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

D. Appointment of new Grievance Board Member - Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that there in a vacancy on this Board due to Bettye Knapp’s retirement after numerous years of service.

**Supervisor Fitzpatrick moved and Zajac seconded the motion appointing Mackenzie McElhannon as a Member of the Town of LaFayette Assessment Grievance Board of Review and authorizing payment for the required training. Motion carried 4 - 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

E. Resolution in opposition of trash incinerator in the Town of Romulus.

A brief discussion about the impact this facility would have on the traffic in the surrounding towns took place, especially having a significant effect on Route 20. Legislator Knapp advised that Skaneateles first went to DOT and found out that DOT cannot restrict traffic on State roads. Attorney Gilligan advised that it is a difficult and expensive proposition to challenge the State.

**Town of LaFayette**

**Resolution of the Town Board**

**Opposition of a Trash Incinerator**

WHEREAS, a limited liability company called Circular EnerG LLG has proposed to build a trash incinerator in the Town of Romulus located in Seneca County and in the Seneca Lake Watershed; and

WHEREAS, this trash incinerator facility will import waste and trash from outside of the Town of Romulus area, including the likelihood from hundreds of miles away, to the extent of 3,302 tons per day, delivered initially by about 240 trucks per day traveling along Routes 96, 414 and 5 & 20, 286 days per year; and will likely exacerbate travel along Finger Lakes Routes such as 41 and 41A; and that will later be supplanted in part by rail cards traveling local rails Monday through Saturday throughout the year, but trucks will still deliver trash and refuse to the rail cars and will likely continue to deliver regional trash to the incinerator; and

WHEREAS, the incinerator proposes to draw 445,000 gallons of water per day from Seneca Lake, and will also discharge many thousands of gallons per day into Reeder Creek, which empties into Seneca Lake; and the incinerator will also generate 126,000 gallons of leachate daily, which is water contaminated by the process that has been treated and likely will eventually be returned in some form to Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Town of LaFayette already witnesses hundreds of trucks weekly traveling through our Town, from the south and southeast, to the current landfills, and the Town supports the regional interests or the Finger Lakes Towns, including the Town of Geneva, which is situated between the same landfills which are the largest and second largest landfills in New York State (Seneca Meadows and Ontario County) which together import almost 10,000 tons of trash each day and are responsible for hundreds of heavy trash trucks traveling on Town of LaFayette and surrounding roads, and account for offensive odors that often drive people indoors; and

WHEREAS, for decades the Town of LaFayette has argued against trash truck use of Town and County roads which are not designed to receive heavy truck traffic; and, due to the potential for spills that could destroy land quality that is essential to the regional economy and pollute the lake water that provides drinking water for hundreds of thousands of central new York and City of Syracuse residents; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes wine industry has expressed their concern that facility will not only hinder economic development, but would dangerously impact the air, land, and water quality that is essential to the health of their industry; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes area is recognized as a world-class destination for visitors as a home to the vibrant wine , tourism, food, and farm community, which has received millions of dollars in state and regional funding to provide such economic opportunities, such that a waste import destination of this magnitude would threaten this progress

WHEREAS, the Town Board understands the importance of protecting areas such as Seneca Lake and Skaneateles Lake, which not only provide clean drinking water, but are also attractions for tourists and residents alike for the recreational activities and natural beauty that they provide; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is deeply concerned with the potential for dramatic and catastrophic environmental impacts from this proposed project at Seneca Lake which could set a dangerous precedent for other companies to propose similar projects for the rest of the Finger Lakes area and throughout New York State; and must cease as soon as possible, and certainly not be increased; now there, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of LaFayette opposes the trash incinerator proposed by Circular EnerG LLC, and urges all of its neighbors in the Central New York Finger Lakes community to reject this proposal and work with us to foster sustainable practices and industry that will preserve the Finger Lakes as a wonderful place to live and work now and into the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of LaFayette opposes the trash incinerator proposed by Circular EnerG LLC, and urges all of its neighbors in the Central New York Finger Lakes community to reject this proposal and work with to foster sustainable practices and industry that will preserve the Finger Lakes as a wonderful place to live and work now and into the future.

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CERTIFICATION

The Town Clerk certifies that at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of LaFayette, LaFayette, New York on February 13, 2018, the foregoing Resolution was duly moved by Councilor Dwyer and seconded by Johnson , quorum of four members of the five-member Board being present, and each voted on the Resolution as follows:

Supervisor Daniel Fitzpatrick Yes

Councilor Steve Zajac Yes

Councilor Melanie Palmer Absent

Councilor Carole Dwyer Yes

Councilor Michael Johnson Yes

The Resolution was, therefore, duly adopted.

F. Amendment #12, Contract numbered 15205 Onondaga County & Town of LaFayette

**Councilor Dwyer moved and Johnson seconded the motion approving Amendment #12 of the 2018 Onondaga County Sheriff’s Contract number 15205 and the authorization for Supervisor Fitzpatrick to sign the letter pertaining to Amendment #12 of the 2018 Onondaga County Sheriff’s Contract #15205.**

**Motion carried 4 - 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

G. Letter in support of Southern Hills Preservation Corp-NYS AHC Application

**Councilor Dwyer moved and Fitzpatrick seconded the motion approving the Town of LaFayette’s continued support for the application Southern Hills is submitting in response to the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation’s (NYS AHC) Affordable Homeownership Development Program 2018 and authorizing Supervisor Fitzpatrick to sign the letter of the LaFayette Town Board’s support and approval. Motion carried 4 - 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

H. LOSAP Administrator Appointment

**Councilor Johnson moved and Dwyer seconded the motion appointing Supervisor Fitzpatrick as the new Plan Administrator for of the Town of LaFayette’s Length of Service Award Program known as LOSAP and requesting Town Clerk, Jackie Roorda to send a letter and advising of his appointment. Motion carried 4 - 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

I. Official Undertaking of Municipal Officials per Town Law Section 25

A brief discussion to include the Justices and increasing the amount of coverage for them from $50,000 to $250.000 took place, prior to the following.

**TOWN OF LAFAYETTE**

**OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING**

WHEREAS, Daniel Fitzpatrick of the Town of LaFayette, Onondaga County, New York, has been elected to the to the Office of Supervisor of the Town of LaFayette, and

WHEREAS, Steven Zajac of the Town of LaFayette, Onondaga County, New York, has been appointed to the to the Office of Deputy Supervisor of the Town of LaFayette, and

WHEREAS, Katherine Rienhardt, of the Town of LaFayette, County of Onondaga, New York, has been appointed to the Office of Tax Collector of the Town of LaFayette, and

WHEREAS, Jacqueline G. Roorda, of the Town of LaFayette, County of Onondaga, New York, has been elected to the Office of Town Clerk of the Town of LaFayette, and

WHEREAS, Kristin Colburn, of the Town of LaFayette, County of Onondaga, New York, has been appointed to the Office of First Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of LaFayette, and

WHEREAS, John Greeley, of the Town of LaFayette, County of Onondaga, New York, has been elected to the Office of Highway Superintendent of the Town of LaFayette, and

WHEREAS, Thomas Chartrand, of the Town of LaFayette, County of Onondaga, New York has been appointed to the Office of Budget Officer and Bookkeeper of the LaFayette, and

WHEREAS, Adrian Shute, of the Town of LaFayette, County of Onondaga, New York, has been elected as Town Justice of the Town of LaFayette, and

WHEREAS, Maureen A. Perrin, of the Town of LaFayette, County of Onondaga, New York, has been elected as Town Justice of the Town of LaFayette, and

NOW THEREFORE, we as respective elected and appointed officials do hereby undertake with the Town of LaFayette that we will faithfully perform and discharge the duties of our office, and will promptly account for and pay over all moneys or property received as a Town Officer, in accordance with the law; and

This undertaking of the Town Supervisor is further conditioned upon that he will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property, including any special district funds, belonging to the Town and coming into his hands as such Supervisor; and

This undertaking of the Deputy Town Supervisor is further conditioned upon that he will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property, including any special district funds, belonging to the Town and coming into his hands as such Deputy Town Supervisor; and

This undertaking of the Town Tax Collector is further conditioned that she will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property coming into her hands as such Town Tax Collector; and

This undertaking of the Town Clerk is further conditioned that she will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property coming into her hands as such Town Clerk; and

This undertaking of the Deputy Town Clerk is further conditioned that she will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property coming into her hands as such Deputy Town Clerk; and

This undertaking of the Highway Superintendent is further conditioned that he will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property coming into his hands as such Highway Superintendent; and

This undertaking of the Budget Officer and Bookkeeper is further conditioned that he will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property coming into his hands as such Budget Officer; and

This undertaking of the Town Justices is further conditioned that they will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property coming into their hands as such Town Justices; and

The Town does and shall maintain insurance coverage, presently with Travelers Insurance Company in the amount of $500,000.00 for the Town Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor and Tax Collector, $250,000.00 for the Justices and $50,000.00 for all others to indemnify against losses through the failure of the officers, clerks and employees covered thereunder to faithfully perform their duties or to account properly for all monies or property received by virtue of their positions or employment, and through fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by the officers, clerks and employees covered thereunder.

**Councilor Johnson moved and Zajac seconded the motion to approve the above Official Undertaking for Municipal Officials of the Town of LaFayette. Motion carried 4 - 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

6. OPEN COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Martin Ossenburg, resident, introduced himself and said he has expressed his questions and concerns to the Town Board over the past several months. He asked if there are any answers to the list of questions that he has presented to the Board repeatedly. Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that at this point that Steve Pitoniak has been working on this and conferring with the Board.

2. Steve Pitoniak spoke second, introduced himself and thanked the Town Board for the opportunity to speak, advising that he has been working on an outline for a proposed new law that might be used to replace our old law on Liquid Manure Storage Facilities. He then listed his credentials and background and advised that he has been working with town residents, the Onondaga Nation, The Town (amicus for the Earth Justice -River Keepers law suit against NYS), and with outside legal counsel on the LaFayette CAFO issue since March of 2017. He has been very much involved in discussing this issue with DEC, the Town attorneys, Code Enforcement officer, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and at Town Board Meetings. He thenpresented a brief explanation of a proposal to replace Local Law 2-2017 (a site plan review for liquid manure waste storage facilities with a new similar law based on a recently AGM approved law adopted by the Town of Sandy Creek in October of this year. He pointed out that he has been working directly with AGM over the last three months on acceptable wording and legalities relating to the Site Plan Reviews.

Steve stated, “When the Town passed the original law, Mr. Gilligan voiced some concern that it would not pass AG & Markets muster. However, the Sandy Creek law has already been approved by AGM and was passed by the Town of Sandy Creek into law. We may want to add requests for some other information, but that will be up to the Town and AGM when they meet for final review prior to submitting the law to the Town Board for a vote. Furthermore, there is a 305-1 review procedure that farmers can file with AGM if they object to anything in the law. I will pass out a copy of the recommended AGM law-making procedure, the 305-a Review procedure, and a copy of the Sandy Creek law at the end of my presentation.”

He reminded everyone that this new law is a Site Plan *Review* and not a building permit. The law cannot prevent, dictate, or interfere with the construction or the operation of the facility,

He further stated, “This law can require certain information from an applicant proposing to construct a manure waste storage impoundment or WSI (from NRCS 313) (i.e. liquid manure waste storage facility). This information will include such things as:”

* 1. Description of waste storage structure and dimensions including blue prints
  2. Health and Safety Procedures
  3. Environmental protection procedures
  4. Manure waste transfer procedures and time schedules
  5. Schedule of construction
  6. Setback distances from wells
  7. Drainage from site
  8. Numbers, kinds and weights of animals (projected manure amount)
  9. High ground water levels
  10. Location of test pits for soil and lab reports
  11. Fencing and signs
  12. Changes made in natural environment and land use
  13. Location relative to wetlands and streams
  14. Copies of permits and reports relating to construction and operation “Although the law cannot stop or interfere with construction, it can require that the information that I described be provided to the Town prior to construction or face fines of $500 per day (and/or jail time) for every day the applicant continues construction without submitting this information. This penalty is in the AGM approved Sandy Creek law and in the New York Consolidated Laws, Agriculture and Markets Law – AGM §39, “*Penalties for violation of chapter or other laws,”* and was confirmed by AGM in an E-Mail sent to me.

He feels that this law is important and, as former Town Supervisor Ohstrom stated in the Town’s July 17th newsletter, “The Town Board recently proposed and passed a local law that requires formal notification of any liquid manure storage construction within the town. This is one of the only options available to us under current state law. The Local Law will require communication and will provide critically important details about the project. However, it does not and cannot serve as an approval or denial mechanism. That will reside within the parameters of State authority.

The fact that the Town Board tried to institute this law last July is further evidence of its recognized importance to the health, safety and welfare of our town.”

Supervisor Fitzpatrick advised that he is going to speak to Sandy Creek, send a copy of the information to Ag & Markets, get confirmation from them, and wants to make sure that everyone is on the same page. He thanked Steve for all his efforts and hard work. Code Enforcer Ralph Lamson asked if Ag and Markets looks at things different in an Ag District compared to not in an Ag District. Fitzpatrick commented that may be something to ask Ag and Markets, that’s a good question. Attorney Gilligan commented that there is more power inside Ag Districts than outside. Knapp advised that Onondaga County Soil & Water is changing some of their rules requiring farms to approach Town Boards with information if planning to construct a manure pit to let them know the plan and basic information so that towns know what’s going on. They are putting together language giving them a little ability to work with farms on sites that may be in a more suitable location. They are also meeting with Cooperative Extension who is working on classes regarding the transporting of manure and are working with a couple different hauling companies. This matter is getting a lot more visibility which will hopefully help with the manure spilling situation, as well.

C. Resident, Herb Brodt introduced himself and advised of another manure spill that occurred on January 11, 2018 on the same hill at Markland Road! He was following the truck and witnessed manure coming out of the filler port at the bottom of the hill. The driver acknowledged the manure spill, informed Herb that someone from Griswald Farm was coming to clean up the spill, told him he hoped manure didn’t get on Herb’s car and said this was the first time out of approximately 20 loads that anything went wrong. Herb called Highway Superintendent John Greeley and Supervisor Dan Fitzpatrick about the spill. Soon after the spill the driver and others were already putting down saw dust on the spill, cleaning up the mess with snow shovels, scraping manure into the center of the road to reduce the width of the spill. Mike Breed and Dave Griswald, owners of farm brought more sawdust to solidify the manure and shoveled it into their pick-up truck.

Herb was extremely impressed by the Griswald farm’s response to the spill, including the owners taking responsibility and did whatever they could to rectify the problem.

The owner of the trucking company, Zack Newton, called leaving a message that he was sorry the spill happened, offering car wash tickets to Herb and everyone on Markland Road. Herb contacted the residents, however no one wanted to take advantage of the offer.

Herb further advised that the Griswald Farm has been filling the manure pit on a regular basis since then, they are using smaller trucks (5000 gal) and there have been no more spills. He complimented Griswald Management for doing the right thing and rectifying the spill immediately.

Supervisor Fitzpatrick thanked Herb, Griswald Farm, Mike Breed and all those involved for being very attentive and handling the spill and taking precautions to avoid this happening again in the future. He advised that they paid the bills incurred by the Town of LaFayette, notified DEC & Soil & Water about the spill and since it wasn’t a heavy spill it was told it was non-reportable.

Carole Dwyer asked if the Town ever had a reserve fund for cleanup purposes. Attorney Gilligan advised that there may be something the Town can do however if there ever is another instance, however if they respond as quickly as they did this time, it won’t be an issue.

D. Legislator David Knapp advised that there was a very nice get together at the Town Hall, wherein Congressman John Katko came to read and present two LaFayette heroes, Town Clerk Jackie Roorda and resident Kelli Maher with a copy of the speech he wrote and will be entered permanently into the National Congressional Record. He further advised that the speeches were honoring them for their selfless donation of one of their kidneys to strangers in need. Knapp also commented that he wanted this to be in the official Town Board minutes.

Supervisor Fitzpatrick added that Congressmen Katko really gave a great presentation honoring both Jackie and Kelli and there was a nice group of residents present as well.

7. REPORTS

A. Departmental

1. Town Supervisor’s Monthly report was previously provided by Budget Officer Tom Chartrand. Tom went through the highlights of the December 2017 report.

General Fund Expenses are at 89%; revenue is in at 103%; which means the budget is a little under both revenue & expenditure so currently we will carry over $30,000 which will reduce taxes slightly next year. Highway is at 100% spending, 102% revenue; Library is $12,000 to the positive; Fire & Ambulance District $21,000 to positive because there are not as many members for LOSAP. We should be in the positive going into next year.

January 2018 report; $1,600 Groth Road Tower, Verizon first rent check; received the reimbursement grant money for the old highway garage demolition; property taxes have all been paid and Kitty now just has to pay the County. There is a transfer sheet adjustment in the Library fund as they were planning on hiring a new cleaning person however, now are not, therefore a transfer of $5,000 from personnel to go into contractual.

**Supervisor Fitzpatrick made a motion and Zajac seconded, approving the transfers of Appropriations as listed below. Motion passed 4 – 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

GENERAL FUND

To:

A1220.1 Supervisor Personal Services 5.00

A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual 310.00

A1420.4 Attorney Contractual 4,770.00

A1670.4 Central Printing Contractual 4,250.00

A1920.4 Municipal Dues Contractual 100.00

A5010.4 Supt. of Highways Contractual 145.00

A5132.4 Garage Contractual 8,980.00

A7110.4 Parks Contractual 2,100.00

A8090.4 Environmental Contractual 1,700.00

A9060.8 Employee Benefits Health Insurance 640.00

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TOTAL 23,000.00

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From:

A1990.4 Contingent Contractual 9,800.00

A8010.2 Zoning Equipment 13,200.00

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TOTAL 23,000.00

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HIGHWAY FUND

To:

DA8790.4 Emergency Disaster Work Contractual 33,000.00

DA5112.2 Improvements Capital Outlay 7,350.00

DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual 12,350.00

DA5142.1 Snow Removal Personal Services 7,300.00

DA9060.8 Employees Benefits Hospital & Medical Ins. 1,600.00

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TOTAL 61,600.00

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From:

DA599 Appropriated Fund Bal. Surplus (CHIPS Program)7,350.00

DA5110.1 Repairs Personal Services 1,400.00

DA5110.4 Repairs Contractual 52,400.00

DA9040.8 Employees Benefits Workmans Compensation450.00

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TOTAL 61,600.00

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LIBRARY FUND

To:

L7410.2 Library Operations Equipment 300.00

L7410.4 Library Materials (Books) Contractual 300.00

L7430.4 Library Operations (Supplies) Contractual 1.00

L9060.8 Health Insurance Employee Benefits 99.00

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TOTAL 700.00

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From:

L7411.1 Library Operations (Staff) Personal Services 700.00

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TOTAL 700.00

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SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT FUND

To:

SW8341.4 Transmission & Distribution Contractual N E & S H 3.00

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TOTAL 3.00

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From:

SW9730.7 Debt Service Interest Statutory Bonds 3.00

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TOTAL 3.00

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2. Highway Superintendent –

**Snow & Ice Operations**: Plowed and sanded Town roads 36 times since last meeting

Currently the Highway Dept. has used approx.: 100 ton more salt since January 2018

And 200 tons more sand compared to January of 2017.

**Roads**: Three RFP proposals have been reviewed by Tom Chartrand, Steve Robson and myself. After review, we recommend using C & S Engineering. Cost and Construction time-line were factors in our decision. He wanted to thank Jackie for all her hard work on this project.

**Equipment:** New plow truck equipment has been delivered to Henderson Equip. Deputy Robson and I will meet with them next week for a pre-build meeting.

**Update on July 4th Storm Damage**: We will not be getting money from FEMA but we may be able to get some grant money, and he will be applying for a grant. He would like to repair the culvert on McClary Road

Supervisor Fitzpatrick stated that FEMA denied NYS application on storm damage but we have had good communication with Congressman Katko and Senator Schumer. Dave Knapp said that other towns, Pompey, Spafford were worse off than us. It was a tough summer for NYS with the flooding on Lake Ontario.

Superintendent Greeley advised that we did meet FEMA requirements He also stated that as the Onondaga County Highway Assoc. president he is trying to meet with Assemblyman Al Stirpe and Senator Dave Valesky to “beg” for money. We haven’t been impacted yet as we haven’t spent money yet.

C & S Companies is willing to work with the town but we may have to scale back or if we have to “bond” for money.

**Supervisor Fitzpatrick made a motion and Councilor Zajac seconded, to adopt the C & S Companies contract for the engineering needs related to the July 2017 storm damage. Motion passed 4 – 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

The E- Waste grant application was submitted by Deputy Highway Superintendent Steve Robson and a thank you to Tom Chartrand for assisting with the grant process for the March 1st deadline.

3. Town Clerk

a. Monthly Report and payment to Supervisor’s Account were in packet for Town Board review.

b. The 2018 Annual report was also included in packet for the Boards’ review and audit, however the Town Board did not have time to do so prior to the meeting therefore will table it to next month.

c. Town Clerk, Jackie Roorda advised that the Passport Authority has notified passport acceptance agents that the execution fee is going to increase from $25.00 to $35.00, effective April 2, 2018 which will create more revenue, especially as she processes numerous passports.

4. Building and Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Lamson provided the January, 2018 report for building permits issued. He also advised that he has completed the annual State Report for 2017.

5. Dog Control – Supervisor Fitzpatrick reported that he received a letter from Dog Control Officer, Ken Johnson recommending Laura Holt as Deputy Dog Control Officer. Laura was present at the meeting, introduced herself and gave a brief background. She advised that she is presently serving the towns of Otisco and Fabius as their Dog Control Officer and is familiar with the record keeping as well as all the rules and regulations set forth by the Department of Agriculture and Markets.

**Councilor Dwyer moved and Fitzpatrick seconded the motion appointing Laura Holt as Deputy Dog Control Officer for the Town of LaFayette, effective immediately. Motion carried 4 - 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

6. Justice Court -

A. Justices Monthly report for December 2017

86 - total cases for Judge Perrin; $8,300.00.00 was taken in for the month of December, 2017.

67 - total cases for Judge Shute; $5,231.00 was taken in for the month of December, 2017.

B. Audits of Justice Perrin and Justice Shute for November & December of 2017, were reviewed and approved by the Town Board.

7. Library

a. Board of Trustee Minutes and Director’s Report for January 2018 were available in the Town Board’s packet for review.

8. LCC

a. Dave Prince advised that the Community Council and the Library have decided they will move forward and share the expenses equally on the Fall Prevention program for seniors. There are three parts; 1) Fall proof your house; 2) Medications & effects on your balance; 3) Exercises to strengthen and to help prevent falls. The classes will be held on Wednesday mornings starting March 7th, in the Library Community Room at the Town Hall. Kate Ferrar is a certified instructor. Since they have not heard back from the County, the LCC and Library Board’s will share the cost of $300.00 for the instructor for the 12 week course. The biggest concern is getting the word out about the new program. The plan is to talk with the Information Officer about publicizing on the Town website, Facebook, twitter, etc. There is not enough time to advertise in the Town or school newsletters.

8. Recreation & Youth

9. Parks and Recreation – Nothing new to report.

10. Tax Receiver – No report

B. Committees

1. New Committee on Fire Departments – Supervisor Fitzpatrick announced that the Town Board is starting a new committee regarding the Fire Department/Fire Districts, advising that Carole Dwyer will be Chair; Members will include Councilor Steve Zajac, and resident Ken Gardiner who is a Certified Public Accountant with many years of auditing and accounting expertise. Supervisor Fitzpatrick read the following purpose.

Purpose: The purpose of this committee will be to assist the Jamesville and LaFayette Fire Departments in finding inefficiencies, looking for potential staffing issues, ensuring the utmost quality services for our town residents, and addressing any potential needs the departments may have in regards to their budget. The committee should meet with the necessary stakeholders and review all pertinent paperwork with the intention of accomplishing these listed goals no later than the start of each year’s budget process. The committee should make recommendations to the board about potential changes to provide the best quality services the departments are able to dispense.

Supervisor Fitzpatrick asked if anyone had any questions or comments regarding this. None were voiced.

**Supervisor Fitzpatrick moved and Zajac seconded the motion to create a new Committee on the Fire Departments, whereon Councilor Dwyer will Chair, and Councilor Zajac and Ken Gardner will be members. Motion carried 4 - 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

8. NEW BUSINESS – No new business was discussed.

**9**. Motion to audit and pay bills.

**General Fund 12171-12210 $350,051.37**

**Highway Fund 12211-12230 $ 53,432.00**

**Special District 12155-12235 $384,121.40**

**Supervisor Fitzpatrick, moved and Zajac seconded the motion to audit and pay the above listed bills. Motion carried 4 - 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

10. Motion to adjourn.

**Councilor Dwyer moved Zajac and seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4 - 0.**

**Daniel Fitzpatrick Supervisor Voted Yes**

**Steve Zajac Councilor Voted Yes**

**Carole Dwyer Councilor Voted Yes**

**Michael Johnson Councilor Voted Yes**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline G. Roorda

Town Clerk