

TOWN OF FAYETTE
Town Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2016

Present: Supervisor Cindy Lorenzetti, Councilwoman Coreen Lowry, Councilmen William Goff, Jimmie Johnson, and Jeffrey Trout, and Joseph Midiri, Attorney for the Town. Excused: Town Clerk Cindy Brown.

Also present: Roger Barto, Judy Brignall, Jim Bromka, John Christensen, Jim Cleere, Sue Hensel, Dallyn Jenkins, Bob Steele, and Bill Trout.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Deputy Supervisor Trout, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. (Supervisor Lorenzetti arrived later in the meeting.)

Privilege of the Floor: Roger Barto wished to speak, but wanted to wait for Supervisor Lorenzetti's arrival. After her arrival, he addressed the Board about the United Church of Fayette (now 193 years old) and the cemetery behind it (both are located on Route 414 between Townline and Ridge Roads in the hamlet of Fayette). He advised that they are two separate properties even though it was always thought that they were one property. The front part (church) is considered Zone 1 and the back part (cemetery) Zone 2. They have had a gentleman mowing the properties at \$100 for Zone 1 and \$25 for Zone 2 each mow. Mr. Barto advised the Board that the cemetery is the Town's responsibility and that they have to take over the mowing. He further advised that all of the church records are in a filing cabinet and a glass case taken by (former Town Historian) Blaine Elkie. After discussion, it was determined that our Town Attorney Ricci will send a written request to Mr. Elkie asking him to turn over said records to the Town of Fayette. It was also decided that we will ask Paul Hlywa (who currently mows two town cemeteries and the town office lawn) for a bid to mow it.

Mr. Barto then brought up the Fayette Rural Cemetery (located on Route 414 north of the hamlet of Fayette). A water line was installed on Route 414 in 2011 which goes right by the cemetery. After the installation, discussion was held on a water spigot being placed at the cemetery. Roger asked what the status of that was. It was decided that we will look into providing water and what it would cost to install it.

The following reports were presented:

Dog Control Officer: Dallyn Jenkins reported she picked up one dog during May, for which the owner paid a \$25.00 fee to retrieve. In addition, she had four calls.

Code Enforcement: Bob Steele reported that he issued seven zoning permits last month. He also mentioned that he stopped by a bicycle accident on 6/4/16 on town property that he heard about on his police/fire scanner.

Assessor: Jim Cleere reported on Grievance Day which was held on 5/25/16. One person appeared, and two stipulations were given. He advised the final assessment roll will be filed with Seneca County on 6/22/16. He spoke about some changes in the STAR (School Tax Relief) Program, but those changes only affect new applicants after March 2, 2015.

Historian: Coreen reported that Historian Shanken has been doing GPS coordinates for all of the cemeteries in Seneca County.

Highway Superintendent: Bill Trout presented an estimate for the Leader Road/Sucker Brook drainage project (culvert replacement). He is still talking to Chemung Supply about this project. Erin from Seneca County Soil & Water advised they will pay up to \$16,000.00. There are two property owners involved; one will give permission and the other one won't. Bill will come to the next meeting with an estimate for one big pipe from Chemung Supply. He'd also like to talk to them some more before he makes a recommendation of one vs. two. This matter was tabled to a future Board meeting. In the meantime, Bill, Jeff Trout, and Cindy Lorenzetti will meet with Erin from Seneca County Soil & Water.

He brought up agricultural equipment, singling out manure tanks which he estimates to weigh 50 tons, traveling on town roads damaging and rutting them. If they damage the roads, Bill asked if the equipment owner would be responsible to pay for the repairs. Attorney Midiri will check to see if there is a weight limit (for the agricultural equipment).

Insurance/Assessment: Coreen reported that "all is good".

Water: Cindy Lorenzetti, Jeff Trout, and Jason McCormick met with Varick Town Board members Tom Fox and Todd Horton on May 24, 2016. It was a good, informative meeting re a number of water issues in general. Cindy advised that the Towns of Varick and Fayette working together puts us in a better place and heads us in a good direction.

Planning & Zoning: Bill Goff spoke with Planning Board Chair Keith Tidball regarding the revised version of Land Use Regulations. They are nearly completed with the revision. A Zoning Board meeting will be held on 6/13/16 for a property on North Parker Road. Jeff advised that he had talked to Keith, and Keith asked him about employee assessment/appraisal (evaluation of the Planning Board secretary).

Fire & Safety: Jimmie recently attended a meeting regarding the consolidation of the Canoga and Fayette Fire Departments. No one in Canoga is interested; they are not ready to merge. Jimmie and Supervisor Lorenzetti agree that consolidation needs to happen for many reasons. We need to obtain more information to educate them about a consolidation.

Town Clerk: In the absence of Cindy Brown, it was reported that total May receipts by the Clerk were \$960.00.

A motion by Coreen and second by Cindy approved the minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting as written. 5-0. Carried.

**A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Bill Goff to approve the Budget
Amendments as written: From A1990.4 Contingent
\$995.00**

	Abandonment	To	A5010.41 Road \$995.00
From			SW3-8310.4 Day to Day Expenses \$ 75.00
To			SW3-9030.8 Social Security
			\$ 75.00

5-0. Carried.

Approval of Warrants:

A motion was made by Cindy to approve the abstract as submitted, adding two bills from the Finger Lakes Times totaling \$708.80. Seconded by Bill. 5-0. Carried.

Abstract #06 - Vouchers 216 - 267

General Fund - Townwide	\$ 12,319.39	
General Fund - Outside Village	814.46	
Highway Fund - Townwide	3,676.77	
Highway Fund - Outside Village	31,519.53	
Fayette Light District		141.68
Canoga Light District		<u>164.55</u>
TOTAL	\$ 48,636.38	
Indian Acres Water #2	\$ 902.58	
Cayuga Lake Water #3	2,237.98	
Fayette Water	#5	<u>31.06</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,171.62	
TOTAL	51,808.00	\$

Supervisor: Cindy advised there are both Republican and Democratic candidates running for Senator Nozzolio's seat, so primaries will be held for both parties. She advised that the State Comptroller's Office is looking over the Seneca County water and sewer records. Also, Seneca County is close to announcing the bids for the purchase of the Seneca Army Depot property, and she believes that all bids should be made public. Applications for the new position of Seneca County Finance Director have been received.

Resolutions and Motions:

Amy Olney of NYALT asked for a letter of support from the Town of Fayette to Commissioner Richard Ball at NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for the proposed farmland protection project for the 490 acre Landis and Wesley Martin Farm (containing scenic views of Seneca Lake) located on State Route 96A, which would keep it forever agricultural. **A motion was made by Jeff for Supervisor Lorenzetti to sign this letter; seconded by Coreen.**

Discussion followed. **Carried by a vote of 4-1. Voting for the motion: Jeff, Cindy, Coreen, and Bill. Against: Jimmie.**

Coreen brought up an Employee Handbook that she and Cindy Brown have been trying to put together. They were able to review a handbook for another town, and find it to be too big of a project to attempt on their own (because of the vast amount of material that should be covered). Coreen contacted a human resource business, Public Sector HR Consultants LLC for a proposal to prepare an Employee Handbook for us. Their fees vary depending on the extent of services we want. It would probably cost \$3,500.00 but would cover us and protect us in every aspect. Jeff asked if they are aware that we have unionized employees, because the handbook will have to be coordinated with the Collective Bargaining Unit. (Therefore, it should cost less because of less work on their part.) After further discussion, Coreen will check further on the price; and then the cost will be considered when preparing the 2017 budget.

After discussion, **Motion made by Cindy to increase the cost of water to the customers in Water District #5 (which includes the hamlet of Fayette, State Route 336, and MacDougall Road) from \$4.50 to \$6.70 per thousand gallons.** This increase is a result of County water district financial problems and years of abuse. **Motion seconded by Bill. 5-0. Carried.**

Motion made by Coreen to set the fee to apply for water service in all water districts in the Town of Fayette at \$75.00. (Currently there are different fees in different districts.) **Seconded by Cindy. 5-0. Carried.**

Motion made by Jeff, seconded by Coreen to establish a Town of Fayette Water Advisory Board (in conjunction with the Town of Varick) with two persons to be appointed by Supervisor Lorenzetti. Carried. Cindy then appointed Jeff Trout and Jim Bromka to this Board.

We are in the process of working out a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Seneca Falls for Water District #7. This is being prepared by Town Attorney Ricci and should be completed shortly. This will enable residents of our town to hook up.

An executive session (for employee issues) was called at 9:00 P.M. on a motion by Jeff and a second by Coreen. Highway Supt. Bill Trout was invited into the session; the Town Attorney was advised he did not need to stay for this.

After session ended, **a motion was made by Jeff to appoint Don Maybury the Chair of the Ethics Committee. Seconded by Cindy. 5-0. Carried.**

Motion by Cindy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jimmie. Adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brignall
Deputy Town Clerk