

TOWN OF FAYETTE
Town Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2016

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lorenzetti at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Supervisor Cindy Lorenzetti, Councilwoman Coreen Lowry, Councilmen Jeff Trout, Jimmie Johnson, Bill Goff, Attorney Steve Ricci.

Absent: Town Clerk-vacant

Others Present: John Christensen, Perrin Knapp, Dick Giovannini, Jason McCormick, Jim Bromka, Nate Peckham, Ken Bohman, Jim Cleere, Bill Trout, Lisa Keshel, Gary Drake, Michael Karsten, Neil Teague, James Roloson, Sally Roloson, Mark Wichtman, Louise Polito, and Susan Hensel.

Privilege of the Floor: Assessor Jim Cleere, Lisa Keshel, the Director of County Real Property Tax Services, and Gary Drake from the State Real Property Tax office talked about the Seneca Falls school tax increase. They explained how the tax rate is reached and noted the last reval. was in 2007. It is recommended to do a reval every 3 to 4 years. The State determines the equalization rate, where the Towns are “at” compared to market value.

Next to speak was Ken Bohman from the Canoga Fire Department. He handed out a letter from Senator Nozzolio concerning the approval of the grant to build a new fire house. See attachment #1. Supervisor Lorenzetti added that she spoke with Senator Nozzolio’s office confirming the grant and also that it does have to go out to bid. Mr. Bohman also handed out petitions with 137 signatures approving the new fire house and noted there were only 4 refusals. Resident, Neal Teague disagreed with needing a new fire station, where Ken Bohman responded the need is due to the age, built in 1948, its closeness to the road, trucks are getting bigger, and that there is not enough room to check equipment.

Councilman Bill Goff motioned with a second from Councilman Jeff Trout to support the project outlined in Senator Nozzolio’s letter dated July 2016. Vote: 5/0 Motion carried.

Dog Control Report: There were 11 calls, 3 dogs were picked up. All were reclaimed. Took in \$75.00.

Code Enforcement Report: In his absence, Bob Steele left a report showing 5 permits issued. Concerning the dock issue on Canoga Shores, he is awaiting a call back. A ticket was issued for a property on Leader Road concerning too many unregistered vehicles on the property. There were no denied permits.

Town Assessor Report: Jim Cleere said Star Registrations and Exemptions are picking up. The phones have been busy with school tax.

Fayette Historian Report: None

Highway Superintendent Report: Superintendent Bill Trout reported that MRB lowered the As-Built price for Water District #3 to \$1500.00.

Councilman Jeff Trout motioned with a second by Councilwoman Coreen Lowry to do As-Built/GPS of Water District #3 for \$1500.00. Vote: 5/0 Motion carried.

Superintendent Bill Trout continued by saying Seneca County Soil and Water wants the Town to cut ditches through farmland. They would pay the Town. Bill said they would have to hire another man to help run the mower. The repair of the Marshall Road bridge was mentioned along with the headwall on Lerch Rd. They have been working on the

pipe going in on Leader Road. Also, Bill would like to trade in 2 trucks for one that is useable. He will come back to the Board with numbers.

Town Clerk Report: None

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2016 Councilwoman Coreen Lowry motioned with a second by Councilman Jeff Trout to approve the September 8, 2016 minutes. **Vote 5/0. Motion carried.**

Councilman Jeff Trout motioned with a second by Councilwoman Coreen Lowry to acknowledge that the audits took place and were reviewed with Raymond Wager CPA, PC. Vote: 5/0 Motion carried.

Councilman Jeff Trout motioned with a second by Councilwoman Coreen Lowry to hire Ray Wager, CPA to do periodic reviews of the Town Clerk and Court records at a cap of \$400 for the year. Vote: 5/0 Motion carried.

Budget Modifications and Amendments: Councilman Jimmie Johnson motioned with a second by Coreen Lowry to approve the budget adjustments as written plus adding \$86 for the additional Copy Shop invoice adjusting the B fund Contingent & Zoning Expenses. Vote 5/0 Motion carried.

From A1990.4 Contingent	\$456.00	
To A1220.4 Supervisor Expenses		\$343.00
To A1410.4 Town Clerk Expenses		\$113.00
From B1990.4 Contingent	\$305.00	
To B8010.4 Zoning Expenses		\$305.00
From SW1-599 Fund Balance	\$185.00	
To SW1-8310.4 Day to Day expenses		\$148.00
To SW1-8320.4 Purchase of water		\$ 37.00
From SW3-8310.4 Day to Day Expenses	\$480.00	
To SW3-8310.1 Water Payroll		\$446.00
To SW3-9030.8 Social Security		\$ 34.00
From SW5-1990.4 Contingent	\$6.00	
To SW5-8310.1 Water Payroll		\$6.00

Approval of Warrants: Councilman Jeff Trout motioned with a second by Councilwoman Coreen Lowry to approve the warrants #385-426 (as amended for the additional Copy Shop invoice) Vote: 5/0 Motion carried.

A General Fund-Townwide	\$23,400.62	
B General Fund-Outside Village	\$ 696.51	
DA Highway Fund-Townwide	\$ 1,839.47	
DB Highway Fund-Outside Village	\$57,816.78	
SL1- Fayette Light District	\$ 155.91	
SL2- Canoga Light District	\$ 181.05	
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SW1- Fayette Water District #1	\$ 940.16	
SW2- Indian Acres #2	\$ 1,699.58	
SW3- Cayuga Lake #3	\$ 7,001.66	
SW5- Fayette Water District #5	\$ 292.16	
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	\$94,023.90	Total

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Cindy Lorenzetti mentioned the County Board just met and they received the Tentative County budget with a workshop scheduled on October 22nd.

Committee Reports

Insurance, Assessment & Highway: Councilwoman Coreen Lowry reported that the insurance loss runs have been received and sent off to other agencies for them to come back with proposals. The employee handbook was also mentioned, which will need to go into the 2017 budget.

Water: Councilman Jeff Trout mentioned that there is a meeting with Seneca Falls on Monday.

Planning and Zoning: Councilman Bill Goff met with the Planning Board to go over the Land Use Regulations.

Fire and Safety: Councilman Jimmie Johnson had nothing further to add and thanked the Board for supporting the Canoga Fire Department.

Resolutions and Motions:

Councilwoman Coreen Lowry motioned with a second by Councilman Jeff Trout authorizing the Fayette Town Court to pursue a JCAP grant for funds to purchase office equipment. Vote: 5/0 Motion carried.

Councilman Jeff Trout motioned with a second by Councilman Bill Goff to appoint Judy Brignall as Deputy Town Clerk, noting that Lyn Perry resigned. Vote: 5/0 Motion carried.

Councilman Jeff Trout motioned with a second by Councilwoman Coreen Lowry to hold a public hearing on November 10, 2016 at 6:50 pm to enact the amendments of the Land Use Regulations. Vote 5/0 Motion carried.

Councilman Jeff Trout motioned with a second by Councilman Bill Goff to hold a public hearing on November 10, 2016 at 6:55 pm to override the Tax Cap. Vote: 5/0 Motion carried.

Councilman Jeff Trout motioned with a second by Councilwoman Coreen Lowry to hold a public hearing November 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm regarding the Fire Contracts. Vote: 5/0 Motion carried.

Councilman Jeff Trout motioned with a second by Councilwoman Coreen Lowry to hold a public hearing November 10, 2016 at 7:10 pm on the Preliminary Budget. Vote 5/0 Motion carried.

The Town Board set a general meeting and any other business that comes before the board to be held on October 27, 2016 at 6 pm.

Councilman Jeff Trout motioned with a second from Councilman Jimmie Johnson to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Vote: 5/0 Motion carried.

After returning from Executive Session, Councilman Jeff Trout motioned with a second by Councilwoman Coreen Lowry to adjourn at 9:36 pm. Vote 5/0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hensel, Account Clerk