

TOWN OF FAYETTE
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2017

Present: Supervisor Cindy Lorenzetti, Deputy Supervisor Jeff Trout, Councilmen Bill Goff and Jimmie Johnson, Town Attorney Steve Ricci and Town Clerk Marleen Hubbs.

Absent: Councilwoman Coreen Lowry.

Others Present: Highway Superintendent Bill Trout, Account Clerk Sue Hensel, Code Enforcement Officer Bob Steele, Dog Control Officer, Dallyn Jenkins, and County Manager, John Sheppard. Additional attendees on attached sign-in sheet.

Supervisor Lorenzetti called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Privilege of the Floor:

1. Bob Halladay – new hydrant markers in – need weeds trimmed on Varick side of 336 – not Town of Fayette’s responsibility
2. Connie & Harry Eno – Shady Beach - concerned about high water bills and why estimated bills. Feels they should have been told about bills being estimated. – Bill Trout explained that meters in that area are read by Waterloo and that some are out of order. New transponders are on order and should be in in about three weeks and will be replaced. It was agreed that Sue Hensel would make the necessary adjustments and credit their next bill in the approximate amount of \$70. Next bills to be sent in Sept.
3. Annemarie Heizman – Seneca County Farm Bureau and Steve Messmer, Lively Run Farm
Ann Marie – Was at last month’s meeting to talk about codes. Re-created the Public Health Committee at the Farm Bureau and met with Former Senator Michael Nozzolio to examine the issues. He wrote up a resolution to take to the County. Copies of that resolution are here.

Steve Messmer – Met with Former Senator Mike Nozzolio and a committee of volunteers to examine the issue of building codes. Many involved in small business and especially agricultural business have been subjected to very unreasonable code issues. Encourages Board to read the document he has provided regarding the major issues. They are going to talk to other Towns in the County as well. Problem Areas – IBC (International Building Codes) forced on rural communities, especially Agri-Business. May be problems down the road for future sales of businesses due to costs affiliated with code. May have to consider “Home Rule” in this county to modify the code on how it may impact us. Once agreed upon how will it be used on the town level. Should have licensed engineers or design professionals to do drawings and inspections. Licensed professionals carry malpractice and would offset liability to town. Code enforcement officials should be at town level. Seneca County one of three in New York State not at town level. More control to the towns. Feels this would be very detrimental to our economic development. Asking Boards in each town to support the modification and change of this IBC. Jimmie Johnson: Agrees. Many people in town telling him it needs change. Steve Ricci – Understands problem, but can’t county change process. Steve Messmer: Possible, but needs a political and legal balance. Jeff Trout: Concerned about expensive mandates. Would like actual evidence of why it should be back to towns. Jim Cleere: Concerned with cost to homeowners. Each town has their own resolution. Two or three towns could get one person. Cindy Lorenzetti: Understands the problem. Fayette Board and Planning Board need to look over. County looking at a few different options. Both groups need to get together. Figure out pros and cons. Steve Messmer: Feels cost to homeowners would outweigh any negative effects of project not being done correctly. Not recommending any code. Just modification.

Dog Control Officer Report

Received a \$20,000 grant from ASPCA for low cost spay and neutering. Have already done 100. Had two pickups for the month, 11 calls and only 20 late dogs for license renewal. Crematory up and running and licenses have been approved to operate crematory.

Code Enforcement Officer Report

Approved six permits for the month of June. Two Denied Permits which were referred to the ZBA. Four Complaints were filed which were for unregistered vehicles on property (more than 2). Letters were sent to those residents. Cindy questioned that no time frame designated in letters for length of time to rectify problem. Bob to rectify. Will give them 10 days to respond. Cindy would like time frame to be given. Parameters should be set up and be consistent. Cindy would like Bob to give them 30 days from his visit to have problem taken care of. If there are exceptions, the Boards needs to know why. Keith Tidball, Planning Board Chair – Letters were suppose to be reviewed by town counsel. Bob's understanding that only court cases had to be reviewed. Keith to take to Planning Board at July 17th meeting for recommendations on procedures. Also included in report was a memo regarding labor hours to calculate appropriate size of Codes Department.

Town Assessor Report

All good. Final roll filed with County and Town Clerk. Total value up \$1,040,700 (\$2,000,000 in improvements). Memorandum of Understanding received from NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance. Has to be signed by Assessor and Town. A resolution will be done at the August meeting to approve re-assessment for 2018. Applying for funding from state by January 1, 2018. Depending on budget could get up to \$5 per parcel.

Fayette Historian Report – None

Introduction to Board made by Supervisor Lorenzetti to John Sheppard, County Manager. Brings a proposal for a Shared Services Program mandated on counties for consolidation/efficiencies between municipalities and county. Seneca County has 14 towns and 4 villages. Panel to come up with ideas for shared services and participation to lower property tax of constituents. Panel met and had moderate participation. Brain stormed regarding dissolution of villages into towns, police departments, assessment consolidation and tax collection. These have all been brought up but takes time and effort. He has to present to legislative body by August 1. Suggests that county contract with the town for snow removal at \$3,000 per mile (20-24 miles, not lane miles – that Highway Supt. Trout recommends) from December – March for the 2017-18 season. Also to contract for mowing, 2 times per year, fee for service. If should have extraordinary weather could agree on additional fee for extra salt. Supervisor Lorenzetti questioned if there is overtime costs. Mr. Sheppard – Could open up or amend agreement with Board of Supervisors. Highway Supt. Trout reminded Supervisor Lorenzetti that we do get a Highway Recovery check which might pick up extra costs. Everyone felt that we should go along with this Pilot agreement in order to show that we are working toward Shared Services and to see how it works. Budget Committee meeting will be 7/22/17 and Town Attorney will contact the Board by then to let them know his thoughts on motions. Motions later in meeting.

Highway Superintendent Report

Planning Board signs have gone up. 8 roads chip-sealed. Town Parking Lot – Under \$5,000 to double chipped and sealed by Midland. Could be over \$60,000 to pave. Jeff: Could be a waste of money to pave due to type of equipment coming in and out. Could pave right outside this building, but nothing else.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report

The Town Clerk took in \$2,008 for the month of June. \$ 1,829 to the Town, \$134 to the state for dog license fees and \$45 to the NYS Health Dept. for marriage license fees. Williamson Law will be increasing our rates by 2% starting January 2018. Please look at while doing budget. Census update.

Moved by Councilman Trout and seconded by Councilman Goff to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2017. 4 voting yes, 0 voting no. Carried.

There were no Budget Modifications or Amendments for the month of June.

Moved by Supervisor Lorenzetti and seconded by Councilman Goff to approve the warrants adding \$700 to the Village of Waterloo for Water. 4 voting yes, 0 voting no. Carried.

Abstract #007 – Vouchers #230-271

General Fund – Townwide	\$ 25,411.50
General Fund – Outside Village	1,936.18
Highway Fund – Townwide	2,348.66
Highway Fund – Outside Village	135,774.65
Fayette Light Distr—LD006	151.60
Canoga Light Distr—LD001	<u>180.10</u>
Total	\$165,802.69

Indian Acres #2 – WD018	3,981.49
Cayuga Lake #3 – WD019	6,407.79
Fayette Water Distr. 5 – WD025	1,290.00
Fayette Water Distr. 1 -	<u>341.47</u>
Total	\$12,020.75

Grand Total \$177,823.44

Committee Reports:

Insurance & Assessment

Councilwoman Lowry absent. Assessor Cleere stated that informational meetings will be set up regarding the re-evaluation and a mass mailing will be done.

Water

Councilman Trout met with Jason McCormick on July 11 regarding Townwide water project. Compilation of all roads not serviced by water now. Jason estimates \$19.7 million to deliver water to every residence and businesses that do not have water now. Will prioritize and then meet with grant writers (Thoma). Self-help except for water tank. Supply water to Varick and Seneca Falls and then look to Waterloo for their interest in participation in project. District #5 extension along 414 – Jason to work with state DOT. Conley water – more space available on right of way. Burroughs Creek – on hold – no bids.

Planning & Zoning

Keith Tidball, Planning Board Chair – Revisions to Land Use Regulations given to Board to look over. Need to look at highlighted areas for revisions. There are new definitions and new clarity – Vacation Rentals and Recreational Vehicles. Supervisor Lorenzetti – thanks to Planning Board for hard work.

Fire & Safety Study

Councilman Johnson – Canoga Firehouse – Finding it hard to get funds. Gone to Planning Board and County Planning Board. Jeff: Spoke to Jim Roloson and he said they had to go back to County Planning Board. Now will come back to us. SEQR done and Town of Fayette lead agency.

Councilman Johnson questioned water rates for people in Seneca Falls (Water District #7).

Resolutions and Motions

Moved by Councilman Trout and seconded by Councilman Johnson to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Seneca County for snowplowing for the 2017-18 year after full review by the Town's attorney. 4 voting yes, 0 voting no. Carried.

Moved by Councilman Trout and seconded by Councilman Johnson to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Seneca County for mowing for 2018 after full review by the Town's attorney. 4 voting yes, 0 voting no. Carried.

Moved by Councilman Trout and seconded by Councilman Goff to approve and accept the Town Audit, Court Audit and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Audits for the Year ended December 31, 2016 as prepared by Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C. 4 voting yes, 0 voting no. Carried.

Moved by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Trout to approve splitting the determined water loss on the County water bill 50% Varick District #3 and 50% Fayette Water District #5. 4 voting yes, 0 voting no. Carried.

New Business

1. Unified Solar Permit MOU – Board has asked the Town Attorney to look over before acting on a resolution.
2. Cayuga Lake Watershed Plan – look at again in August after Board review.

Moved by Supervisor Lorenzetti and seconded by Councilman Johnson to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter at 9:15 p.m. inviting in the Town Attorney and Highway Superintendent. 4 voting yes, 0 voting no. Carried.

Out of Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. – No action taken.

Moved by Supervisor Lorenzetti and seconded by Councilman Goff to go into Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. for a personnel matter inviting in Steve Ricci, Town Attorney; Keith Tidball, and Joseph Midiri. 4 voting yes, 0 voting no. Carried.

Out of Executive Session at 10:08 p.m. – No action taken.

Moved by Councilman Trout and seconded by Supervisor Lorenzetti to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. 4 voting yes, 0 voting no. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

**Marleen Hubbs
Town Clerk**

