

July 8, 2025 LaFayette Town Board Meeting Minutes

LaFayette Town Board Meeting held on July 8th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the LaFayette Town Hall, 2577 US Route 11 N, LaFayette NY.

Present: William McConnell, Town Supervisor
Melanie Palmer, Town Councilor
Jerry Marzo, Town Councilor
Nate Loughlin, Town Councilor
Carole Dwyer, Town Councilor

Recording Secretary: Kristin Shute Colburn, Town Clerk

Town Attorney: Jeff Brown

Others Present: Sue Marzo, Information Officer
Mark Distler, Deputy Town Supervisor
Ralph Lamson, Bldg. & Code Enforcement
And other residents

1. Supervisor McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and took a brief moment to talk about the dedication of the Town Hall as The Charles Adsitt Town Hall. There were numerous family members of the Adsitt/Wood family in attendance and Supervisor McConnell and family spoke of his many contributions to his family and our community.
2. Town Clerk Kristin Shute Colburn took the roll, all present.
3. Pledge to our U. S. Flag was led by Councilor Loughlin
4. Motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of June 10, 2025

R-95-25 Councilor Marzo moved and Councilor Loughlin seconded the motion to accept the June 10, 2025 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as submitted by Town Clerk Kristin Shute Colburn. Motion carried 5- 0

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jerry Marzo	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Nate Loughlin	Councilor	Voted	Yes

5. BOARD ACTION

- A. LaFayette Fire Dept District Formation Request - Attorney Jeff Brown explained that he met with the attorney for the LaFayette Fire Department and discussed the next steps necessary to potentially form a Fire District within the Town of LaFayette.

- B. 30 Day Notice of Liquor License for Brickyard Tavern LLC, f/k/a The Thor
Supervisor McConnell advised that this is just a formality, noting is required of the town, this is just a notice.
- C. LaFayette Community Counsel implementation of a non-resident fee. - This subject is going to be tabled until LCC has more information to be discussed.
- D. Discussion regarding Budget Meeting Dates - Discussion took place about possible dates for budget discussions. The budget meeting dates were set for Monday, September 8, 2025 at 5:30 pm; Monday, September 22, 2025 at 5:30 pm; Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5:30 pm; and Monday, October 20, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

R-96-25 Supervisor McConnell moved and Councilor Palmer seconded the motion to authorize Town Clerk Kristin Colburn to publish the budget workshop dates for Monday, September 8, 2025 at 5:30 pm; Monday, September 22, 2025 at 5:30 pm; Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5:30 pm; and Monday, October 20, 2025 at 5:30 pm to the media. Motion Carried 5 - 0.

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jerry Marzo	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Nate Loughlin	Councilor	Voted	Yes

- E. Letter to Gov. Hochul in opposition to A.8332/S.8012 which changes the assessment methodology of renewable energy projects - The town submitted a letter to the Gov. Hochul on behalf of the Town opposing the assessment methodology of renewable energy projects (large wind and solar projects). Attorney Jeff Brown explained that the state wants to control how these projects are assessed, even though they require a number of services from the town. The legislature wants to limit the amount of tax revenue small government can get from these projects.

- F. 1 year Re- Appointment of Craig Archer’s membership in LACC which expires in August

R-97-25 Supervisor McConnell moved and Councilor Dwyer seconded the motion to re-appoint Craig Archer as members of LACC for an additional 1-year term. Motion Carried 5-0

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jerry Marzo	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Nate Loughlin	Councilor	Voted	Yes

- G. Onondaga County Sherriff’s Contract

R-98-25 Councilor Palmer moved and Councilor Marzo seconded the motion to authorize Supervisor McConnell to execute the 2025-2026 Sheriff’s Contract at a rate of \$93/hr. Motion Carried 5- 0

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jerry Marzo	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Nate Loughlin	Councilor	Voted	Yes

6. COMMUNICATONS FROM THE PUBLIC - 3 MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER -

- A resident questioned what was happening with the Wind Mills. Deputy Supervisor Mark Distler advised that they have not seen anything from the developer, which indicates that we won't see anything this summer, as they would have had to submit a plan by now.

7. REPORTS

A. Departmental

1. Town Supervisor - Town Accountant Jim Pompo reported via email that June was a relatively quiet month. Some points of interest:

- Highway Garage bond (\$187,550) second installment for 2025 is due July 15 and will be paid via wire transfer.
- I submitted the second request for reimbursement to NYS DOT for review last month and have not heard back from Karin. I followed up last week with no response. I will call again this week if I do not hear from her. This reimbursement is for \$68,399.
- Bank accounts remain healthy. NYCLASS interest was \$9,419 last month, total YTD is \$54,670.
- First installment of mortgage tax should be coming any day now. This installment is \$35,130. We had budgeted \$80,000 for 2025, so if the second installment (late December/early January) is comparable we'll be slightly below budget.
- Budget-wise we are looking good halfway through the year. I do not have any transfers to make at this time but will continue to monitor.
- I will begin preparing budget requests to be sent to department heads for 2026 this month.

2. Attorney - Nothing further to report at this time.

3. Highway Superintendent's Report is on file

4. Town Clerk Report for June 2025 in on file.

a. Summer Passport Day Reminder July 26th

5. Building & Zoning Code Enforcement/SPDES - June 2025 Building Permit Report is on file in the clerk's office.

6. Justice Court - June 2025 Justice Reports

Judge Perrin had 154 cases and turned over \$11,132.00 to the Town of LaFayette for June 2025.

Judge Shute had 108 cases and turned over \$9,038.00 to the Town of LaFayette for June 2025

7. Library Director -Written report is on file in the clerk's office

8. LCC - No report submitted by LCC

9. LaFayette Fire / Ambulance Department - No report submitted by the fire department / Ambulance report is on file in the clerk's office

10. Safety Written Report is on file in the clerk's office

B. Committee Reports

1. LACC - written Report is on file

8. Executive Session

R-99-24 Supervisor McConnell moved and Councilor Marzo seconded the motion to move into executive session at 6:55 pm to discuss matters regarding the employment history of a particular employee. Motion carried 5 – 0

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jerry Marzo	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Nate Loughlin	Councilor	Voted	Yes

R-100-24 Supervisor McConnell moved and Councilor Palmer seconded the motion to move out of executive session at 7:34pm. Motion carried 5 – 0

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jerry Marzo	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Nate Loughlin	Councilor	Voted	Yes

9. NEW BUSINESS - No New Business

10 Motion to audit & pay bills

R-101-25 Councilor Loughlin moved and Supervisor McConnell seconded the motion to audit & pay bills. Motion carried 5 - 0

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jerry Marzo	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Nate Loughlin	Councilor	Voted	Yes

11. Motion to adjourn

R-102-25 Supervisor McConnell moved and Councilor Palmer seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm. Motion carried 5-0

William McConnell	Supervisor	Voted	Yes
Melanie Palmer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jerry Marzo	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Carole Dwyer	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Nate Loughlin	Councilor	Voted	Yes

The Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:36p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Shute Colburn, Town Clerk