September 14, 2026 LaFayette Town Board Budget Meeting Minutes

LaFayette Town Board Meeting held on September 14th, 2026 at 5:00 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
Michele Pirro Bailey, Town Councilor

Recording Secretary: Kristin Shute Colburn, Town Clerk

Budget Officer: Jim Pompo

Others Present: Steve Robson, Highway Superintendent; Jay Erickson, LFD President; Terrie Hoxie, LFD; Jon Battelle, LaFayette Ambulance Dept.; Debra Harper; Margo Erickson; Jessica Rice, Library Director

1. Supervisor McConnell called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. Town Clerk, Kristin Shute Colburn, took the roll; all present.
3. Councilor Marzo led the Pledge to the US Flag.
4. LaFayette Highway Dept – Highway Superintendent Steve Robson advised that, with regard to the Deer Run Culvert Project and in conjunction with our engineering firm Barton & Loguidice, they have concluded to award the bid to North Point Construction.

R-98-26 **Supervisor McConnell moved, and Councilor Loughlin seconded the motion to accept the low bid of $147,500.00 by North Point Construction to complete the Deer Run Culvert replacement project.**
Motion carried 5-0

William McConnell	**Supervisor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Melanie Palmer	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Jerry Marzo	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Nate Loughlin	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Michele Pirro Bailey	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**

5. LaFayette Fire Dept
6. LaFayette Ambulance Dept
7. LaFayette Public Library

Discussion took place regarding the above departmental budgets and the hardships that each faces in trying to stay at or below the NYS Tax Cap of 2%.

8. Next Budget Meeting – **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 @ 5:00 PM**
9. Audit & Pay Bills

R-99-26 **Councilor Loughlin moved, and Councilor Marzo seconded the motion to allow the Parks leader to purchase a new mower and to use the 2026 fund balance of $13k for the purchase. Motion carried 5-0**

William McConnell	**Supervisor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Melanie Palmer	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Jerry Marzo	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Nate Loughlin	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Michele Pirro Bailey	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**

R-100-26 **Councilor Marzo moved, and Councilor Palmer seconded the motion to audit and pay bills. Motion carried 5-0**

William McConnell	**Supervisor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Melanie Palmer	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Jerry Marzo	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Nate Loughlin	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Michele Pirro Bailey	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**

10. Motion to Adjourn

R-101-26 **Supervisor McConnell moved, and Councilor Loughlin seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Motion carried 5-0**

William McConnell	**Supervisor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Melanie Palmer	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Jerry Marzo	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Nate Loughlin	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**
Michele Pirro Bailey	**Councilor**	**Voted**	**Yes**

The Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Shute Colburn, Town Clerk