

**Wawayanda Town Board Meeting 11/21/06**

November 21, 2006

A Regular monthly workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Wawayanda was called to order at 7:34 P.M., on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at the Town Hall, Ridgebury Hill Road, Slate Hill, New York.

Those present were:

John R. Razzano	Supervisor
David S. Cole	Councilman
Edward Krajewski	Councilman
Gail M. Soro	Councilwoman
Richard Penaluna III	Councilman
Teresa Pierce	Town Clerk
Absent: Richard Guertin	Attorney for the Town

Also Present: Mary Markiewicz - Planning Board Member; Gladys Hall - Historian; and 4 other individuals.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**PROSECUTOR FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS: Supervisor Razzano** discussed the events that took place in regards to finding a Prosecutor for Traffic Violations. Explained that correspondence had been sent out to potentially interested parties, and that an article had appeared in the Times Herald Record. Interviews were conducted with the applicants, himself, and Justice Peter Gromacki. He explained that there were a few applicants who just did not fit the bill for various reasons. Ultimately, it came down to two individuals. Justice Gromacki has submitted a letter of recommendation to the Supervisor's office requesting that Leonard Kessler, Esq, be hired for the position because he appeared to be the most qualified.

Both **Supervisor Razzano**, and **Councilman Cole**, stated that they personally know Mr. Kessler and both have done business with him on a personal level. Further discussion took place.

**Mr. Kessler** introduced himself to the Board and provided a brief explanation of his work experience.

**MOTION** by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to hire Leonard Kessler, Esq. as the Prosecutor for Non-Misdemeanor Traffic Violations, at the rate of \$125.00 per hour.

**ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR UNPAID WATER & SEWER BILLS:**

**MOTION** by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to adopt a Resolution authorizing that unpaid water and capital charges for the **Arluck Water District**, as of November 13, 2006, in the amount of \$5,650.58, be placed on the 2007 Town and County tax roll.

**ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED**

**MOTION** by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Penaluna**, to adopt a Resolution authorizing that unpaid water and capital charges for the **Denton Hills Water District**, as of November 13, 2006, in the amount of \$5,758.70, be placed on the 2007 Town and County tax roll.

**ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED**

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**MOTION** by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to adopt a Resolution authorizing that unpaid water/sewer and capital charges for the **Ridgebury Lake Water & Sewer Districts**, as of November 13, 2006, in the amount of \$40,537.06, be placed on the 2007 Town and County tax roll.

**ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED**

**MOTION** by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to adopt a Resolution authorizing that unpaid sewer and capital charges for the **Robinn Meadows Sewer District**, as of November 13, 2006, in the amount of \$16,421.78 be placed on the 2007 Town and County tax roll.

**ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED**

**MOTION** by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Penaluna**, to adopt a Resolution authorizing that unpaid water/sewer and capital charges for the **Town of Wawayanda Water & Sewer Districts #1**, as of November 13, 2006, in the amount of \$98,038.93 be placed on the 2007 Town and County tax roll.

**ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED**

**RAJA RT 17M - GAS STATION & CONVENIENCE STORE:** The Supervisor's office received correspondence from Ishtiaq Raja requesting that he be connected to the Arluck Water System. At this time he has an application with the Planning Board for a Gas Station/ Convenience Store which is proposed to be located on Rt 17M, next to the New Hampton Lumber Company. At this time there is a Planning Board Public Hearing date set for December 13, 2006. For various reasons, the County has advised Mr. Raja that he needs to obtain water from a municipal water source. Jeff Mills, Water & Sewer Operator, and Pat Hines, Planning Board Engineer, have been consulted and both have confirmed that there is sufficient water to support an additional user. Added that if Mr. Raja's requested is approved, it has been suggested that he be added as an out of district user, and that he would have to pay for the meter, as well as capital charges.

Discussion took place among the Board Members, and **Supervisor Razzano** stated that he just wanted to make them aware of this matter and that a decision would not have to be made this evening. This matter was tabled until the next Town Board Business meeting.

**WAWAYANDA RECREATION CENTER ARCHITECT:** **Supervisor Razzano** read aloud a Proposal for Architectural Services from Peter A. Cirillo of Habig & Cirillo Architects, P.C.. Mr. Crillio's letter read as follows, "Living in the Town of Wawayanda and having young children myself, I feel this project would be very positive for the community. With that being said I am willing to donate all of my services to prepare a basic set of architectural construction documents for the building. I will, however, request that I be able to submit a bill for my structural engineer's services for his participation in this project, and as per a verbal conversation it is to be somewhere in the range of approximately \$3,500.00 - \$5,000.00." Mr. Crillo also listed certain conditions in his letter that are incorporated into his offer.

**MOTION** by **Councilwoman Soro**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to approve the construction of a Community Youth Center which will be located at Shannen Park.

**ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED**

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**MOTION** by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to hire Habig & Cirillo to generate a basic set of architectural construction documents for the building, and to accept the anticipated cost of the structural engineer's service which will be in the range of approximately \$3,500.00 - \$5,000.00.

**VOTE**

Supervisor Razzano	-	Aye
Councilman Cole	-	Aye
Councilman Krajewski	-	Aye
Councilwoman Soro	-	Aye
Councilman Penaluna	-	Recused*

**MOTION CARRIED**

\*Councilman Penaluna recused himself from voting because he does business on a personal level with Peter Cirillo.

**US SPORTS MULTI SPORT CAMP - SUMMER 2007:** The U. S. Sports Institute located in New Jersey, has contacted the town in hopes of starting a summer sports program at Shannen Park. The instructors come from England and would teach such activities as Rugby and Cricket which are sports that some of the local children may not have been exposed to. This program has been implemented in other Towns in our area. It would be geared for children ages 5-14 years, and would run for approximately 1-6 weeks, with a multitude of activities being offered. The cost per child would be \$160.00 per week for the morning class, or \$180.00 for the all day class. **Supervisor Razzano** was looking for the Board's consensus on this, and said he would like to know if he should pursue this matter. The Board agreed to have the Supervisor contact the U. S Sports Institute to pursue this matter further.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Orange County Association of Towns Christmas Dinner:** The Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, in Hamptonburgh, and anyone who is interested in going was instructed to contact the Supervisor's office.

**Dental Insurance:** **Supervisor Razzano** stated that he has had a few inquiries, and that anyone who is receiving Health Benefits through the Town is also entitled to receive Dental Benefits.

**Play Set for Shannen Park:** The **Supervisor** informed the Board that the new play set is in place and that the mulch needed to put around it has been ordered. Added that the cost for the mulch is higher than normal because it is a Clean Certified Mulch which is used for playground areas, and that it is bug free and poison ivy free, and is more kid friendly.

**Economic Development Committee /Traffic Study:** **Councilman Cole** stated that at the last Economic Development Committee meeting one of the items discussed was the need for a traffic study to be done in the vicinity of County Route 93, U. S. Route 6, and Joguee Road. The Economic Development Committee has sent a request to the Town Board asking for them to seriously consider submitting a letter to the New York State Department of Transportation for a study to be done in that area.

**Councilman Cole** advised that he has spoken with Cesare Rotundo who is an Engineer for the County, as well as being involved with the Orange County Planning Department. Mr. Rotundo has suggested that the Town Board make a motion to direct the Supervisor's Office to send a letter to the State, to request that a study be done.

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**MOTION** by **Councilman Cole**, seconded by **Councilwoman Soro**, to authorize the Supervisor's office to send a letter to the New York State Department of Transportation requesting that the State conduct a traffic study in the vicinity of County Route 93, U. S. Route 6, and Jogee Road.

**ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED**

**Christmas Tree Lighting:** The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 10, 2006, at 5:00 P.M. at Shannen Park. All are welcome to attend.

**Town Hall Christmas Party:** The Town Hall Christmas Party will be held at Town Hall on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at 12:00 P.M.

**Proposed Revisions To Zoning Code:** The Town of Wawayanda Master Plan / Zoning Committee has prepared the proposed revisions to the Town's existing Zoning Codes, and the document is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office. The Committee will be conducting a Public Comment Session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at the Town Hall, at which time all interested persons will be given the opportunity to speak and written comments will be accepted.

**Final Meeting of the Year:** The final Town Board meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:30 P.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS:**

**Carol Hurst** questioned what was happening with the **Library Service**.

**Supervisor Razzano** responded that back in August or September there was some correspondence between the Town and the Goshen Library that outlined all the comments and concerns from the New York State Department of Education. As a result, a new contract was submitted and we thought that the Town did a good job addressing all of the issues. The bottom line is that the New York State Department of Education, along with another entity, had a problem at the State Level with the contract that the Goshen Library had with the Town, and even with the changes in the new contract the Goshen Library was still uncomfortable with the language and was unwilling to sign it. Mr. Razzano added that the Supervisor's office has made several phone calls to the Goshen Library to negotiate this matter further. However, at this point, it appears that the only way to have Library Services is to form a new Library District.

**Ms. Hurst** asked if forming a library district has been considered, and stated that there should be a resolution to this matter. Suggested that a Library Committee be formed. Added that it was her understanding that an individual could go to the Library in Newburgh and obtain a library card even if he/she is not a resident.

**Mary Markiewicz** elaborated on that comment by stating that she was in attendance of a conference at the Newburgh Library, and spoke to the person in charge. She was informed that the Newburgh Library has an agreement with the state of New York, and it provides the library with additional money for materials to cover people who are not a part of the district. They can issue what they call 'Courtesy cards' to people to entitle them to access of non-fictional materials only, but added that they do not set the restriction, and that they make everything available to these 'Courtesy cardholders'. The only catch is that they are restricted to the use of the Newburgh Library only.

Further discussion took place regarding the circumstances that took place which resulted in the termination of the contract with Thrall Library, and the Board members discussed possibilities for a resolution to this matter.

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**MOTION** by **Councilwoman Soro**, seconded by **Supervisor Razzano**, to authorize the formation of a Library Committee.

**ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED**

**NO OTHER COMMENTS, AND NO OTHER BUSINESS.**

**MOTION** by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45 P.M.**

**PREPARED BY KATHRYN SHERLOCK  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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**Teresa E. Pierce, RMC**