

Wawayanda Town Board Meeting 09/21/2021

September 21, 2021

A monthly workshop/meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Wawayanda was held virtually and called to order at 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Those present were:	Denise Quinn	Supervisor
	David S. Cole	Councilman
	Russ LaSpina	Councilman
	Ron Myruski	Councilman
	Richard Penaluna	Councilman
Absent:	Kathryn Sherlock	Town Clerk
Attendance Not Required:	Benjamin Gailey	Attorney for the Town

Also Present: Howard Goldstein – Town Bookkeeper and Heather Shields – Assessor.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

WATER & SEWER / PART TIME TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR METER UPGRADES/ BRANDON AMOIA:

Supervisor Quinn stated that **JCO** had reached out to her advising that they were going to have to increase the amount to install the water meter to \$89.00 per hour because they had to pay prevailing wage, and said that Brandon Amoia has agreed to do it for \$35.00 per hour.

MOTION by **Supervisor Quinn**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to authorize the hiring of **Brandon Amoia** as a part time temporary employee in the Water & Sewer Department at a rate of \$35.00 per hour, and for his start date to be October 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2023.

ALL IN FAVOR – CARRIED

HIGHWAY QUOTES FROM FIRE:

JD Construction of Orange County / ADA Bathroom / Add Insulation and Sheetrock to Highway Garage Office's & Breakroom / New driveway apron across front of 4 bay Highway Garage:

MOTION by **Supervisor Quinn**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to accept the bid submitted by **JD Construction** for the ADA Bathroom, Insulation to Highway Garage Offices & Breakroom and new driveway apron across the front of the 4 bays at a cost not to exceed \$18,755.00.

ALL IN FAVOR – CARRIED

JD Construction of Orange County / Siding for Highway Garage:

MOTION by **Supervisor Quinn**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to accept the bid submitted by **JD Construction of Orange County**, for the installation of Mainstreet double 4" vinyl siding on gables and aluminum fascia at a cost not to exceed \$8,580.00.

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Town Hall:

JD Construction of Orange County / Siding for Back of Town Hall:

MOTION by **Supervisor Quinn**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to accept the bid submitted by **JD Construction of Orange County**, for the installation of Mainstreet double 4” vinyl siding on the rear of the Town Hall building at a cost not to exceed \$6,875.00.

ALL IN FAVOR – CARRIED

SPECIAL ATTORNEY FOR CERTIORARI: **Supervisor Quinn** explained that **Heather Shields**, Assessor is requesting the town retain the service of **Jacobowitz and Gubits LLP** as **Special Attorney** to handle a certiorari case with **Theodora and Konstantinos Panagiotoploulos**.

Resolution as follows:

**Resolution #16-2021
2021-2022
TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS**

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Town of Wawayanda Town Board hereby appoints Jacobowitz and Gubits, LLP, to represent the Town in the tax certiorari proceeding commenced against the Town to contest the 2021-22 tax roll. The case is as follows:

Theodora and Konstantinos Panagiotoploulos, Index No: EF004702-2021

On a motion by **Supervisor Denise Quinn**, seconded by **Councilman Russ LaSpina**, the foregoing resolution was adopted on a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

HOWARD GOLDSTEIN / TRAINING REQUEST:

Supervisor Quinn referred to the memo received from **Howard Goldstein**, Town Bookkeeper, requesting authorization to enroll for the virtual class offered by NYGFOA. The date of the training is October 26th, 27th & 28th, 2021 at a cost of \$175.00.

MOTION by **Supervisor Quinn**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to authorize Howard Goldstein to enroll for the virtual class offered by NYGFOA which will be taking place on October 26th, 27th & 28th, 2021 at a cost of \$175.00.

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Robinn Meadows / Wilson/Robinn Drive / Backing up of water due to Beaver Dam:

Supervisor Quinn discussed the email received from **Mr. Wilson** who resides on Robinn Drive regarding the issues of the water backing up on his property due to the Beaver Dam. She continued on to say that at this time we do not have permission from the property owner to go on and remove the dam and that we are waiting on the DEC to come out to provide us with guidance on how to handle this situation.

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Supervisor Quinn advised the Board that the **Highway Superintendent** will be meeting with **DEC** tomorrow.

Additional discussion took place.

Upgrade of Internet Speed:

Councilman Cole addressed the board and said that the **Town Hall internet speed** is at 50 megabits and said that he is at 200 megabits at his home. He continued on to say that he has had complaints from the various offices regarding the slow internet and requested that board authorize the upgrade to a faster speed.

Supervisor Quinn commented that she believes we should install **security cameras** at **Shannen Park** on the back trail that goes through the woods.

Councilman Cole will reach out to Jim Burtis for a quote.

Additional discussion took place.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS : None.

MOTION by **Supervisor Quinn**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR – CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:20 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kathryn A. Sherlock
Town Clerk