

Wawayanda Town Board Meeting 11/20/07

November 20, 2005

A regular monthly workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Wawayanda was called to order at 7:30 P.M., on Thursday, November 20, 2007, at the Town Hall, Ridgebury Hill Road, Slate Hill, New York.

Those present were:	John R. Razzano	Supervisor
	David S. Cole	Deputy Supervisor
	Edward Krajewski	Councilman
	Gail M. Soro	Councilwoman
	Richard Penaluna III	Councilman
	Teresa Pierce	Town Clerk
Attendance Not Required:	Richard Guertin	Attorney for the Town

Also Present: Catherine Cole - Tax Collector; Susan Hutchings - Assistant Budget Officer; Mary Markiewicz - Planning Board Member; Gladys Hall - Historian; Denise Quinn - Councilwoman Elect; and 4 other individuals.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

NEW HAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT/BLACKTOP PURCHASE: Brian Corwin, of the New Hampton Fire Company, came before the board to request authorization to purchase blacktop through the town's account. The blacktop is needed to re-pave the fire department parking lot, and by going through the town, they believe that they may get a better price.

Once the bill is received, the same procedure that the town uses to bill for gasoline will be used to bill for this purchase.

After a brief discussion all board members gave their approval for the request.

SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS:

Charles Adamo/County Route 50 Speed Limit: Supervisor Razzano said that at the time Mr. Adamo came before the board he was unfamiliar with where he lived. Since then, he has been out to visit the site. He noted that Mr. Adamo's house is the fifth house on the right from the intersection of Route 17M. Coming from 17M, and about 1,000 ft past his home, the speed limit reduces to 35 mph.

Supervisor Razzano then spoke briefly about a letter which was published in the opinion page of the local newspaper, in response to a recent article about Mr. Adamo's quest to have the speed limit reduced and commercial traffic eliminated on County 50, (more commonly referred to as Golf Links Road). According to the letter, the individual stated that maybe Mr. Adamo should be utilizing the town park to run and walk his dog, rather than using a busy road.

Supervisor Razzano noted that the Board had not had an opportunity to discuss this matter. He then asked the Councilpersons for comments.

Councilman Cole believed that the petition alone indicates that there is enough concern from the citizens in that area, and the Board should proceed with the submission of the TE-9 form.

Councilman Krajewski's stated that he would rather see the town contact the State Troopers and request that they step up patrols in that area, to see if it just might be an enforcement issue.

Councilwoman Soro commented that she would like to see the form completed and sent in on behalf of the residents.

Councilman Penaluna stated that it is his belief that if we send the request in we are going to be bombarded with more of the same from different areas in the town. He would like to get an opinion from the County before we proceed.

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Councilman Cole reminded the board that even though the town submits the request, ultimately the State is going to make the final decision, and it is his opinion that the town should submit the request on behalf of those residents who signed the petition.

MOTION by **Councilman Cole**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to table Mr. Adamo's request until further information is received.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

Shannen Park/Route 284: Bryce Flynn, Park Superintendent, submitted a request that a resolution be adopted to submit a TE-9 form to the State for a reduction of the speed limit on Route 284, from the Slate Hill Fire House to just past the park, and to ask that the Passing Zone be eliminated in that area. He noted that the last request was submitted back in 1997, and at that time the state found very little had changed since the last study was conducted in 1996. Taking into consideration the increase in enrollment of the Slate Hill Pacers, as well as the increase in activities taking place in the park, Mr. Flynn believes the speed reduction is necessary for safety reasons.

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to adopt a resolution to authorize the Town Clerk to submit a TE-9 form to request that the speed limit be lowered on Route 284, starting at mile marker #284 8301/1088 - #284 8301/1084 going in a westerly direction past the existing exit from Shannen Park, and to request that the Passing Zone be eliminated in that same vicinity.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

TOWN BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008:

Supervisor Razzano discussed the request for a **Bucket Truck** that would be utilized between the Highway Department and the Park Department. He does agree that there is a need for this piece of equipment, and added that it is not something that would be used everyday.

Councilman Penaluna offered to donate a bucket that was taken off one of his company trucks.

Supervisor Razzano thanked him for his offer and said that they will keep that option in mind. After a brief discussion, with the possible acquisition of a bucket truck in mind, it was determined that an additional \$25,000 will be added to account DM9950.9, the Highway Departments capital reserve fund which was established at the last meeting.

Outstanding Expenses: Supervisor Razzano discussed a few outstanding expenses that the town has yet to be billed for, and advised that budget appropriations have been made.

He listed a few appropriations as follows:

- MS4 \$10,000
- Saratoga Associates \$12,000
- Labor Counsel - No figure available at this time
- Code Publishers \$10,000 - This bill has already been received
- Engineering Cost - An additional \$50,000 has been added just to be on the safe side.
- Program for the Aging - Line item has been brought up to \$7,500.00.

Salary Adjustments: Highway Superintendent Green, at the last meeting, requested an increase in salary, and since the salaries for the elected officials had already been published, an increase could not be reflected in his salary.

Supervisor Razzano stated that he would like to give **Highway Superintendent Green** a

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stipend of \$5,000, as compensation for the services he provides for Emergency Management. This is a service that is beneficial, and even though a portion is done on behalf of the fire department, it does take a fair amount of time and work. After a brief discussion, Board members agreed with the appropriation. \$5,000 was added to line item A5010.1 (page 8).

Budget Officers Increase: Supervisor Razzano spoke about an increase to line item A1340.1 (page 3) whereby \$5,000 has been added to the **Budget Officer's** salary. He reasoned that the increase is warranted due to the amount of work that is required in the preparation and administration of the budget.

Robinn Meadows Sewer District: Supervisor Razzano referred to page 1 and the line for the **Robinn Meadows Sewer District**. This line has been increased by \$1,364 due to two of the new homes being hooked into the system.

Councilwoman Soro questioned the percentage that the employees were going to receive, and was informed that it would be a 3% increase.

Councilwoman Soro asked the Supervisor how much money was left in surplus?

Councilman Cole provided a number of \$965,000 which **Supervisor Razzano** agreed with. Said that as of January 2007 there was \$1,154,000, and explained that surplus money was used to pay down the two highway trucks, and a loan of \$125,000 to the Robinn Meadows Sewer district which will be paid back, once they go out for bonding for the improvements.

Supervisor Razzano explained that any money currently in surplus is tied up in CD's, and there is just enough capital to pay the bills.

Councilwoman Soro asked if there has been any progress with the **Library Committee**, and **Councilman Cole** responded that the Board of Trustees has indicated that they are willing to entertain a pay as you go system and that the Goshen Library has responded back that they would be willing to entertain discussions.

Councilwoman Soro stated that at the last meeting of the **Slate Hill Pacers**, it was mentioned that they should have requested budget funding for a **photo copy machine**.

Supervisor Razzano said that a photocopier machine is something that can be looked into.

There were no further comments or questions.

MOTION by **Councilman Cole**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to adopt the Preliminary Budget as the Final Town of Wawayanda Budget for 2008, with modifications as presented.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

MID-COUNTY STUDY GROUP GRANT RESOLUTION: Supervisor Razzano explained that the town is in receipt of a resolution that will support the county's efforts for a joint application by the Mid-County Study Group to the New York State Department of State 2007-2008 Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program. The Orange County Planning Department is looking to apply for a \$400,000 grant to study water-sharing arrangements and sketching initial designs.

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The following resolution was offered:

**Resolution 13-2007
MID-COUNTY STUDY GROUP SHARED WATER
FEASIBILITY STUDY
TOWN OF WAWAYANDA**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE JOINT APPLICATION BY THE MID-COUNTY STUDY GROUP TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE 2007-2008 SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSES OF SEEKING FUNDING FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY RELATED TO THE SHARED REGIONAL WATER PROJECT OF INTEREST TO SPECIFIC MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL SECTION OF ORANGE COUNTY.

Whereas, the Mid-County Study Group is a focus of the Orange County's Smart Growth Initiative selected as a priority project across New York State by Governor Spitzer's Local Government Efficiency Commission to receive technical assistance from New York State's Department of State; and

Whereas, the members of the Mid-County Study Group share a particular interest in water supply and the prospects of sharing infrastructure investment keyed to a build-out of the County's priority growth area concept and is currently reviewing groundwater supply research commissioned for the County; to identify, quantify and qualify water supply potential on County and municipality-owned property; and

Whereas, the Town of Wawayanda is a member of the Mid-County Study Group, and

Whereas, the County of Orange will be the lead applicant for this grant application; and

Whereas, the Orange County Water Authority (“Authority”) will be a co-applicant(s); and

Whereas, the Authority will be the source of the 10% cash match required in the application regulations by New York State Department of State, and the maximum funding request to the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Program for this feasibility study will not exceed \$400,000; now be it hereby

RESOLVED:

1. The Town of Wawayanda will participate as co-applicant in the above-specified application and the scope of work includes a feasibility study for the above-mentioned project.

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2. The Town of Wawayanda intends to enter into an intermunicipal agreement which will describe the scope of the shared services in detail;
3. Supervisor John Razzano, is designated as the representative authorized to act on behalf of the Town of Wawayanda on all matters related to this grant application.

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilwoman Soro**, to adopt the foregoing resolution supporting the joint application by the Mid-County Study Group to the New York State Department of State 2007-2008 Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program, as presented.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING RECOMMENDATIONS: Supervisor Razzano discussed correspondence from the Orange County Office for the Aging, advising that they are currently in the process of suggesting names to the County Executive to fill vacancies on their Advisory Council. This Council provides valuable information and guidance to the Office for the Aging on issues concerning older Americans. They asked the Town of Wawayanda to assist by recommending an individual from our community to serve on this council.

Supervisor Razzano stated that **Elaine Flynn** has been contacted about this, and she is willing to be a member of the Advisory Council.

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to authorize that the name of **Elaine Flynn** be submitted as a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Advisory Council to the Orange County Office for the Aging.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Orange County Municipal Planning Department: Notification has been received that the town has been awarded a Municipal Planning Grant of \$10,000. A contract needs to be signed.

Supervisor Razzano stated that before he signs the contract he would like to confer with Attorney Guertin.

Robinn Meadows Sewer Plant: Supervisor Razzano mentioned that the town has gone out to bid for the project and we will be accepting submissions until January 9th, 2008.

Arluck Water District: The tank is in the process of being replaced.

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Christmas Tree Lighting: Councilman Cole announced that the annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 9, 2007, at 5:00 P.M. at Shannen Park. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Recreation Committee has reached out to the community, and this year there will be more public participation.

NO OTHER BUSINESS OR COMMENTS.

MOTION by Supervisor Razzano, seconded by Councilman Krajewski, to adjourn.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:35 P.M.

**PREPARED BY KATHRYN SHERLOCK
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

Teresa E. Pierce, Town Clerk