

Wawayanda Town Board Meeting 1/04/2007

January 4, 2007

A Regular monthly business meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Wawayanda was called to order at 7:32 P.M., on Thursday, January 4, 2007, 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: Michael Green - Highway Superintendent; Catherine Cole - Tax Collector; Kathryn Sherlock - Deputy Town Clerk; Howard Goldstein - Bookkeeper for the Town; Ann Yates, Mary Markiewicz, Barbara Parsons, John Neiger, & Donald Siegel - Planning Board Members; Gladys Hall - Historian; and approximately 20 other individuals.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

TOWN JUSTICE VACANCY/INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION:
Supervisor Razzano explained that the individual who is chosen will be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Justice O'Connor. Then, whoever wins the November election will take over as of January 1st, 2008. He then asked for suggestions as to how the Board Members preferred to conduct the interviews.

Councilman Krajewski suggested that they interview one candidate at a time, and have the others leave the room during the process.

Councilwoman Soro agreed with Councilman Krajewski's suggestion, and further consensus was that the interviews would be conducted in a public forum.

There were five individuals who had submitted resumes and appeared before the Board. They were Jeffrey Soons, Timothy McElduff, Raymond MacDonald, Kenneth VanDerMolen, and Shawn O'Connor. Each appeared separately, gave a presentation about their education and work experience, and explained why they were seeking the position. They also addressed questions that were asked by various members of the Board.

MOTION by **Councilman Penaluna**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to go into Executive Session to discuss the possibility of hiring a replacement for the Town Justice vacancy.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No action taken.

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Penaluna**, to close Executive Session and re-open the regular meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

Supervisor Razzano stated that all of the candidates were well qualified, and each one had something different to offer the town. He thanked the candidates for meeting with them. He then explained that one of the issues they discussed was the need to have someone take over as soon

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as possible. In the absence of Justice O'Connor, our other Town Justice, Peter Gromacki, has taken on the workload of both Justices. Currently, there is a backlog of cases, and since Justice Gromacki does take the month of February off for his annual vacation, it is important that we have someone who can handle cases without delay. An advantage to appointing an attorney would be that he can immediately sit as a judge. On the other hand, if a non-attorney were to be appointed, that individual would be required to attend schooling which will not begin until the end of March. Consequently, the appointee would not be eligible to sit as a judge until sometime in April.

Supervisor Razzano added that there is talk that the State may make it a requirement for a judge to be an attorney, so there would be an advantage to appointing a person who is qualified as such.

Councilman Cole thanked the candidates for coming out this evening, commended them for the unique qualifications they all presented, and said that they all had something to offer to the town, but unfortunately only one person could be chosen.

Councilwoman Soro said that it is the responsibility of the Board to choose the most qualified candidate to fill the position, regardless of their affiliation, and she hopes this is followed.

MOTION by **Councilman Krajewski**, seconded by **Councilman Penaluna**, to **appoint Timothy McElduff** to fill the unexpired term of former Town Justice, John O'Connor, which is due to end on December 31, 2007.

VOTE

Supervisor Razzano	-	Aye
Councilman Cole	-	Aye
Councilman Krajewski	-	Aye
Councilwoman Soro	-	Nay
Councilman Penaluna	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED**RE-APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD ONORATI TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Penaluna**, to re-appoint Richard Onorati as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, with the term of office to extend from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2011.

VOTE

Supervisor Razzano	-	Aye
Councilman Cole	-	Aye
Councilman Krajewski	-	Aye
Councilwoman Soro	-	Nay
Councilman Penaluna	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED**PLANNING BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS:**

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Penaluna**, to re-appoint **Barbara Parsons** as a member of the Planning Board, with the term of office to extend from February 2007 through January 31, 2012.

VOTE

Supervisor Razzano	-	Aye
Councilman Cole	-	Aye

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Councilman Krajewski - Aye
Councilwoman Soro - Abstained
Councilman Penaluna - Aye

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to re-appoint **Bennie Dombal** as an alternate member of the Planning Board. (One year appointment)

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

ZONING BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS:

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to re-appoint **Daniel Post** as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. (One year appointment)

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to re-appoint **Bruce Lewis** as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. (One year appointment)

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

BARBARA PARSONS /RE-APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW:

MOTION by **Councilman Cole**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to re-appoint Barbara Parsons retroactively to the Board of Assessment review, with the term of her appointment to run from October 1, 2006 thru September 30, 2011.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

JIM BERGEN/APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW:

MOTION by **Councilman Krajewski**, seconded by **Supervisor Razzano**, to appoint **Jim Bergen** to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Assessment Review, which was created by the resignation of Earl Weymer, with the term of appointment to expire on September 30, 2008.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

FRANK WARD/APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW:

MOTION by **Councilman Penaluna**, seconded by **Supervisor Razzano**, to appoint **Frank Ward** as a member of the Board of Assessment Review.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

ALFRED GIBBS/APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW:

MOTION by **Councilman Cole**, seconded by **Councilman Penaluna**, to appoint **Alfred Gibbs** as a member of the Board of Assessment Review.

VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

****Councilwoman Soro** recused herself from the vote because she is a relative of Mr. Gibbs.

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RE-ORGANIZATION:

A prepared re-organization list was provided to each of the Board members for their review. **Councilwoman Soro** questioned the hours for Shanna Bosch, Building Department Secretary, and the number of working hours of the secretaries in the Supervisor’s office, and said that it was her understanding that their hours had been increased.

Supervisor Razzano said that their hours had been increased to 35 hours per week, and the funds were allocated during budget time.

Ms. Soro also had questions regarding the Attorney for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Said it was her understanding that Attorney Bonacic was representing clients that were to appear before our Planning Board, and if so, she believes this could be a conflict of interest.

Councilman Cole suggested that Attorney Bonacic should be put on notice that he should not be representing clients that are going to be appearing before the Town.

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to adopt a resolution to accept the 2007 Re-organization Schedule with amendments to reflect the addition of the name of Timothy McElduff as an acting Town Justice; the re-appointments of Planning Board and Zoning Board members, and the new appointments to the Board of Assessment review, as specifically voted on and approved.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

Adopted schedule, as follows:

**REORGANIZATION OF TOWN OFFICIALS,
SALARIES AND RELATED ITEMS
FOR 2007**

VERIFICATION OF BANKS:

PROVIDENT
M & T
ORANGE COUNTY TRUST

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:

THE TIMES HERALD RECORD

SEWAGE PLANT OPERATOR:

JEFFREY G. MILLS SR. ANNUAL SALARY-LISTED BELOW
JEFFREY MILLS JR. (When Jeff Sr. is on vacation/sick)

WATER/SEWER PLANT MAINTENANCE:

JEFFREY G. MILLS SR. ANNUAL SALARY-\$47,763.09

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

CHAIRPERSON: RICHARD ONORATI ANNUAL SALARY-\$2,318.76
MEMBERS:

DENISE QUINN
JOSEPH CRITELLI
CARL SKINNER
RONALD MYRUSKI

ALTERNATE MEMBERS:
BRUCE LEWIS & DANIEL POST

MEMBERS WILL BE PAID \$1,043.37 ANNUALLY

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PLANNING BOARD:

CHAIRPERSON: ANN YATES ANNUAL SALARY-\$3,478.14
 MEMBERS:
 JAMES DRISCOLL
 DANIEL LONG
 JOHN NEIGER
 BARBARA PARSONS
 DONALD SIEGEL
 MARY MARKIEWICZ
 ALTERNATE MEMBER(S):
 BENNIE DOMBAL

MEMBERS WILL BE PAID \$2,086.75 ANNUALLY

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ATTORNEY:

BONACIC, LOBIONDO & KRAHULIK PER HOUR RATE-\$125.00 - 150.00 PER/HR

BUILDING & CODE ENFORCEMENT ATTORNEY:

BAVOSO & PLOTSKY PER HOUR RATE-\$165.00

PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY:

BAVOSO & PLOTSKY FLAT RETAINER FEE-\$17,098.00

TOWN CONSTABLES:

AL PIERCE
 JAMES HUJUS
 BRYCE J. FLYNN
 WILLIAM GRAY
 JAMES BERGEN
 KENNETH BOWEN
 JEFFREY G. MILLS SR. (SALARY FOR THIS POSITION IS
 INCORPORATED IN WATER/SEWER
 MAINTENANCE ANNUAL SALARY OF
 \$47,763.09)

CONSTABLES RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$243.23
 CONSTABLES WHO WORK AT COURT SESSIONS OR
 TOWN MEETINGS WILL MAKE \$11.93 PER HOUR)

SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

	ANNUAL
SUPERVISOR: JOHN RAZZANO	\$26,097.59
COUNCILPERSON: GAIL SORO	5,300.82
COUNCILPERSON: RICHARD PENALUNA III	5,300.82
COUNCILPERSON: EDWARD KRAJEWSKI	5,300.82
COUNCILPERSON: DAVID COLE	5,300.82
TOWN JUSTICES: TIMOTHY MC ELDUFF	21,790.07
PETER GOMACKI	21,790.07
TOWN CLERK: TERESA PIERCE	46,568.75
SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS: MICHAEL K. GREEN	52,142.74
TAX COLLECTOR: CATHERINE COLE	7,828.29

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SALARIES OF APPOINTED EMPLOYEES:		ANNUAL/PER HOUR
DEP. SUPERVISOR:	DAVID COLE	\$ 515.00 ANNUAL
BUDGET OFFICER:	JOHN RAZZANO	1,792.07 ANNUAL
ASST. BUDGET OFFICER I:	LAURA SLOWIK	896.03 ANNUAL
ASST. BUDGET OFFICER II:	SUSAN HUTCHINGS	597.71 ANNUAL
SUPERVISOR'S BOOKKEEPER:	HOWARD GOLDSTEIN	31,827.00 ANNUAL
WATER/SEWER OPERATOR:	JEFFREY G. MILLS SR.	47,763.09 ANNUAL
ASSESSOR:	DENNIS KETCHAM	39,400.45 ANNUAL
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK:	KATHRYN SHERLOCK	17.88 PER/HR
ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN:	MAVEAN, LEWIS, SHERWIN & MCDERMOTT	165.00 PER/HR
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:	WILLIAM GRAY	8,909.00 ANNUAL
ENHANCED 911 COORDINATOR:	HALSEY DECKER	15.53 PER/HR
PARK SUPERINTENDENT:	BRYCE FLYNN	31,827.00 ANNUAL
BLDG., CODE ENFORCEMENT & FIRE INSPECTOR:	JOHN GRIFO	47,758.73 ANNUAL
HOURLY EMPLOYEE RATES & DEPARTMENTS:		HOURLY RATES
SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE:		
SECRETARY	SUSAN HUTCHING	15.85
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST:	LAURA SLOWIK	17.88
TOWN COURTS:		
CLERKS:	SHARON MELVIN	17.88
	ELIZABETH SEABRIGHT	17.88
	KATHLEEN FACE	15.15
TOWN CLERK:		
DEPUTY CLERK:	KATHRYN SHERLOCK	17.88
P/T CLERK	LOIS YNTEMA	11.57
PLANNING/ZONING BOARD:		
SECRETARY:	PATRICIA BATTIATO	17.88
BUILDING INSPECTOR:		
ASSISTANT BLDG/CODE/FIRE INSP.	THOMAS LYONS JR.	18.95
SENIOR CLERK:	SHANNA BOSCH	17.88
ASSESSOR:		
CLERK:	KAREN SKINNER	17.88
TAX COLLECTOR:		
DEPUTY:	KATHLEEN DEBEAUVERNET	14.33

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PARKS DEPARTMENT:		
	DONALD DAVIS	16.18
RETURNING P/T SEASONAL LABORER		10.30
WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT:		
LABORER:	ED PISACANE	12.96
WATER & WASTERWATER MAINTANCE WORKER	JEFFREY MILLS JR.	14.42
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:		HOURLY
WORKING LEADER:	JOHN VAN BENSCHOTEN	22.23
MEO/MECHANIC:	HALSEY DECKER	22.23
MEO:	EDWARD WILLIAMS	20.51
MEO:	MICHAEL CROWE III	17.58
MEO:	GARY KNIBBS SR.	20.51
MEO:	GARY KNIBBS JR.	20.51
MEO/MECHANIC:	ROLAND O'DELL	20.24
F/T DEPUTY HWY. SUPERINTENDENT:	PENNY TUOHEY	17.88
MEO:	EDWIN REMEY	19.47
MEO:	JOSEPH SODNEY	19.47
LABORER:	JAMES GRAY	16.18
RETURNING SEASONAL HIGHWAY		10.30
HIGHWAY MEN WHO WORK IN SHANNEN PARK:		REGULAR HWY. RATE
HIGHWAY MEN WHO WORK IN SPECIAL DISTRICTS:		REGULAR HWY. RATE
ENGINEER FOR THE TOWN :		
MCGOEY, HAUSER & EDSALL CONSULTING ENGINEERS PC		\$35.00 – 130.00 PER/HR
PLANNING BOARD ENGINEER:		
MCGOEY, HAUSER & EDSALL CONSULTING ENGINEERS PC		\$35.00 – 130.00 PER/HR
PLANNING CONSULTANTS:		
MCGOEY, HAUSER & EDSALL CONSULTING ENGINEERS PC		\$35.00 – 130.00 PER/HR
ELECTION INSPECTORS:		SET BY COUNTY
CUSTODIANS FOR VOTING MACHINES:		SET BY COUNTY
NEWLY HIRED OFFICE PERSONNEL PER HOUR:		\$10.00 PER/HR
NEW HIRED HIGHWAY MEO'S PER HOUR:		\$16.50 PER/HR
TOWN MAINTENANCE/LABORER:		
CONTRACTUAL: MICHAEL MIEDEMA SR.		\$15.05 PER/HR
CLEANING:		
BRENDA MIEDEMA		\$17.72 PER/HR
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS:	TERESA PIERCE	

DEPUTY REGISTRAR:

KATHRYN SHERLOCK

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RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER:

TERESA PIERCE
(SALARY FOR THIS POSITION IS
INCORPORATED INTO THE TOWN
CLERK'S YEARLY SALARY
OF \$46,568.75)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:

THOMAS LYONS JR.

**DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COORDINATOR:**

HALSEY DECKER

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW:

BARBARA PARSONS
CHARLES KIRBY
JAMES BERGEN
FRANK WARD
ALFRED GIBBS

TOWN HISTORIANS:

GLADYS HALL
ELIZABETH KIRBY

PRESIDENT OF SLATE HILL PACERS:

WILLIAM LONGCORE

ASSOCIATION OF TOWN MEETINGS:

ELECTED OFFICIALS & CHAIRMAN
\$600.00 PER PERSON, PLUS ANY
REASONABLE EXPENSE

JUDGE'S SCHOOLS:

TUITION & EXPENSES

PARK FOREMAN:

VACANT

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE:

AS PER IRS GUIDELINES

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

1ST THURSDAY AFTER THE
1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH, TIME 7:30PM

TOWN WORKSHOPS:

3RD TUESDAY OF EACH
MONTH, TIME 7:30PM

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH, TIME 7:30PM

PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOPS:

4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH, TIME 7:30PM

ZONING BOARD MEETINGS:

2ND THURSDAY OF EACH
MONTH, TIME 7:30PM

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2007 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Board members were presented with a proposed schedule of holidays to be observed by town employees, as follows:

**TOWN OF WAWAYANDA
2007 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

New Year's Day	Monday - January 1
Martin Luther King Day	Monday - January 15
Lincoln's Birthday	Monday - February 12
Washington's Birthday	Monday - February 19
Memorial Day	Monday - May 28
Independence Day	Tuesday - July 4
Labor Day	Monday - September 3
Columbus Day	Monday - October 8
Election Day	Tuesday - November 6
Veteran's Day (Sun.-Nov.11)	Observed Mon. - November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday - November 22
Traditional Floating Holiday	Friday - November 23
½ Day Before Christmas (Sun.-Dec. 24)	Monday - December 24
Christmas Day	Tuesday - December 25
½ Day Before New Year's Day (Sun. - Dec. 31)	Monday - December 31
New Year's Day	Tuesday - January 1, 2008

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to adopt the list of 2007 Holidays, as presented.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Teresa Pierce, the Town Clerk, submitted a memo requesting approval of the minutes of the October 26th, November 2nd, and November 9th, 2006 Town Board meetings. She indicated that since distribution of the draft, she had revised some of the wording of the November 9, 2006 minutes, and that this amended wording has already been incorporated in the official Town

Board minute book.

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MOTION by **Councilman Cole**, seconded by **Supervisor Razzano**, to approve the October 26th; November 2nd, and November 9th, 2006, Town Board minutes as requested by the Town Clerk.

VOTE

Supervisor Razzano	-	Aye
Councilman Cole	-	Aye
Councilman Krajewski	-	Aye
Councilwoman Soro	-	Nay
Councilman Penaluna	-	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Reports from the Town Clerk, Planning Board, and the Building & Fire Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Assessor, and the bills from the General Fund, Highway Fund, and Water & Sewer Districts were presented to the Board.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

MOTION by **Councilwoman Soro**, seconded by **Councilman Penaluna**, to accept the various departmental reports, as submitted.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS CONFERENCE: The 2007 Training School and Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns will be held at the Hilton New York Towers, New York City, on February 18 - 21, 2007. This is a training session for town officials.

Following the Opening Session at 8:45 A.M. on Monday morning, February 19th, there will be group sessions for various categories of town officers. Anyone who expects to attend must register for the conference by January 26th. Otherwise, after that date, the registration fee will increase from \$100 to \$135.00.

As a member of the Association, we are required to name a delegate and an alternate delegate to represent us at the conference.

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to name **Councilman Penaluna** as the Town of Wawayanda's **delegate**, and **Supervisor Razzano**, as our **Alternate Delegate** to the Annual Association of Towns Conference.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

RENEWAL OF JUNK YARD LICENSES:

Raymond Evans and Michael Martine, Sr. have submitted requests for renewal of their Junkyard License for the year 2007. As per our Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer, Jack Grifo, there has been no complaints about either of these operations.

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to authorize the issuance of a **Junkyard License to Raymond Evans** of 2014 Route 284, Slate Hill, New York, for the year 2007.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

MOTION by **Councilman Cole**, seconded by **Supervisor Razzano**, to authorize the issuance of **Junkyard License to Michael Martine, Sr.**, d/b/a Martine's Service Center, Inc., for the year 2007, with the license being restricted to the same location that it has been issued for in the past.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

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SITE VISIT	\$100.00
CLERICAL	\$30.00 per hour
COPIES	.25 cents per pg

Planning Board Consultant fees are not included. (See Escrow)
 All Consultant Fees are billed on an hourly basis and are subject to change
 WITHOUT NOTICE. Consultant Fees as follows:

McGoey, Hauser & Edsall \$35.00 to \$130.00 per hour

Karen Arent / Landscape Arch **\$70.00** per hour

Recording Secretary / \$1.00 per page plus % of meeting costs.

****Public Improvements**** Inspection Fee: 4% of estimated total costs.

****Private Improvement**** Inspection Fee: 2% of estimated total costs.

The TOWN ENGINEER MUST witness all perc tests. Escrow money must be on file before this can be done.

SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR RELATION NEGOTIATIONS: Supervisor Razzano discussed the proposal for services received from **John O'Reilly of Hitsman, Hoffman & O'Reilly LLC**, for the assistance in the recent organizing campaign and demands for negotiations made by Teamsters Local 445 on behalf of Town employees. The firm has 24 years of experience with representing public sector entities in virtually all aspects of employment and labor law. They are particularly well experienced in assisting municipalities to manage its relationship with a newly formed bargaining unit, and the negotiation of a first contract. **Councilwoman Soro** asked if there were any other applicants, and was informed by **Supervisor Razzano** that phone calls were made, but there were no applications taken. **Michael Green**, Highway Superintendent, indicated that he wished to participate in the process. **Supervisor Razzano** specifically noted that there will not be a charge for travel time. The rates as per their proposal were as follows:

Principal member of the firm	\$185.00 per hour or each part thereof.
Senior associate of the firm	\$150.00 per hour or each part thereof.
Associate of the firm	\$125.00 per hour or each part thereof.
Paralegal/Legal Asst.	\$ 95.00 per hour of each part thereof.

MOTION by **Councilman Cole**, seconded by **Supervisor Razzano**, to authorize the signing of the contract to hire John O'Reilly of Hitsman, Hoffman & O'Reilly, LLC as special counsel for labor negotiations.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

HUMANE SOCIETY OF MIDDLETOWN CONTRACT:

Linda Maresca, Manager of the Humane Society of Middletown, Inc., submitted a renewal contract for 2007. Basically, it is the same contract that we signed in 2006. We will be charged \$55.00 per dog and \$20.00 per cat delivered to them.

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Cole**, to authorize the renewal of

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the contract between the Town of Wawayanda and the Humane Society of Middletown, Inc. for the period beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007.

VOTE

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

MOTION CARRIED

***Councilwoman Soro** abstained from voting because the Middletown Humane Society is a kill shelter.

INSURANCE ON TAX COLLECTOR & DEPUTY:

In response to a call to Marshall & Sterling about bonding on our Tax Collector and Deputy Collector, our agent, Greg Townsend, said that because our insurance has to be renewed in February, the "Certificate" could only be issued until February 7, 2007. Then when the policy is renewed, he will issue a new certificate.

The Tax Collector's warrant is for \$3,029,378.69, but coverage is in the amount of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars), since it is conceivable that she will not have more than that amount of money in her possession at any given time.

Board members were asked to make a motion to acknowledge and accept the 'Certificate of Insurance' which covers our Tax Collector and her deputy. They were also asked to sign it so that the Town Clerk could forward it to the county.

MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Krajewski**, to acknowledge and accept the 'Certificate of Liability Insurance' on Catherine Cole, Tax Collector, and Kathleen DeBeauvernt, Deputy Tax Collector, with coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars).

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ridgebury Road/Road Entrance to Shannen Park: **Supervisor Razzano** stated that, a couple of months ago, the Highway Department began the work on the entrance to the park from Ridgebury Road.

Councilwoman Soro stated that it was her understanding that Mr. Wolpert was supposed to put the road in.

Barbara Parsons commented that it was her belief that there was going to be a bike path. Further discussion took place.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: MOTION by **Supervisor Razzano**, seconded by **Councilman Penaluna**, to authorize the transfer of \$5,000 from the Recreation Fund account to account #7140.2 to cover the cost of the Geo Textile, which is the underlayment for the construction of the road from Ridgebury Road to Shannen Park.

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

Supervisor Razzano added that if **Superintendent Green** needed to purchase more of the underlayment that he had the approval of the Board to do so.

Incorrect Tax Bills/Special Benefit Districts: **Supervisor Razzano** spoke about a problem with the Tax bills of property owners within certain 'Special Benefit Districts'. In preparing the 2007 bills, the county had them calculated on a property assessment basis rather than a fixed amount per parcel. Once this problem was realized, we sent out letters to the affected property owners indicating that they would receive corrected tax bills.

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Promoting the Training for Municipal Planning and Zoning Officials:: Supervisor Razzano explained that a law took effect on January 1, 2007, which establishes minimum training requirements for municipal planning and zoning officials. This new law calls for a minimum training standard of four hours each year for members of the county, city, town and village planning and zoning boards.

After further discussion **Supervisor Razzano** stated that he will forward a memo to the involved Board's for their opinions.

Melissa Bonacic County Legislator/Constituent Day: Councilman Cole stated that our County Legislator, Melissa Bonacic, has requested use of the Town Hall for Saturday, January 20th, between the hours of 10AM-12PM, so that she can conduct a Constituents' Day. It was the consensus of the Board to allow County Legislature Bonacic the use of the Town Hall, as requested.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS:

Deborah Glover spoke about an opinion she received from Bob Freeman of the Committee on Open Government, in regard to the video taping and recording of public meetings. She also provided her interpretation on the process by which the Board selected the new Town Justice.

Connie Litchenberger spoke of her dissatisfaction with the re-appointment of Richard Onorati as a member of the Zoning Board, and as its Chairperson. Also spoke about the need for the testing of her and her neighbors' wells for MTBE, and that it should not be at the expense of the residents in that area.

Ms. Litchenberger expressed her interest in being a member of the Ethics Committee when it is formed, and also spoke about the Recreation Committee.

Ora Woods questioned the control Richard Onorati has over the Town, if any.

Danny Myers questioned the ethics of the Board members who also serve as committee members of their own political parties. He also questioned why the Town does not collect Mobile Home fees.

No other comments or questions.

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

ALL IN FAVOR - CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:07 P.M.

**PREPARED BY KATHRYN SHERLOCK
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**Teresa E. Pierce, RMC
Town Clerk**