

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR
AND REORGANIZATION MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2007
FIRST HALF**

REGULAR MEETING

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to our official newspapers and other publications circulated in the Borough of Old Tappan, and notice posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall.

Please note fire exits located at the main entrance to the Council Chambers and in the rear of the Council Chambers.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 12:00 Noon

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Victor Polce	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi Jr.	Present
	Councilwoman Mary Carmenini	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Present
	Councilman Victor Cioce	Present
	Councilwoman Anna Haverilla	Present
	Councilman John Kramer	Present

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER: Councilman Ronald Binaghi Jr.

PUBLIC=S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public - Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilwoman Carmenini

Discussion - None

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried

Louis D’Arminio, Attorney, commented on ordinance No. 929-06. He referred to the ordinance as unconstitutional, illegal and unfair. He recommended the Governing Body reconsider adopting the ordinance.

Michael Lubin, Attorney, advised that his clients are in favor of the ordinance. He felt that Mr. D'Arminio's arguments are not valid. There is no conflict between the ordinance and the Municipal Land Use Law. He felt that this is a sophisticated way to develop a flag lot. Mr. Lubin stated that the ordinance is not unconstitutional and that it serves a valid purpose.

William Bailey, Attorney of Huntington Bailey, on behalf of his clients, stated that Ordinance 929-06 is consistent with the Municipal Land Use Law and asked that the Governing Body adopt it.

Motion to close the meeting to the public - Councilman Cioce

Second - Councilman Binaghi

Discussion - None

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 929-06 – Amending Streets Ordinance

Councilman Binaghi made a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

Discussion – None

On voice vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public - Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – Allen Bell advised that the Planning Board made a suggestion that the Council not limit the ordinance to 3 lots or less and explained. Councilman Binaghi inquired if this would create a time issue if the Council were to amend the ordinance. Mr. Bell explained that the ordinance would be valid immediately without the amendment. With the amendment the ordinance would need to be re-noticed and adopted at the next Mayor and Council meeting. On consensus, the Council agreed to adopt the ordinance without the amendment at this time. The Mayor and Council explained that, based on Mr. Bell's advice, the ordinance as proposed, was consistent with Municipal Land Use Law and Master Plan.

Councilman Binaghi read the resolution

Resolution of Adoption Passed (see page 8)

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Polce read the resolution honoring Lawrence Weil for his service to the Borough and proclaiming Saturday, January 6, 2007 as Lawrence Weil Day. (see page 10).

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH

Mayor Polce read a certificate of appreciation and names of recipients and then asked that they come forward and claim their certificate.

(See annexed list)

CONSENT RESOLUTION:

Councilman Carnazza read the Consent Resolution

Discussion – Councilwoman Carmenini and Councilman Binaghi abstained from Claims and Payroll

Resolution Adopted (see page 11)

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Minutes to be Approved:

Councilman Carnazza made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Executive Meeting, December 4, 2006
- Special and Executive Meeting, December 4, 2006
- Closed Executive Meeting, December 18, 2006
- Regular Meeting, December 18, 2006

Second – Councilwoman Carmenini

Discussion – Councilman Cioce amended the Regular Meeting, December 18, 2006 minutes. Councilman Binaghi and Councilman Carnazza abstained on both December 18, 2006 minutes.

Roll Call:	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilwoman Carmenini	Yes

Councilman Carnazza	Yes
Councilman Cioce	Yes
Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
Councilman Kramer	Yes

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN CIOCE – FIRE / FIRST AID / HEALTH

Our Fire Department and First Aid Corps are outstanding organizations. Both the Fire Department and First Aid Corps combined responded to 461 calls in 2006. In addition to their volunteerism, there are routine training programs that are required. The First Aid Corps offers CPR training to residents. Councilman Cioce stated that he is proud to serve as Fire Commissioner and liaison to the First Aid Corps. This year there are no change of officers to the Fire Department. Mark Fiedler is entering his 2nd year as Fire Chief. Mark is a hard worker who is dedicated to the Fire Department. Councilman Cioce thanked Karen Patrico for her dedication and 7 years of service as Captain to the First Aid Corps. Tony Esposito will serve as Captain in 2007. The First Aid Corps has an outstanding group of volunteers. The Board of Health is our local authority to insure proper health standards are maintained within the Borough. Carrie Bianchi served as President and Barbara Van de Giesen served as Vice-President in 2006. Their reorganization meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2007. The Rabies Clinic will be held on January 13, 2007 at the DPW. The members of the Board of Health are a hard working group. The Open Space Advisory Committee consists of 7 members with 2 year terms. They are responsible to make recommendations to the Mayor and Council for use of open space. Late last year Robert Colwell resigned as Chairman. He was dedicated in identifying properties for open space acquisition. It is a pleasure working together with the Mayor and Council. Our Mayor is truly a superb leader. As Council members, we work together as a team to serve our community. Councilman Cioce thanked the volunteers on all the committees for their dedication and service to the community.

COUNCILWOMAN CARMENINI – PUBLIC WORKS / SENIORS / TECHNOLOGY

Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Congratulated Councilman Carnazza and Councilwoman Haverilla on their re-election. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee – Pleased to report that the committee is entering 2007 ready and eager to do good work on behalf of the seniors in Old Tappan. Their first Lunch and Learn program for 2007 will be held on Thursday, January 11. David Northrop is the new chairman of the Committee. Technology – This Committee is a group of professionals who have been generous with their time and talents in the world of technology. Their expertise has been valuable with the ongoing operations of the Borough’s website. The results of their efforts help in the quality of service we can offer our residents. DPW – I was pleased to serve as liaison to the Department of Public Works. The many thanks to Artie Lake and his staff are well deserved. Councilwoman Carmenini outlined and reported on the efforts and maintenance involved with pickup of leaves and branches, parks, roads, trees, fleet maintenance, sewers, special events and miscellaneous tasks. We should be proud of and grateful for the work performed by the Department

of Public Works. Communications – In 2006, our attempts to communicate with the residents included our website, resident handbook, calendar and quarterly newsletters. Councilwoman Carmenini reviewed changes that are planned in an ongoing effort to communicate with the residents for 2007. Social Services – The Local Assistance Board under the leadership of Social Services Director, Donna Geitz is there for Old Tappan residents who need their assistance. The food pantry, year-round and holiday wish trees, adopt a family program and annual request for financial contributions are some of the efforts of the Local Assistance Board.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER - POLICE / FINANCE

Advised that he corresponded with the New Jersey Legislative office expressing his opposition to both the BRAC bill and the State Comptroller bill. Councilman Kramer explained why he opposed the bills. It was a pleasure to serve the community in 2006. Looking forward to serving the community as a Council member in 2007. Complimented Mayor Polce and fellow Council members for their dedication and hard work in 2006. Thanked Councilman Carnazza for a great job serving as Council President in 2006. Advised that it was a pleasure working with Chief Fasulo, Administrator Greg Hart and Chief Financial Officer Christine Cauvet. Extended his thanks for a job well done to Allen Bell, Borough Attorney, and Jeff Bliss, Borough Auditor. A special thanks was given to the Borough's volunteers who serve the emergency services departments, various boards and committees. Councilman Kramer gave recognition to former Councilmember Bill Weidmann and former Borough Clerk, Marie Koehler. Wished those present and all residents a Happy and Healthy New Year.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – PLANNING BOARD / BUILDING / ENVIRONMENTAL

Thanked his fellow Council members. Advised that the Environmental Commission will have new members. Reviewed Planning Board achievements and Master Plan review. Thanked Chairperson Rea Epstein for her efforts and professionalism serving on the Planning Board. Congratulated Councilwoman Haverilla and Councilman Carnazza for their re-election. Commended Mayor Polce for a great 2006 and advised that he is looking forward to working with everyone in 2007.

COUNCILWOMAN HAVERILLA – EDUCATION / LIBRARY

Thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to work with them in 2006. Thanked everyone she worked with on the Board of Education, DPW, Oakes Committee, Social and Cultural Affairs Committee and the Library. Thanked all staff members, Greg Hart and Christine Cauvet. Thanked Mayor Polce, Councilwoman Carmenini for her support, her family and friends and the voting public. Thanked Councilman Carnazza for his support during the elections. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / GOLF

Advised that he is happy to be Liaison to the Golf Commission, Recreation Commission and

Affordable Housing. He was honored to run with Councilwoman Haverilla during the elections. Advised that Larry Weil, former Recreation Director, will be missed. Thanked all volunteers, the Mayor and Council for their hard work and all those who make Old Tappan a great place to live.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Polce congratulated Councilman Carnazza on his re-election and for his leadership to make Town Day and night a success. Congratulated Councilwoman Haverilla on her re-election and her leadership on the Library Board and the Social and Cultural Affairs Committee. Thanked Councilman Binaghi for his hard work and efforts for the past 7 years. Thanked Councilman Kramer for his style and dependability and his good work on the Finance committee. Thanked Councilwoman Carmenini for a successful 2006 and her work on the newsletter, yearly calendar, monthly newsletter and great leadership. Thanked Mrs. Polce for her support and wished her a happy birthday. Thanked his parents for being here this afternoon. Thanked Greg Hart and Christine Cauvet for their leadership and an outstanding 2006. Thanked the professionals, Jeff Bliss, Auditor, and Allen Bell, Borough Attorney. Thanked Sylvia Kokowski, Artie Lake, Paul Parascondolo and Karen Patrico and wished them all good luck and success in the coming year. Mayor Polce advised of the Mayor and Council's goals for 2007 and reminded everyone that it is always what's best for the town.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion - None

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilman Cioce

Second - Councilwoman Carmenini

Discussion - None

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Binaghi

Second - Councilwoman Haverilla

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed and approved:

Sylvia Kokowski, Recording Secretary

Gregory C. Hart, Borough Clerk

cc: Mayor and Council
Allen Bell, Esq.

Date Approved