

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held by the Town of Shawangunk Town Board, County of Ulster, State of New York, at the Town Office Building, 14 Central Avenue, Wallkill, NY on the 7th day of February 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Matthew Watkins, Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also present was Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero and Police Chief Gerry Marlatt. Councilman Amthor joined the meeting at a later time.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Emergency exits were announced by Supervisor Valk, followed by a brief moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2019.

VOTE: Councilman Watkins, aye, Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman Miller, aye, Supervisor Valk, aye. Councilman Amthor was not present for the vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

A 30 day notice from the New York State Liquor Authority for Third & Company Lakeside was received on 1/24/19.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Delbe Spath distributed a copy of a letter explaining the water issue he is having on his property. Mr. Spath discussed the issue with the Town Board at the last meeting. He further explained that there is additional water running on to Third Street. Highway Superintendent LoCicero advised that the Highway Department will be installing a catch basin this year, which will resolve the issue.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

The Supervisor's Report of January 2019 was received. The Town Clerk's Report of \$16,394.93 for January 2019 was received.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. LoCicero advised that the department has taken ownership of the F550 Dump Truck. The four crew truck has a sander and plow and is in service. Mr. LoCicero advised that \$50,000 will be reimbursed to the Town from the grant that was received.

Mr. LoCicero advised that the mechanic has been busy working on trucks. He further explained that the trucks that have been used on the mountain need to be shifted around.

Mr. LoCicero reported that he is lining up the blacktopping work to complete the hamlet project from last year. Viola Street in Wallkill and Lake Shore Drive in Walker Valley are on the list for work in 2019. Supervisor Valk inquired if the mileage and fuel issue has been addressed, Mr. LoCicero explained he will be finishing that up.

Supervisor Valk thanked and extended his appreciation to the Highway Department from Gardiner who came with a bucket truck and assisted our highway crew in removing the holiday wreaths. He explained that he suggested the idea, and it was done the following Monday.

POLICE CHIEF**Monthly Report**

Chief Marlatt distributed copies of the monthly report. He advised that when he met with the Police Committee, they requested to see a comparison of statistics from 2017 to 2018. Those statistics were discussed. Also discussed was equipment, grants, training and community concerns. It was agreed that the "One Hour Parking" sign to be posted in front of My Father's Barber Shop on Wallkill Avenue will be ordered by the Highway Superintendent. The regulation will be in effect Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Special Prosecutor

Supervisor Valk advised that the Special Prosecutor will be starting next month. Chief Marlatt advised that he has notified the Sheriff's Office and the State Police. He also advised that the town police officers have been directed not to respond to court, unless they are subpoenaed by the court.

Dog Control

Chief Marlatt advised that the approval to hire Rob Malatesta has not worked out. Mr. Malatesta did not accept the job offer. Chief Marlatt advised that Paolo Chiapetta is returning to work at the beginning of March and has a few people who could be hired as alternates.

Chief Marlatt advised that it was brought to his attention by the Humane Society that they don't have a signed contract with the Town. Supervisor Valk advised that he spoke to the Director today. Chief Marlatt and the Town Board discussed the possibility of sharing a Dog Control Officer with the Town of Crawford.

Councilman Amthor entered the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Web Site

Chief Marlatt advised that Officers Galeno and Vail are working on information for the new website. Councilman Watkins inquired if the Police Blotter could be listed on the website. There was a short discussion on the plans for the website.

REPORT OF TOWN COMMITTEES**WATER & SEWER**

Supervisor Valk discussed the waterline project for Wallkill Center Properties that will be done in the spring. Mr. Valk advised that Keith Libolt has agreed to provide the installation and labor with the Town purchasing the materials. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Amthor to authorize the Supervisor to advertise for bids for the waterline materials. The bids will be due on March 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

PARKS

Councilman DeWitt advised that the ice skating at both parks has been used a lot this year.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

No report

RECREATION

Councilman DeWitt shared that the Winter Recreation Program was finished with the Pizza party being held last week. Mr. DeWitt advised he will start to work on the Summer Camp Program next week.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

No report.

PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES

Banking

Supervisor Valk discussed issues with Key Bank and fees they are now charging the Town. Specifically, Key Bank never charged a fee for returned checks and they have now started to do so. In light of this recent fee, Mr. Valk suggested the Town impose a \$20.00 fee for residents that bounced checks and creates a service charge to the Town. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to add a \$20.00 returned check fee to the Town Fee Schedule.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Supervisor Valk discussed the need to purchase a town vehicle which could be used by the clerks instead of having to use their personal vehicles to travel to the bank.

BUILDINGS

Supervisor Valk advised that he is still working on the LED Lighting grant. Mr. Valk advised that the parts are expected to be in tomorrow to fix the heating system in the Community Room. He also advised that the parts to repair the generator have been ordered.