

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 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 March 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, 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.

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 Watkins to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 21, 2019.

**VOTE: Councilman Watkins, aye, Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman Miller, aye, Councilman Amthor, abstain, Supervisor Valk, aye.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received 2/26/19 from Ed Darrow, President of the Wallkill Area Little League, advising that Opening Ceremony and Parade would be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. Andy Domenech, Chairman of the Climate Smart Committee, updated the Town Board on committee activities. He reported that they will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with the Environmental Management Council. The committee attended the EMC meeting last week and discussed their activities. The next meeting will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Wallkill Reformed Church. Mr. Domenech has notified the Wallkill Valley Times and the Shawangunk Journal of the meeting date.

There were no other comments or questions from the public. Supervisor Valk advised the attendees to feel free to speak up during the meeting if they had any questions.

### **REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS**

#### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Highway Superintendent LoCicero reported the following:

The crew is out cleaning the snow from the hamlet streets along the parade route.

Walden has loaned their sweeper to the town for one week and they will be sweeping the hamlet streets next week.

The one hour parking sign has been posted in front of the Barber Shop on Walkkill Avenue. After review of the salt budget, at this time, it has been determined that it is 1,000 tons lower than last year.

He will be looking at a maintenance schedule shortly. Mr. LoCicero reported that there are a lot of pot holes to be taken care of. They are trying to keep up the best they can.

With regard to the purchase of a new paver, its possible CHIPS money can be used.

The new truck is in service. The sander works excellent.

The Highway Committee will be meeting prior to the next Town Board meeting.

**POLICE CHIEF**

**Vehicles**

Chief Marlatt advised that the G.M. should be ready next week. The truck is not expected until April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The equipment will have to be installed after that.

**Resignation**

A letter of resignation from Part Time Office Kevin Gillis was received. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Miller to accept the resignation with regrets. The resignation is effectively immediately.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**Town Activities**

Chief Marlatt advised that he has spoken to the President and is all set up to cover the Walkkill Area Little League Parade.

Supervisor Valk discussed the upcoming Bike Event in September that will ride through part of the Town. Chief Marlatt will cover the event which will not require any additional officers.

**REPORT OF TOWN COMMITTEES**

**HIGHWAY & PUBLIC SAFETY**

Discussed earlier with Highway Superintendent & Police Chief reports.

**WATER & SEWER**

**Water Material Bid**

Supervisor Valk advised that TSW-191 Bid Opening for water main materials was held today at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Valk recommended that the decision be tabled for the time being as they will be going out to bid for the General Construction of the job. The General Construction proposal will consist of the installation of 900 feet of water main, which will include the site preparation, trenching, valves, hydrants, house services, backfill paving, site restoration and other related work. The Town Engineer is proposing to

advertise for bids on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. The bids will be due and opened 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Amthor to advertise for General Construction bids as proposed by the Town Engineer.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**Roof**

Supervisor Valk advised that the roof on the sewer building has been completed.

**PARKS****Walker Valley Community Center Park**

Supervisor Valk advised that he received a request from the Community Enhancement Committee asking if the basketball hoop could be removed. Chairman Sue Wiand explained that having it in the parking lot invites vandalism. It was noted that the hoop was put up prior to the basketball court at Verkeerderkill Park.

**Garrison Park**

The committee is researching the amount of mulch that will be needed at the park.

**Bridge Park**

Councilman DeWitt reported that he met with representatives from the Lions Club. He explained that the members inquired about improving the pull off area at the entrance of the bridge on Bruyn Turnpike. Mr. DeWitt advised that there are several issues to be addressed and suggested that Ulster County get involved.

**Ice Skating**

Councilman DeWitt reported that there is still ice skating at both Verkeerderkill and Popp Parks.

**SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING**

No report

**RECREATION**

Councilman DeWitt reported that he had a meeting for summer camp. Mr. DeWitt advised that there are some changes coming forward regarding salaries and some restructuring. He will have those details worked out in a few weeks.

**RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Supervisor Valk reported that the Agency has scheduled a meeting that will be held on a Saturday, when our Transfer Station is open. Mr. Schelin will not be able to attend.

**PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES**

No report