

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 21, 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 21st day of March 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also present was Police Chief Gerry Marlatt and Planning Board members Mark Watkins and Patricia Turner.

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 Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 7, 2019.

VOTE: Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman Miller, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Valk, aye. Councilman Watkins was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Don Reese, President of the Wallkill Lions Club, introduced member Sal Patella and Mike Mahood, advisor to the Lions Club. Mr. Reese shared the mission of the Lions Club and explained that the members had expressed interest in assisting with the improvements of the holiday decorations. Don explained that members have been researching and doing leg work on how they could be helpful to the Town. Supervisor Valk advised that the Lions Club has been very helpful in many community projects and expressed the Town's appreciation. Mr. Valk also expressed appreciation to Mr. Mahood who has been putting up the wreaths every year. Mr. Sal Patella distributed copies of quotes for the purchase of wreaths and LED bulbs. He also explained that Mike Mahood has committed Olympic Electric to assist the Lions Club in hanging the wreaths each year. Mr. Patella discussed the various price quotes and stated that the Lions Club is willing to fund half the cost of eight wreaths for the Wallkill Bridge. They are recommending that 40" wreaths be purchased and placed on every other light post. The total cost for eight 40" wreaths is \$2,136. The price quote is valid until March 31st. The Lions Club will also split the cost of the LED bulbs. The new bulbs would replace the bulbs existing wreaths on the wreaths. Mr. Mahood explained that the LED bulbs will last longer, are brighter, and are energy efficient. Mr. Patella stated the price quote for 1,025 LED C-7 bulbs is \$1,436.25. There was a discussion on the options for purchasing the light bulbs. Councilman Miller stated that the Town must get three prices. Mr. Mahood stated that there are not a lot of suppliers. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor to purchase eight 40" wreaths at this time, splitting the cost with the Lions Club. The LED lights can be researched and purchased at a later time.

VOTE: Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman Miller, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Valk, aye. Councilman Watkins was absent.

It was agreed that Supervisor Valk will contact the company and send a purchase order for the eight wreaths. The Town will research companies where the bulbs may be purchased possibly for a lower price. Mr. Valk suggested mixing in other decorations with the wreaths, possibly alternating them.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

No report

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt expressed his appreciation for the parking lot improvements last week. He will extend his thanks to the Highway Department.

Chief Marlatt advised of the following:

Officer Vail is meeting with Councilman Amthor to review the final website changes tomorrow.

Officer Hughes is a certified DARE Officer and will take over his position. The DARE Program is ready to go at the school.

The Dog Control Officer will be ready to start any day. He is signed up for two day training in Orange County.

The water pump on the 582 may have gone bad. He has an appointment on Monday to check out. If it is bad, it will go for repair to Strictly Ford.

The Phase II officers are now on their own and are doing very well.

For the April schedule, there are only two open shifts, which he anticipates will be filled with no issue.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade was larger this year. There were twelve officers on duty with zero incidents. The school crossing guards and fire police were utilized with no other resources from other towns or the Sheriff's Office being used. The State Police were the only other agency on duty for Route 208 & 300. The Walkkill Little League Parade is scheduled for April 6th and arrangements are all set. The department will assist with the 4th Honor Flight on April 13th. Officer Rafferty is still out of work.

REPORT OF TOWN COMMITTEES**HIGHWAY**

Supervisor Valk explained that the Highway Superintendent will be attending the Highway School in Ithaca in June this year. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve Joe LoCicero attending the school.

VOTE: Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman Miller, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Valk, aye. Councilman Watkins was absent.

Supervisor Valk noted that he and Councilman DeWitt will be meeting with Highway Superintendent LoCicero tomorrow.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Supervisor Valk advised of the recent announcement that Shawangunk is rated #48 safest community in America by the National Safety Home Council, and number #14 safest place in New York. Mr. Valk discussed the ratings in comparison with neighboring towns and credited our Police Department.

WATER & SEWER

No report

PARKS**Garrison Park**

Supervisor Valk inquired with the Town Board members if they have come to any conclusion concerning the removal of the basketball hoops. Supervisor Valk advised that he has spoken with the Town IT person about various options that may be available on installing a security camera. He learned that it's possible that the internet could be boosted. Other activities were discussed with regard to replacing the basketball hoops. Supervisor Valk advised that the same request has been made for the basketball hoops at the Walker Valley Schoolhouse. Police Chief Marlatt is in support of removing the hoops and create additional open space at the parks. A motion was made by Councilman Dewitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor to have the basketball hoops removed from both Garrison Park and the Community Center at the Walker Valley Schoolhouse.

VOTE: Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman Miller, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Valk, aye. Councilman Watkins was absent.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

No report