

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 18, 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 18th day of April 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Councilman Matthew Watkins was absent. Highway Superintendent LoCicero and Police Chief Gerry Marlatt were excused from the meeting.

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 March 21, 2019.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 4, 2019.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from the Town of Shawangunk Planning Board dated 4/10/19 circulating for Lead Agency for the application of E & L Farms was received. Supervisor Valk advised that the Town Board consents that the Planning Board act as lead agency for the purpose of the SEQRA process.

A letter from the Town of Shawangunk Planning Board dated 4/10/19 regarding sidewalks in the Knoth subdivision was received. Supervisor Valk advised that this matter will be tabled until the next meeting.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

#### **Bridge Landing Project**

Mr. Sal Patella, representing the Wallkill Lions Club stated that the Lions Club is in full agreement to take responsibility for the site once Ulster County does their work. Mr. Patella stated that they are working on a low maintenance plan for the site. They would put up a Welcome to Wallkill sign at the site. They are requesting some type of access or break in the guardrail that the County will install, which will allow for emergency or to drop off supplies or make any necessary repairs. Mr. Patella advised that the only question left for the Lions Club is when final approval will happen so they can start to clean up. He stated that there is one large tree that is leaning and will need to come down.

There was a discussion on leaving a wide shoulder, the path to the river, and a break in the guardrail for pedestrian access. Supervisor Valk stated that the first question for the board is, does the Town want to acquire the parcel. Legislator Ronk advised that he had the parcel pulled from the Tax Sale. He currently is working with the County Treasurer to convey the parcel without any of the back taxes having to be paid by the Town. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to have Supervisor Valk send a letter to Ulster County expressing interest in acquiring the parcel of land by the Wallkill Bridge, with the condition that the back taxes are waived by the County.

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

#### **Wreaths**

Supervisor Valk advised that the holiday wreaths have been ordered, and he will notify the Lions Cub when they arrive.

#### **Park Signs**

Legislator Ken Ronk presented a warning for tick's sign that could be posted at Town Parks. Councilman DeWitt stated, that is exactly what is needed and requested a total of ten signs. Mr. Ronk will provide the signs to the Town.

#### **Wallkill Fire Company County Parade**

Mr. Eric Orr, President of the Wallkill Fire Company, approached the board to advise that they would like to host the County Parade next year with the help of other fire companies. He explained that several companies could not host the parade due to the layout of the town. Wallkill has a good setup and the parade would be similar to past parades. Mr. Orr explained that they will be requesting assistance from other companies. Wallkill is looking to build relationships with the Battalion, which goes from Walker Valley to Clintondale. Following a brief discussion, the board members did not have any concerns. They advised Mr. Orr to meet with the Police Committee. The parade is scheduled for June 20, 2020. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor to allow the parade to be held in Wallkill with the approval of the Police Committee.

#### **Open House**

Mr. Eric Orr, President of the Wallkill Fire Company, invited the Town Board to their Open House on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Mr. Orr explained that FASNY sponsors the Recruit NY Program. Mr. Orr does the education and training in the Hudson Valley. They are trying to create new ways to recruit and train. He stated that retention is a big issue that they need to solve, an issue that both the fire company and the ambulance corps is having. He is hoping to team up with the Town Board to resolve the problem.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS**

The Supervisor's Monthly Report for March 2019 was received.

The Town Clerk's Monthly Report for March 2019 of \$24,613.19 was received.

The Tax Collector's Monthly Penalty Report for March 2019 of \$5,766.67 was received.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

No report

**POLICE CHIEF**

No report

**PUBLIC HEARING – WALLKILL WATER DISTRICT**

Supervisor Valk stated the Public Hearing for the installation of 700' of new water distribution pipe is being held in compliance with Section 202 b of the Town Law. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m. and all residents are encouraged to ask any questions or make any statements. See Public Hearing Minutes.

**REPORT OF TOWN COMMITTEES**

**HIGHWAY**

Supervisor Valk explained that the Highway Superintendent advised that the crews are working on ditching throughout the town.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Dog Sign for Park**

Supervisor Valk explained that the Dog Control Officer has requested that a warning sign be put up at Verkeerderkill Park regarding enforcement for dogs not on a leash. Councilman DeWitt stated that there is currently an issue at the park and is in support of the sign. Supervisor Valk requested the Police Committee to discuss this sign with the Police Chief, who the Dog Control Officer works under.

**Wallkill Avenue Parking**

Supervisor Valk advised that the no parking sign put up on Wallkill Avenue needs a modification. He requested the Police Committee to review.

**Air B & B**

Legislator Ken Ronk advised that Ulster County has passed an occupancy tax that Air B & B has voluntarily agreed to pay. Mr. Ronk explained that the county hired an outside company to collect the