

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 2, 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 2nd day of May 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Matthew Watkins and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Councilman Brian Amthor was absent. Also present were Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, and Ulster County Legislator Ken Ronk.

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 April 18, 2019.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter dated May 2, 2019 was received from Glen Kubista, notifying the Town of Shawangunk that he is filing an application to the New York State Liquor Authority on behalf of Pasquale's Wallkill at 26 Wallkill Avenue. Mr. Kubista is requesting a letter waiving the 30 day hold by the municipality. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Town Board has no objection to waiving the rights to the 30 day hold for this application. Pasquale's Wallkill is the purchaser of Rob's Pizza.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

#### **Natural Power Group**

Supervisor Valk explained that the Town of Shawangunk is a Climate Smart Community. He met with Natural Power Group to discuss selling power to the Town. Mr. Valk further explained that Sarah Bower & Harry Turbush have been operating the Wallkill Hydroelectric plant the Town for 30 years. He invited them to come to the meeting to explain their program. The Turbush's run generating plants in Wallkill, Salisbury Mills and Wappingers Falls. Mr. Bower explained that the Wallkill plant allocated out in three months. The Wallkill plant is a 450 kWh hydroelectric plant that produces on average 2,000,000 kWh per year. He further explained that the plant was overhauled last year and additional spots are opening up in Wallkill now that the other plants are operating. Mr. Bower explained that by law they previously sold electric to Central Hudson. Now the law allows them to sell to customers. The customers receive credit on their Central Hudson bill in proportion to their agreed percentage of production. Supervisor

Valk explained that the Town has a two year contract with Direct Energy; he believes the Town can get the 10% additional discount.

Mr. Delbe Spath reported that he attended a presentation on "The Basin" at the Knights of Pythias Hall a few days ago. Mr. Spath said it was very interesting and informative.

Mr. Al Smiley inquired about the damage to the ramp on the Town Hall Building. Supervisor Valk explained that water was trapped where the railings were and froze which caused the bricks to weaken and break off. Mr. Valk advised that he met with Watchtower yesterday, and they have offered to do the repairs.

County Legislator Ken Ronk presented a total of #10 Tick Signs that can be posted at the Rail Trail and at the Town Parks.

Mr. Ronk advised that the bridge overlook property has been removed from the tax sale. Ulster County is working on a resolution to transfer the property over to the Town at a total cost of \$1.00. He stated that the County will be making the improvements to the property prior to the transfer.

#### **Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing**

Supervisor Valk advised that the Public Hearing is still open from April 25<sup>th</sup>. He invited anyone to make any comments or ask questions. There were no comments or questions from the audience. A motion was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to close the Public Hearing.

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

#### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Highway Superintendent LoCicero reported the following:

The CHIPS final number is \$227,254.00. The Town is receiving less than last year.

He is finalizing the 284 Agreement and it will be available soon.

The water issues on Third Street are on the list to be worked on. The department will be installing a catch basin that will push the water across the road.

Supervisor Valk advised that the \$50,000 grant to go towards the new highway vehicle has been received.