

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 6, 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 **6th day of June 2019** at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Matthew Watkins and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also present were 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 Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 16, 2019.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Public Hearing Notices were received from the Town of Gardiner to be held on June 11, 2019 for Amending the Zoning Map, Extending the Moratorium for Tourism related land uses, and Accessory Apartments.

Supervisor Valk presented an America Flag donated by Mr. Harold Auchmoody. The flag is in memory of his brother Robert Auchmoody. Mr. Auchmoody requested the flag be hung at the Library Park when a replacement is needed.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Car Show

Mr. Dave Corder discussed the possibility of holding a Car & Bike Show, sponsored by the Parkview House, Wallkill Fire Department and Speakeasy Motors. The show would be held in the vicinity of Garrison Park with cars lining up around the park. There would be trophies, food, and live music all day. The tentative hours for sign up would be at 11 a.m. The show would be held from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mr. Corder stated that the group agreed, if a profit was raised, they would like to donate the money for the basketball courts in Garrison Park. Mr. Corder stated that he will be meeting with the Wallkill Fire Commissioners and speaking with the Police Chief. The possibility of closing a street down was discussed. Councilman Miller inquired if the number of people expected would exceed five hundred. If not, than a Mass Gathering Permit would not be needed. Supervisor Valk stated that the group would need to provide Insurance. He also suggested that when the event is planned, Mr. Corder should meet with the Police Chief and the Police Committee to work out all the details.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

No report.

POLICE CHIEF

Events

Garrison Park

Chief Marlatt advised that there will be a Poker Run sponsored by the Fire Department Motorcycle Club. The ride will end up at Garrison Park where there will be food, games and prizes. Following a short discussion it was agreed that Garrison Park is a public park and anyone is welcome to gather at the park as long as it doesn't fall under the Mass Gathering regulations.

Baldwin Winery

Chief Marlatt advised that he has been notified that Baldwin Winery is having an event where a live band will be playing until 11 p.m.

Wallkill Ambulance

Chief Marlatt advised that Wallkill Ambulance Corps is planning to hold a Recruitment Day and Open House on August 24th. The event will be held at their facility and on the soccer field across from the ambulance building. There will be a helicopter landing there at 2 p.m. They are having several other agencies join them for the day. They are discussing blocking off First Street, as they will be crossing at a specific point.

Personnel

Chief Marlatt advised that there has been a void in the department due to recent resignations. He has spoken to the Police Committee about filling that void with the hiring of a part time officer. He is proposing to hire John Spinato. Chief Marlatt stated that Officer Spinato is retired from the Town of Crawford Police Department and comes with years of experience and many certifications. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Miller to hire John Spinato as a part time Police Officer at the current contractual rate of pay, effectively immediately.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Department of Defense

Chief Marlatt advised that the Humvee was used in the Memorial Day Parade where they received rave reviews. There have been a few negative comments, and he wants to set the record straight that the Humvee was obtained totally free of charge. It does have limited uses. It can be used in emergencies and go places that other vehicles cannot. The Humvee is all wheel drive and has the ability to go anywhere. The Humvee has a winch that can be useful. It also can be used as a barricade. Chief Marlatt advised that they would not have purchased this vehicle, but since it was offered to the Department for free, they accepted it. Mr. Marlatt advised that they have been searching for a speed sign through the Department of Defense. They have located a sign which has an issue with a key that he is in the process