

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 20, 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, Walkkill, NY on the 20th day of June 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 excused. Also present were 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 DeWitt to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 6, 2019.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Request from Steve Hayes for park rental refund, June 12, 2019.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

#### **284 Agreement**

Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero discussed Phase I of the 2019 Town of Shawangunk Highway 284 Agreement with the Town Board. Mr. LoCicero explained that the estimate of \$43,675 for Burnt Meadow Road may actually come in lower than the Town of Gardiner's price. Additional stone may have to be purchased. The village streets that will be milled, leveled and getting a top course of asphalt will be Viola, First, Second and Third, at a cost of \$176,200. Drainage work will be done with the catch basins being reset and a swale to the creek to redirect the water. Work will be done on Bruyn Turnpike which will get Fiber Mat and totals \$54,607.80. Mr. LoCicero explained that Ulster County is fiber matting Bruyn Turnpike. Total cost of the 284 Agreement is \$317,000. Mr. LoCicero explained that if there is enough funding left, he wants to do Hardenburgh Road. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Miller to adopt the 284 Agreement as discussed, and sign it.

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

**Personnel**

Mr. LoCicero advised that he has hired two seasonal workers for weed whacking, flagging, cleaning and preparing trucks. The two hired are Seth DeWitt and Matt Hansen, both at \$15.00 per hour, starting June 24, 2019.

**Equipment**

Mr. LoCicero advised that the flatbed broke down and since the department does not have a mechanic, it needed to be taken to Strictly Ford for repair.

**POLICE CHIEF****Surplus Equipment**

Chief Marlatt advised that the forklift through the Department of Defense was picked up today and seems to work well. The expense was zero with the exception of fuel for the transportation. Chief Marlatt advised that he has discussed with Joe LoCicero the items that are needed for the Highway Department and he will begin searching for them. The Chief also advised that they requested and located a stump grinder and just need to go pick it up. They also picked up an Electric Car which runs on batteries. The Chief stated that he is working on getting it running. The car takes six batteries which cost \$100 each. He is working on a solution. Another piece of equipment they obtained is a Speed Sign. The inside is all working, and he will continue to attempt to get it in working order.

**Health Testing**

Chief Marlatt advised that he attend a Chief's meeting today. There was a company there that offered to do preventive health testing for the Police Department and other town officials that are designated for the services. They have a mobile facility and will come and set up for the testing. The Town of Crawford is interested, and the thought is to combine the two towns for the same day.

**Laws**

Today he learned the details of the new Bail Reform Bill that takes effect January 2020. He said there still are many questions and conflicts in the law. They anticipate there will be a drastic increase in warrants. It will not be necessary to see any photo ID, only requires that one self identifies and the police must accept this. Cash bail will be gone. The Judge will post unsecured bond on a person, the bench warrant list gets greater. There was a discussion on procedures with additional information to follow.

**Personnel**

Chief Marlatt advised that one full time officer who is stationed at the school has been activated for three months of military duty. The months will be July, August and September.

**REPORT OF TOWN COMMITTEES****HIGHWAY**