

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 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 July 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 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 20, 2019.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Bruynswick Inn, Intent to Renew Liquor license 6/25/19; Town of Montgomery, Public Hearing Notice for Extension of Solar Moratorium 7/11/19; Town of Newburgh Notice of Application for Area Variance 7/25/19.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Cooling Stations

Mr. Andy Domenich inquired if there were any hot weather provisions for a cooling station in the Town. Supervisor Valk explained that there have been cooling stations set up in the past, with no one showing up. He explained that someone has to be in the building if it is opened up. Using Town Hall is a possibility when Town Hall is closed provided someone can stay in the building. Mr. Valk explained that people seem to use Stewart's and other public buildings on their own.

Car Show

Mr. Dave Corder reviewed details about the Car & Bike Show he spoke about at the June 6, 2019 Town Board meeting. Mr. Corder advised that the show will be held on August 17, 2019 and be sponsored by the Parkview House and Speakeasy Motors. He has worked out the details with the Police Chief. The Wallkill Fire Company and Lions Club are on board as well. Chief Marlatt explained that it will be no problem to close Park, Main & Central surrounding the fire department parking lot, which can also be used as a parking lot for the event. There are crosswalks and the traffic anticipated will not create any problems. Supervisor Valk requested Mr. Corder supply the Town with a Certificate of Insurance. Mr.

Cordner stated he does not expect to need any police officers. He further explained that the bands will be playing in the Parkview House parking lot under a tent. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Miller and second by Councilman Amthor to authorize the Parkview House & Speakeasy Motors to hold the car show on August 17, 2019.

Thank you

Mr. Delbe Spath thanked the Town Board for the certificate he was presented with for winning the Joe Kelly Award for his years of service with the fire department. Mr. Spath said it was a surprise and was grateful for being chosen.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT****Highway Update**

Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero reported the following:

Burnt Meadow Road was ditched, trees trimmed and cut, and cross pipes were installed.

Along with the county project, the Shawangunk section of Bruyn Turnpike has been ditched and improved.

Hansburg Road has been patched.

He is working with the town engineer on the final plan for Viola Avenue and Second Street. The preliminary plan is to run the water from the Ambulance building to the creek behind the town owned properties on Viola Avenue. It will be necessary to go from an 18" pipe to a 24" pipe. A Central Hudson gas line will have to be moved.

Currently working on cleaning up outstanding issues on Bert McCord Drive in the Prospect Heights project before taking over the road. There is a 9:00 a.m. meeting scheduled for July 19, 2019 to address those issues.

Release of driveway bond on Knoth Road is approved.

Personnel

Mr. LoCicero advised that the department is still operating without a mechanic. He has interviewed three candidates with Councilman DeWitt on July 17, 2019 and will be interviewing three more next week.

Equipment

Mr. LoCicero advised that there are three trucks out of service. He stated that it is getting difficult to operate without a mechanic. The Mack truck is at Arkel Motors, the motor blew on a truck and another needs a full clutch job.

Parks

Mr. LoCicero reported that a few of the crew members are working at the parks. They are working overtime when possible. He stated that this is the busy time and the men cannot be taken away from the work that needs to get done on the roads.

Lake Shore Drive

A crew will be going to Lake Shore Drive tomorrow, July 19, 2019, to patch a large hole.