

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 3, 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 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 was Joe LoCicero, Highway Superintendent.

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 September 19, 2019.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter dated 9/23/19 received from Ute Curley regarding a water issue on her property at 22 CE Penny Drive. Letter received 10/01/19 from Pine Bush Fire District regarding the 2020 Budget.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

#### **Dottie Spears/Girl Scout Project**

Ms. Spears and several Girl Scouts representing Girl Scout Troop 183 spoke to the Town Board regarding a project that they have completed. The project was "Take Care of your Community". The troop participated on Earth Day and cleaned up Verkeerderkill Park. They also participated in the painting project for "Unify Walker Valley". The girls made bird houses and brought one to show the board. Leader Spears advised the Town Board that they would like to place the birdhouses around the fields at Verkeerderkill Park. Following a short discussion it was agreed that they would put the birdhouses up and take them down after the season was over. The Girl Scouts recited the Promise for the board. The Town Board thanked Leader Spears and the girls for their commitment to the community.

#### **Paul Mader/Handicap Ramp/Town Board Activity**

Mr. Mader stated that after attending a "Meet the Candidates" meeting the night before, it was evident that the public does not know what the Town Board does and what they accomplish financially. He learned that the handicap ramp is being rebuilt by volunteers and the materials for the re-building of the project were also donated. Mr. Mader says the word needs to get out. Supervisor Valk agreed that people are critical, and the Town Board does the best they can. Mr. Valk explained that the ramp is ten years old and because of faulty work when the building was built, it needs to be reconstructed. He

continued to explain that it would cost more in legal fees to go after the contractor. Volunteers from Watchtower Farms will be reconstructing the ramp. The materials were donated by the World Buddhist in Walker Valley. The Town will be getting \$20 - \$30,000.00 worth of work donated. Mr. Mader said it is important that the public be made aware of this. Supervisor Valk said it's not one person but a team that accomplishes these things.

**Joanne Warren/Hamlet Issues**

Mrs. Warren inquired if anyone has addressed her concerns that were brought up at the last Town Board meeting. Councilman Amthor advised that he has looked at the sidewalk problem and will have the work done prior to Halloween. Councilman Miller advised that the Code Enforcement Officer has been away for two weeks so those issues have not been addressed. Mrs. Warren advised that there are two large dead trees that are almost falling down on the Shawangunk side of the Rail Trail. Highway Superintendent LoCicero stated he will check the trees out tomorrow and address the issue as soon as possible.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES**

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Highway Superintendent LoCicero reported the following:

The blacktopping is finished for the season.

Bridge Street Extension is now open to Railroad Avenue, the curbs are in and the signs have been installed.

The drainage project on Viola Avenue has been completed with the exception of a small amount of drainage work to do next week.

Third Street has been blacktopped this year. First & Second Streets will have to be done in the spring.

Will be looking at the schedule of work for next year in the next two months.

Will need to start working on ordering salt and sand for the winter.

Equipment and Building Plan need to be worked on shortly.

Supervisor Valk inquired if the water issue on Viola Street was addressed. Mr. LoCicero advised that there is no town water coming on the property. They opened the ditch up as far as they could reach and he has spoken to the property owners and explained the situation.

Councilman Miller inquired who ran the mower this year. Mr. Miller complimented him on the job he has done. Mr. Miller stated he has received many compliments from the public. Mr. LoCicero advised that Mike Weed has done the mowing and he is an asset to the department.

**REPORT OF TOWN COMMITTEES**

**HIGHWAY**

Covered under Highway Superintendent.