

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 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 **21st day of November, 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. Also present were Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero and Police Chief Gerry Marlatt. Councilman Amthor was absent.

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

Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 7, 2019.

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

Public Hearings

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the minutes of the Public Hearings for Walker Valley Fire District, Special District Assessment Rolls and 2020 Preliminary Budget held on November 7, 2019.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Eagle Scout Project

Nevin Cannistra explained to the Town Board that he is a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 02 in Pine Bush. As his Eagle Scout Project, he is proposing to improve the cemetery on the corner of Redder Road and Mountain Road. His project will include cleaning the military gravestones and documenting the information on where the veterans are buried. He will re-build the fence surrounding the cemetery and build a gate with a plaque. Nevin also explained that he will build a wooden bench and do general site cleanup. Nevin provided photographs of the cemetery. He will provide a draft to the Town Board when

finished with the documentation of the historical background for the military graves. As part of the regulations he will need a beneficiary. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Watkins for the Town of Shawangunk to act as the beneficiary for this project.

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

Supervisor Valk complimented Nevin on his presentation and signed his authorization beneficiary letter. According to BSA guidelines, Nevin provided his contact information.

Sidewalks

Joann Warren advised the Town Board that the contractor repaired the wrong sidewalk. The sidewalk that was repaired was across the street from her house. She advised that she contacted Councilman Amthor who told her he was working on the situation. Supervisor Valk received word from Councilman Amthor who advised that the contractor was hoping to get back out there next week. Mr. Valk stated that temporary repairs would be made if the contractor could not get it done before the winter.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Marlatt reported the following:

Resignations

Submitted resignations for two police officers who did not meet their probationary period. One was for Alfred Zimmerman and the other for John Raftery. Chief Marlatt requested consideration to re-hire Officer Raftery, who because of unforeseen circumstances cannot return until February. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by councilman DeWitt to accept the resignations of both officers.

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

Temporary Shelter

Chief Marlatt advised that he purchased a temporary shelter from Harbor Freight today to house the Humvee. At that time the company introduced him to their donation program. Mr. Marlatt advised that he submitted three requests under their donation program. One request could possibly be a shelter for the Walker Valley School House for the Dog Control Vehicle.

Training

Chief Marlatt advised that the three new Police Officers that were recently hired have started the training along with the two new Dog Control Officers.

Hardenburgh Road

Councilman DeWitt inquired if the radar sign could be placed on Hardenburgh Road. Mr. Marlatt agreed. Councilman Watkins questioned the five ton sign on the Crawford side of the Hardenburgh Bridge. Chief Marlatt stated that the tractor trailers usually travel Bruyn Turnpike to New Prospect. He will check the sign and contact the State Department of Transportation.

HIGHWAY**Bert McCord Drive**

Supervisor Valk explained that Bert McCord Drive is ready to be dedicated to the Town. He further explained that after thirteen years there are a couple minor issues that are being addressed. The Town Attorney has drawn up the Consent to Accept the Public Highway, which was read by Supervisor Valk. A Two Year Maintenance Security for \$91,814 has been posted with the Town in the form of an Irrevocable Letter of Credit. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Watkins to accept Bert McCord Drive in the Prospect Heights Subdivision as a Town Highway.

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

Hoagerburgh Bridge

Supervisor Valk reported that the Ulster County Department of Public Works will be holding a public meeting on the closing and repair of the Hoagerburgh Bridge. The bridge is located over the Shawangunk Kill by the Shawangunk Reformed Church. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Shawangunk Valley Fire House.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Discussed under Police Chief Report.

WATER & SEWER**Emergency Repair Update**

Supervisor Valk reported that under the Emergency Resolution the well was put in and two new rotors will be ordered, at a cost of about \$100,000. The contract will need to be signed for the time and materials. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract.

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