

REGULAR MEETING

December 5, 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 **5th day of December, 2019** at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Amthor, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Councilman Watkins was absent. Also present were Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins, Planning Board Member Richard Barnhart, Zoning Board Member Roger Rascoe, Town Attorney Rich Hoyt and Planning Consultant Bonnie Franson.

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 21, 2019.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Public Hearings for DeGroodt Drive Drainage District and the Draft Comprehensive Plan were opened at 7:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. See attached Public Hearing Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Public Hearing Notice was received on 12/3/19 for Zoning Code Amendments from the Town of Mamakating. A copy of the New York State Comptroller's Report on the Wallkill Water District beginning 1/1/13 to 12/31/17 was received on 11/22/19.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no comments or questions from the public.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Marlatt reported the following:

Coverage will be provided for the American Legion Pearl Harbor Ceremony on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

A letter of praise was received from a Montgomery resident who hit a deer on 11/8/19. Our officers assisted the resident with traffic and a tow truck and they were very grateful for their assistance. A 1998 Dodge two wheel drive pickup truck with 24,000 miles obtained from the Department of Defense is available. Chief Marlatt advised that he checked the vehicle today and it seems to be solid. The Town of Crawford will sell the truck for \$1,200.00 to our Town. It can be used for parks or the Building Department. Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Amthor to purchase the truck for \$1,200.00 from the Town of Crawford Police Department.

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

Two diesel generators on a trailer were picked up at the DOD site in Pennsylvania. One of them will be mounted outside the Police Station. The other might be able to be used at the highway garage. Other assorted items like jackets and pants were also picked up.

Officer Vail is checking into grants for computers so they can be upgraded to Windows 10.

Officer Hughes, who was the former DARE Officer, is no longer working for the Town. Chief Marlatt proposes to send Officer Brooks, who is interested in the position, to the D.A.R.E. training in January. The cost of the program is \$1,100.00. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Miller to approve the 2020 expense for the training.

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

Chief Marlatt advised that the full time officer who was out on military leave has notified him that he will be leaving the department on December 31, 2019. He has accepted a job in Texas. This leaves the department down three full time officers. It was agreed that Chief Marlatt and Supervisor Valk will work with Civil Service on filling vacancies.

Chief Marlatt advised that he attended the Walker Valley Seniors meeting yesterday. They discussed their concerns and complaints with him.

The temporary structure has been set up behind the Police Station. The Humvee is parked inside.

HIGHWAY

Baisley Driveway Bond

The Order for Release of a driveway bond posted 11/15/18 was reviewed. Highway Superintendent LoCicero inspected and approved the release on 11/22/19. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Miller to release the \$1,200.00 bond.

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

Hoagerburgh Road Bridge

Supervisor Valk reported that he and the Town Clerk attended a public meeting held by Ulster County Department of Public Works at the Shawangunk Valley Fire House on November 24, 2019. Mr. Valk explained that maps were displayed and the scope of the project was described. The bridge rehabilitation project will consist of replacement of the bridge deck, steel beams, guide railing and as needed concrete repairs. The estimated cost of the project is \$4,780,320 with ninety-five percent of the project being funded through the Bridge NY program. The actual construction is projected for fall of 2020 or spring of 2021. Handouts and comment forms are available at Town Hall or on the Town Website.

PUBLIC SAFETY

See Police Chief Report.

WATER & SEWER

See New Business.

PARKS**Park Equipment**

Supervisor Valk reported that the inspector who looked at the photographs of the playground equipment that was being donated was going to do a visual inspection on the site. He will report back to him when that happens.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

Councilman Amthor reported that the construction crew will be going out next week to do the repair of the sidewalk at the Warren property on Orchard Street, weather permitting.

Parking

Supervisor Valk reported that the one hour parking issue on Walkkill Avenue needs to be looked at again. There is only one sign up with the remaining spots being for residential.

RECREATION**Winter Recreation**

Councilman DeWitt reported that attendance is very light for the program this year. He explained that the Town Board did not want to cancel the program, so it is being held with the hope that additional children will sign up.