

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2020

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 16th day of January, 2020 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 was 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 DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Miller to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 2, 2020 and the Organizational Meeting also held on January 2, 2020.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Vision of Wallkill/Sparkle & Shine Awards

Donna Meyer and Paul Mader, representing V.O.W., were present to hand out the awards for this year's Sparkle & Shine Decorating Contest. This year's winners for residential and business were given certificates and ribbons. The winners were photographed and will appear in the next edition of the Wallkill Valley Times.

Climate Smart Committee

Andy Domenech reported that the committee will be joining the next meeting of the EMC on Tuesday, January 28th. The Ulster County Climate Smart Committee will be attending and putting on a presentation.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES

SUPERVISOR & TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Supervisor's Report for December 2019 and the Town Clerk's Report for December 2019 were submitted.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Gerry Marlatt reported the following:

He met with the Police Committee on January 8th.

The tent that covered the Humvee blew off in the storm. He will get it back together and bolt it to the ground to prevent this from happening again.

The form from Ulster County regarding the medical recyclables was discussed. It was agreed that Supervisor Valk will process the form with information supplied by Chief Marlatt.

The D.A.R.E. Program is scheduled for February. Officer Weiskettel will be graduating at the end of next week and will take over the program.

Ostrander PTO has funds available for the D.A.R.E. supplies.

All the officers need recertification in First Aid Training. He is working with Pine Bush Ambulance to train the officers with A.E.D., C.P.R. and oxygen administration.

He is waiting on Ulster County to determine who is on the eligibility list for the full time vacancies. The officers are scheduled for their physicals this coming Friday.

The contract is settled. He is working with KVI to order vests.

With money left over from 2019, he ordered badges for the crossing guards and dog control officers.

He is working with Ulster County on setting up a computer system for Discovery under the new Bail Reform Laws.

He will be reviewing the one vehicle that will be replaced this year.

The two new Dog Control Officers are working. Presently a Police Officer is assisting them with calls. He is waiting for Ulster County to offer training.

Councilman Miller shared that the Police Committee met with the Chief last week. He is impressed at the excellent job he has been doing with personnel. They are hopeful to be back up to five full time officers, where the department needs to be.

A.E.D.'s

Supervisor Valk reported that he has received a price at state bid for the A.E.D.s at \$995.00 each. Mr. Valk advised that they are needed at the Highway garage, Community Center at Walker Valley School House, the community room and upstairs at Town Hall, police cars, and possibly a few other locations. Wall cabinets can be purchased for \$99.00 each. Following a discussion on purchasing the A.E.D.s, a motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by councilman DeWitt to authorize Supervisor Valk to do a purchase order for the amount that is needed.

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

HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT

Supervisor Valk presented the agreement between the Humane Society of Walden and the Town of

Shawangunk for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The contract was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to renew the contract with Walden Humane Society for 2020.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Covered under Police Chief

HIGHWAY

Supervisor Valk advised that the Highway Superintendent is not present tonight. He reported that the Town Board has received information pertaining to Brimstone Hill and Stein Roads. He has not had the opportunity to discuss these issues with Mr. LoCicero. Supervisor Valk also advised that a letter was received from Mr. LoCicero regarding the Driveway Bond procedure, which will be tabled to discuss at a meeting where he can be present.

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Valk reported that the emergency repairs are continuing to be made.

PARKS

Supervisor Valk reported that the playground equipment that was donated needed to be picked up. A location needs to be identified where it will be placed. The equipment is geared towards younger children.

RECREATION**Walker Valley Senior Citizens**

Supervisor Valk reported that a question has come up with a trip planner for the Walker Valley Senior Citizen Group. He explained that there are two members who would like to plan the trips for the group but they have concerns with the liability. Mr. Valk suggested that the Town Board appoint volunteers to a committee to act in the role as volunteer trip planners. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Miller to appoint Erick Scherumann and Betty Moorehead as members of the Volunteer Trip Planning Committee of the Walker Valley Senior Citizen Club.

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