

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 16, 2020**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held by the Town of Shawangunk Town Board, County of Ulster, State of New York, **via Zoom** on the **16th day of April, 2020** at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

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, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins, Engineer Larry Marshall and Wallkill Valley Times Reporter Rachael Coleman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Valk explained that this was the first time the Town Board has conducted a meeting via Zoom and requested that all board members identify themselves when speaking. Mr. Valk explained that the meeting will be recorded and posted on YouTube for the public to view. A moment of silence was held honoring all the front line workers during the COVID 19 State of Emergency.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Watkins to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2020 meeting.

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

### **MEETING SCHEDULE DURING THE OUTBREAK OF COVID 10 – STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Supervisor Valk noted that the regular scheduled meetings from March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> were canceled. The vouchers were audited by the Town Board members and the payment of the bills were approved electronically.

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and second by Councilman Amthor to waive the public participation from this meeting held via Zoom.

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

### **REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES**

The Supervisor's Report from February 2020 was received. The Town Clerk's Report from February 2020 for \$21,689.42 was received.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Highway Superintendent LoCicero reported the following:

The highway crew is working on a 50% schedule as per the Governor's Executive Order. The shifts have been split in half.

The crews have been staying busy patching and ditching. They have been working on the Hansburg Road Bridge which they were able to widen. They have had the opportunity to do work on dead end roads that have not previously been attended to.

Received a letter from Town Engineer Dennis Larios with a recommendation on the repair of Stein Road. It appears that the most cost effective solution may be to move the road. The letter has been sent to the Town Attorney to contact the property owners. He is still looking at a possible plan to deal with the water pressure under the road.

A partial 284 Highway Agreement was submitted. The plan includes the work that was not able to be completed last year. When the CHIPS funding is known, he will be able to complete the agreement. The partial agreement is estimated at \$78,750 for work on Denniston Road and \$66,880.00 for work on First and Second Street. The total for the Partial 284 Agreement is \$145,630. The budgeted available funds for 2020 is \$320,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the Partial 284 Agreement.

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

Piping has been completed on Denniston and Aumick Roads.

Purchased a chemical disinfectant that has been issued to the highway crew, Town Hall and the Police Department. The chemical is used by Mobile Life to sanitize equipment. He also ordered a fogger, which is on backorder. When received it will be used to disinfect all the town buildings and vehicles. Spray bottles were purchased and refills are available upon request.

**POLICE CHIEF**

Chief Marlatt reported the following:

Received letter of resignation from Dog Control Officer Bruce Anstey, effective April 14, 2020.

Councilman Miller inquired when Mr. Anstey resigned and if the position would be advertised for a replacement. Chief Marlatt reported that Bruce handed in all of his equipment and his letter was dated April 14<sup>th</sup>. Chief Marlatt advised that the other Dog Control Officer will handle all of the duties moving forward until the Police Committee can meet and make a decision. A motion was made to accept the resignation of Bruce Anstey by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Miller.

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