

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 7, 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 **7th 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, and Wallkill Valley Times Reporter Rachael Coleman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Valk led the Town Board in a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag. Mr. Valk explained that the meeting was being recorded and will be available to the public to view on our Website and You Tube. He advised that Privilege of the Floor will be moved to the end of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting held by Zoom

A motion was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2020 meeting.

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

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

284 Agreement

Supervisor Valk explained that the 284 Agreement is a contract between the Highway Superintendent and the Town Board. Highway Superintendent LoCicero discussed the agreement that was passed at the last meeting on April 16, 2020. He explained that with being unsure of the money that would be available, he presented a partial 284 Agreement. He is now in a position to complete the agreement. The Amended 284 Agreement for 2020 was reviewed and discussed. In addition to the Capital Improvements on Denniston Road and First and Second Streets, he has added Basel, Weed and Stonybrook Roads for Fiber Mat and surfacing. Basel, Weed, Stonybrook, and Oregon Trail will be getting Fogsealing. The Total of the 2020 Amended 284 Agreement is \$282,970.15. Following a discussion on the components of the agreement. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Watkins to approve the 284 Agreement as proposed.

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

Highway Superintendent LoCicero reported that the crews are still working the split 50-50 shifts. They are trying to get the work done as best they can.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Marlatt reported the following:

Operations are running smoothly during COVID 19. They were given an allotment of masks to hand out to the public. The announcement is on Facebook and they have handed out about four hundred so far. Supervisor Valk advised that the Town Hall also received an allotment of masks for distribution.

There is an Eight Hundred Number that is advertised by the Pause Task Force that people can call to report violations with social distancing and people not wearing masks. The department has received about five complaints that they have followed up on. The guidelines have been explained to the businesses by the Police.

The Police Department continues to participate in the Birthday Drive By's with State Police, EMS and Fire Departments. Chief Marlatt explained that Officer Brooks has been coordinating the requests. There was a nice article in the Wallkill Valley Times this week covering this activity.

Ulster County has been contacted again for the Civil Service list. He is still waiting to fill the two full time positions. The holdup is the physical agility test which needs to be scheduled. Basically, things are at a standstill as the location for these physicals closed. There is another option to make temporary appointments. He has discussed this with Councilman Miller and they don't think is necessary at this point.

Supervisor Valk requested the Police Officers patrol the Rail Trail. He explained that it is being used heavily and some people are not being courteous.

The complaint about a motorcycle on Indian Springs Road will be followed up on.

The speed sign will be set up soon. If anyone has any issues in specific areas, they will set up at that location upon request.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HIGHWAY

Both were covered under the Highway Superintendent and Police Chief reports.

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Valk reported that the rotors for the ditch are still on order. There is a backlog because of COVID 19. He has been receiving a few complains on the noise.

PARKS

Equipment

Supervisor Valk inquired with Highway Superintendent LoCicero if the department could pick up the playground equipment that has been donated by the Reformed Church. He also inquired if they can store it for a while as it can't be used in the parks during COVID 19.

Maintenance

Councilman DeWitt reported that maintenance continues at the parks. The basketball hoops have been removed at Garrison Park. Tree trimming has been done on the Rail Trail. At Popp Park, hand trimming is being done along the river. Supervisor Valk noted that the gate is locked at Galeville Park for now. There was vandalism occurring in the back fields. Police Chief Marlatt advised that both Verkeerderkill and Galeville Parks are being used respectfully.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

Councilman Watkins inquired if the light at the Walker Valley Schoolhouse would be turned on or not. Supervisor Valk advised he would take care of that, just needs to get the pole number.

RECREATION

Summer Camp

Councilman DeWitt advised that a decision about holding summer camp needs to be made. The returning employees need to be apprised so they can look for another summer job. There was a discussion on the likelihood of the Governor relaxing regulations to even have the ability to hold summer camp with all the social distancing requirements. At this point there is limited access to the parks. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Miller to cancel summer camp for the 2020 season.

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

Councilman DeWitt advised that if regulations are relaxed, it may be possible to hold some day trips or programs at a later date.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Transfer Station

Supervisor Valk advised that he has received a proposal from Sterling Environmental for the annual monitoring of the landfill. The proposal is up slightly from last year from \$5,900 to \$6,381.00. There is one vent pipe that needs to be repaired, which is something he will talk to D.J. about. Following a brief discussion on the testing that is due to be performed in June, a motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Watkins to approve the Sterling proposal to conduct the monitoring.