

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 21, 2020**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting held by the Town of Shawangunk Town Board, County of Ulster, State of New York, on the **21st day of May, 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 was 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. Supervisor Valk stated that he hoped the next Regular Town Board Meeting which is scheduled on June 4, 2020, can be held in the Town Hall with appropriate spacing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting held by Zoom**

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Watkins to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2020 meeting that was held via Zoom.

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

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES**

**TOWN SUPERVISOR**

The Supervisor’s Report for April 2020 was received.

**TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk’s Report for \$13,216.50 for April 2020 was received.

**TAX COLLECTOR**

The Penalty Report for Taxes for \$6,924.33 for February & March 2020 was received.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

No report

**POLICE CHIEF**

No report

**HIGHWAY****Driveway Bonds**

Supervisor Valk advised that the Highway Superintendent has approved the release of two Driveway Bonds of \$1200.00 each for Mako Homes. The locations are 20 and 24 Mount Valley Road. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Miller to release the Driveway Bonds.

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

**Pleasant Avenue Extension**

Supervisor Valk explained that the Town Board had previously agreed to accept the road to accommodate the Walkkill Commons project. At that time, the board members agreed to pave the road. Supervisor Valk explained that he needs to discuss those details with the Highway Superintendent.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilman Miller reported that he and Councilman Amthor met with Chief Marlatt and reviewed various items. They discussed, vests, equipment and personnel. Councilman Miller explained that COVID 19 has been holding up the Civil Service List for the hiring of the full time officers.

**WATER & SEWER****Water Department**

Councilman Miller reported that the well they installed at the Water Plant is not supplying enough water. It was determined that the existing 500 gallon tank was not big enough for the usage. They will be installing another 500 gallon tank. There are several other options that will be investigated. Mr. Miller explained that it is non-potable water and used only for cleaning out the tanks and the press.

**Emergency Repairs**

Councilman Miller reported the equipment that was ordered last spring has not yet been received. Plant Manager, D.J. Henry, was advised that it will go in to production next week and is expected to be delivered in July.

**PARKS****Verkeerderkill Park**

Councilman DeWitt reported that cleanup continues at all the parks as well as the Rail Trail. He shared that he was recently contacted by Charlie Garrison who wanted to do a volunteer work program at Verkeerderkill Park. The goal is to unite the Pine Bush Senior Class. Mr. DeWitt advised him that there could be no groups larger than ten at one time in the park. After a brief discussion, all board members

agreed that they could not endorse any organized group activity of a group larger than ten people. Councilman DeWitt will follow up with Mr. Garrison to discuss.

**Rail Trail**

Supervisor Valk reported that the Community Clock has been produced and is ready to be shipped. Mr. Valk advised that due to COVID 19, he has requested the company hold the shipping of the clock for six weeks. Volunteers need to be lined up when the area starts to open up.

**SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING**

No report.

**RECREATION****Summer Camp**

Councilman DeWitt advised that the Governor announced this morning that he would not be sending his kids to summer camp and suggests that no one else does. Supervisor Valk noted that summer school has been canceled, and most other towns have canceled their summer camps.

**RESOURCE RECOVERY****Transfer Station**

Councilman Watkins reported that the area for the cover and blacktop are ready for the work to be done. Steve has been very busy and working hard to clean up. The pile of tires will be moved this week. The electronics are filled up again.

**PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES**

No report.

**BUILDINGS****Town Hall**

Supervisor Valk reported that he has been contacted by volunteer Julie Craner who is inquiring if the Town of Shawangunk could donate funds for the Senior Celebration. Due to COVID 19, they have had difficulty raising funds. Mr. Valk advised that he explained that the Town could not donate, but the board members could individually donate. Mrs. Craner also inquired if she can paint the doors on the east side of Town Hall, honoring the 2020 Walkkill Senior Class. Mr. Valk explained that she intends to paint the windows of other buildings in the Town. Following a brief discussion, all board members were in agreement for the doors to be painted facing Park and Central Avenues. The paintings should be a tribute to all graduates.

Supervisor Valk reported that the part time Building Inspector has assisted with the ordering and installation of Plexiglas at the windows at Town Hall in preparation for the re-opening to the public. Mr.