

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 18, 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 at 14 Central Avenue, Walkill, NY on the **18th day of June 2020** at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Matthew Watkins and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2020 meeting.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Sal Patella, representing the Lions Club, explained that he was present to discuss a few items with the board. The first item being that at the last barbeque they brought over a refrigerator and thought if the Town Board had no objection, they would like to leave it at the park. At this time, it is stored in the restroom. The Town Board did not have an issue with leaving the refrigerator, with a location to be determined.

The second item was the possibility of the Lions Club placing a shed or sea container at the park. Mr. Patella explained that they could paint the container to make it look appealing. The size would be 8X20 or 10X20. They would put in some landscaping to beautify. He further explained that they currently have supplies at several locations. The supplies are things like the barbeque grates, signs, etc. They would like to get them all in one location. With a shed, they have some concerns with rodents and vandalism. Supervisor Valk inquired if the grates could be for public use. Councilman DeWitt stated that there are grates at Verkeerderkill Park for public use when they rent the pavilion. Mr. Patella thought that something could be worked out. The Town Board members agreed they would prefer a shed over a sea container. The best location would be to the right of the restrooms. Mr. Patella agreed to put together a plan to present to the Park Committee for final determination and approval.

The third item was with the parking lot on the north side of the pavilion. The Lions Club is inquiring if the Town would consider laying down some Item Four to fill in the potholes.

The next item was the Rail Trail. The members have scheduled a cleanup for Tuesday. The welcome sign is finished and will be put up as previously approved. Mr. Patella agreed to contact the Police and advise them that they will be bringing equipment on the Rail Trail for the cleanup.

Another item is the Landing. Mr. Patella explained that the Lions Club is doing the mowing and weed whacking. They are working on getting a sign, benches and possibly a picnic table. Mr. Patella advised that the county was supposed to install a ballard for access, but they did not. He suggested that they put a chain and lock across that section. The Town Board had no objection. Supervisor Valk will inquire with the Correctional Facility to see if they are still building tables if the material is supplied. Mr. Patella will inquire about possible concrete picnic tables.

Supervisor Valk stated that although the Lions Club donated the pavilion, the Town has put a lot into it as well. The Town did the floor, poles, restrooms, etc. Because of the sign that is on the pavilion, residents think you have to be a member of the Lions Club to use it. Mr. Valk stated it was a partnership between the Lions Club and the Town. He personally thinks the Town should have equal time on the sign. Supervisor Valk noted that the Town will be replacing the roof and installing a ceiling. Councilman DeWitt agreed and suggested perhaps they could add something like the pavilion is for all the community to use to the sign. Mr. Valk suggested an addition to the sign could read, the "pavilion was donated by the Lions Club." Mr. Patella agreed to discuss this with the Lions Club.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

No report.

POLICE CHIEF

No report.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent LoCicero submitted an Amended 284 Agreement for Town Board approval. The amended agreement added paving for Pleasant Avenue. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and second by Councilman Amthor to table this discussion until the July 16th meeting which will give the members time to review the revisions.

Councilman DeWitt noted that the Town is receiving 80% in CHIPS funding this year.

Inquiries were made by Sal Patella and Kathy Ebbrell requesting the status of Red Top Road and Red Barn Road and when they are scheduled for work.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Supervisor Valk advised that the Governor has issued an Executive Order regarding police reform. The order requires the Town have a meeting with the Police Chief and community stakeholders to address several issues regarding the police department. There is no funding attached to this initiative.

Supervisor Valk stated that he would like to talk to the County Police Chief's Association and coordinate