

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 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 at 14 Central Avenue, Walkkill, NY on the **16th day of July 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. Also present were Highway Superintendent Joseph LoCicero, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, and Planning Board Member Richard Barnhart.

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 DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Miller to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2020 meeting.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Walker Valley Fire Company

Mr. Dave Grass advised the Town Board that in response to the Governor's Executive Order on March 20, 2020 regarding the lock down during COVID, Senate Bill, 8251B was passed on June 17, 2020. This bill allows for adding up to 5 points a month to active members during the COVID-19 pandemic period. He is concerned that some members in good standing may not make the points because of health concerns. Mr. Grass explained that the governing board must adopt a resolution to amend its point system.

There was a discussion on the requirements of the current point system, which is 50 points each year. Points are awarded for fire calls, meetings, work nights and drills. There is a cap of 25 points for fire calls. Mr. Grass explained that if the pandemic continues, members in good standing could be short points because of restrictions. He further explained that some drills started back up on July 1st but some senior members have concerns. There was a discussion on timing, incentives and the loss of points per month if members can't get out. Mr. Grass explained members could earn up to 5 points per month by participating in other activities. Supervisor Valk stated that 25 points need to be made up with other activities and suggested awarding 2.5 points per month if members can't get out. Councilman Amthor inquired if this amendment can be revisited. Mr. Grass advised that there is no extra cost to the Town, and the Town Board can amend the law any time prior to December 31st. Councilman Watkins

expressed his concern that seniors with 25-30 years would be penalized because they don't want to catch anything. A motion was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Miller to amend the Service Award Program by adding 2.5 points per month to active firemen during the COVID-19 pandemic.

VOTE: ALL AYE

It was agreed that a report and recommendation from the Fire Company will be provided later on in the year to the Town Board to see if any further action needs to be taken.

Parkview House Car Show

Mr. Dave Cordner discussed gaining permission from the Town Board to hold the 2nd Annual Car & Bike Show in the hamlet again this year. Mr. Cordner provided a map showing the event last year and the location of the display areas. He also presented a flyer with the details and a Certificate of Liability Insurance. The show will be held on Saturday, August 29th from 12 pm to 4 pm. They expect about #75 entries and about #200 people. Mr. Cordner has a meeting scheduled with the Police Chief and advised that the Fire Department will be assisting with traffic and security. Supervisor Valk advised that social distancing would need to be followed. Mr. Valk requested Mr. Cordner attend the next Town Board meeting on August 13th to see if there have been any changes regarding the COVID-19 climate. A motion was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to grant tentative approval to hold the event with the provision that Mr. Cordner return to the Town Board in August after meeting with the Police Chief.

VOTE: ALL AYE.**Shawangunk Democratic Committee**

Mrs. Adrienne Perine, Chair of the party, advised the Town Board that signs were stolen on the Greer property on Route 52. There were three signs made out of doors with messages regarding Black Lives Matter. Ms. Perine advised that the reason she is at the meeting is that these signs were on private property, and it is considered a theft. They have reported the theft to the Police Department. They are offering a \$500 reward. Ms. Perine stated that there have been similar thefts in other towns. She stated that they have faith in our Police Department.

Prospective Buyer

A potential resident approached the Town Board and explained that she spoke with Mark in the Building Department who advised her to come to the meeting. Heather (first name) stated that she currently lives in Washingtonville and is moving here. She has found the perfect house on 7 acres where she hopes to harvest elderberries. The issue is the land has a 90% conservation easement on it. The property is located at 84 Bert McCord Drive, also known as lot #3. She further explained that Mark was