

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3, 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, Wallkill, NY on the **3rd day of September 2020** at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Deputy Supervisor Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Robert Miller and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also present was Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero, Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins, Planning Board members Richard Barnhart, Todd Widmark, and Sal Patella, Zoning Board members Roger Rascoe and Dennis Arluck. Supervisor Valk and Councilman Watkins were excused.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Deputy Supervisor DeWitt 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 Amthor to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2020 meeting.

VOTE: Councilman Miller, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Deputy Supervisor DeWitt, aye. Supervisor Valk and Councilman Watkins were absent.

Special Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2020 special meeting.

VOTE: Councilman Miller, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Deputy Supervisor DeWitt, aye. Supervisor Valk and Councilman Watkins were absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Ulster County IDA regarding The Greenhouses Hotel on 8/12/20. Several letters from residents on Red Top Road were received on 8/25/20. Public Hearing Notices were received from the Town of Montgomery on 8/26/20 and Town of Newburgh on 9/14/20 and a letter received from J & K Terrizzi regarding sidewalks on 9/1/20.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Wallkill Public Library

Director Lisa Palmer introduced Architect Steven Rowland. Mr. Rowland explained that his firm, Butler, Rowland & Mays is located in Ballston Spa, New York. Ninety to ninety-five percent of their business is working with libraries. Their firm was hired to do a Master Plan for Wallkill Library. They held public

charettes and met with stakeholders to see where the direction of the library was headed. Mr. Rowland presented drawings of the current building and the proposed addition. He explained the addition consists of a 350 square foot room on the west side of the library. Mr. Rowland explained that the first-floor addition provides for flexible space that can be used for a reading room, programming, and small meetings. He explained that patrons with mobility issues will have better access to the library. The library's roof has not been replaced since the construction of the building in 1935 and will be replaced. They have been working with the historic nature of the building considering the exits, windows, stone, lighting and glass. The work will be done at no cost to the taxpayers. The library applied for and received \$198,000 in New York State construction aid and is matching 50 percent of that from the maintenance and building funds. One concern that needs to be addressed is the driveway between the library and town hall. They feel it is a safety hazard and would like to eliminate it and replace with a lawn area. Possibly removable bollards can be placed there for snow removal. If agreeable with the Town Board, they would like to connect the sidewalk to the Town Hall. In doing this, they would be eliminating two parking spots but would be adding two spots, on the other side.

Mr. Rowland explained that it has not been determined if the application has to go in front of the Planning Board. They have submitted a copy of the plan to the Building Inspector. They are in front of the Town Board tonight to request the waiving of fees similar to what the Town Board did for the Wallkill Fire House.

Councilman Miller inquired about the foundation of the addition. Mr. Rowland advised it was a crawl space. Mr. Miller inquired as to the ownership and deeded rights of the driveway between the buildings. Mr. Rowland advised that it would have to be researched to see if there were any agreements made in the 30's and 40's.

Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins advised that there was a special committee set up to review the firehouse proposal. He advised that this committee decided what fees could be waived after reviewing the plans. He suggested that this issue be assigned to that committee for a recommendation to the Town Board. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Amthor to refer the Wallkill Library application to this special committee for review so they can make a recommendation on waiving fees.

VOTE: Councilman Miller, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Deputy Supervisor DeWitt, aye. Supervisor Valk and Councilman Watkins were absent.

Lions Club

Mr. Sal Patella discussed the Landing at the Bridge on Bruyn Turnpike. Mr. Patella distributed a copy of a proposed sign that will be placed on the property. He advised that they had the utilities checked and are ready to go with the Ulster County Highway department. The proposed two-sided sign will be 6X6 with eye hooks added for the posting of special events. The front of the sign reads "Welcome to The Hamlet of Wallkill Elsie's Birthplace", with a picture of Elsie the Cow in the middle. The back of the sign has the Lions International logo that reads Welcome to Lions Landing. The back of the sign will not be visible from the road. The bottom of the planter will be dry stack rock where they will place some plants. The Lions Club will maintain the property and sign. Councilman Amthor inquired if approval was needed to use the Elsie logo. Mr. Patella advised that it is not copyrighted, only the name Borden is.