

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 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 **15th day of October 2020** at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Matt Watkins, and Deputy Town Clerk Dale Weed. Also present were Police Chief Gerry Marlatt and Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins.

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 Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 17, 2020.

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

Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 1, 2020.

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

Public Hearings

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Watkins to approve the minutes of the Public Hearings held for Pine Bush and Walker Valley Fire Districts on October 8, 2020.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – TOWN CLERK REPORT**

The Supervisor's Report for September 2020 was received. The Town Clerk's Report for September 2020 for \$20,661.00 was received.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

No report.

POLICE CHIEF/PUBLIC SAFETY**Vehicles**

Chief Marlatt explained that the new vehicle is ready to be ordered. The revised list of options saved a total of \$6,220.00. The purchase order will be submitted to the Bookkeeper.

All police vehicles are up and running for the winter season.

Equipment

The Town received a \$6,000.00 Vest Grant of which \$4,000.00 has been used. All the officers have received a new vest.

Permission was granted by the Town Board to set up the trailer they are receiving at the Police Station instead of the Highway Complex.

Training

Qualifying at the range is scheduled for this weekend.

Enforcement

The portable speed sign has been set up at several locations and has been effective. The residents are pleased.

Various

He is still waiting to hear from Ulster County Personnel.

The IT person has installed all the computers.

The department has surplus items. Supervisor Valk will contact the company that has been used to dispose of equipment.

Supervisor Valk thanked Chief Marlatt for being a good administrator and finding ways to save the Town money.

WATER & SEWER**Rates**

There was a discussion on the rates for 2021 for the Water and Sewer Districts. Supervisor Valk explained that the state audit directed the Town to use the Sewer District's fund balance, which could eliminate taxing residents next year for sewer. The rates for the Water District were discussed; it was agreed that to cover inflation, the rate should increase by ten cents. The current rate is \$18.00 for the first 5,000 gallons and \$6.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons. The residential rate for 2021 will remain at \$18.00 and the increase for the additional 1,000 gallons will be \$6.60. For the commercial rate, the current rate is \$35.00 for the first 5,000 and \$9.25 for the additional 1,000 gallons.

The 2021 rate for the first 5,000 will remain at \$35.00 and the rate for each additional 1,000 gallons will increase to \$9.35.

Request for Sewer

Supervisor Valk explained that the owner of a 40-acre parcel on River Road has applied to be an out of district sewer user. The Town Attorney will draw up the contracts.

Capital Improvements

Supervisor Valk read a proposed resolution regarding capital improvements at the Water and Sewer Facility. Specifically, the aerated sludge holding tank needs covering and the idle plate and frame press needs to be removed. Mr. Valk further explained that the Town Engineer for the sewer district has prepared specifications and plans for these projects, which are ready for public bidding. Contract TSW-201 is the Equipment Removal and Demolition for the Wallkill Sewer District and Contract TSW-2-202 is the Furnishing One Pre-Engineered Fiberglass Reinforced Enclosure for the Wallkill Sewer District. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the Supervisor to propose a bid date and have Brinnier & Larios prepare the documents for the bidding process.

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

Wallkill Fire District

Supervisor Valk explained that the Wallkill Fire District has agreed to be an out of district water and sewer user for the new firehouse currently under construction. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Miller to authorize Supervisor Valk to sign the agreement when it is ready.

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

PARKS

Councilman DeWitt reported that the soccer league that has been playing at Galeville Park has been using portable lights for night practice. He advised that this is a violation of the DEC permit for the park. He has advised the league of this. They will be finished at the park at the end of October.

RECREATION**Halloween**

Councilman DeWitt reported that the plans for Trunk or Treat at Verkeerderkill Park on October 31st are moving along.

Winter Recreation

Councilman DeWitt advised that there would be no Winter Recreation program this year.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

No report.