

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 19, 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 **19th day of November 2020** at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Adrian DeWitt and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also present were Police Chief Gerry Marlatt and Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins. Councilman Matthew Watkins was absent.

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 November 5, 2020.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Mirna Abada/Elsie's Place dated 11/15/20 was received.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

#### **Sloan Court Access**

Mr. Fred McDermott addressed the board to discuss access to a parcel of land that was part of the Leonette conservation density subdivision off of Sloan Court. He explained that in the original Grandview Estates project, there was a second phase consisting of 19 lots and a through road. The intent was for the road to go through Sloan Court to Grandview. That never happened, and the Town ended up holding the deed and owning the 50' strip. The Planning Board completed SEQ, approved additional lots, but did not approve this lot because of the access issue. The map was reviewed and various options were discussed. There is a limited area on the parcel that a house could be built. Mr. McDermott is looking for a solution. The Town Board members were in agreement that they would like to move forward and work out some sort of plan to resolve this access issue so the lot could be built on. Supervisor Valk will discuss options with the Town Attorney and bring back possible solutions for the board's consideration.

### **REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

The Supervisor's Report for October 2020 was received.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**

The Town Clerk Report for October 2020 for \$26,646.75 was received.

**POLICE CHIEF/PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police Chief Marlatt reported the following:

The Residency List was received from Ulster County. A contingent offer to fill the two full time vacancies will be made to Officer Curt McDermott and Officer Joseph Butor. These offers are subject to the officers meeting the medical requirements. When they pass the medical review, the contingent offer would become permanent. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Amthor to make the contingent offers to Curt McDermott and Joseph Butor.

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

The new police vehicle is expected within the next two weeks.

He is getting the 2018 and 2020 bullet proof vest grant agreements to the Bookkeeper.

The speed sign will be going up on Indian Springs Road.

Photographs of surplus equipment will be supplied to Supervisor Valk so he can send them to the company once the contract with Auctions International is renewed.

**New York State Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative**

Supervisor Valk advised that he has asked Leif Spencer, Paul Mader and Brian Devincenzi to serve on the committee with the Police Chief to review policies in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order to adopt a policing reform plan by April 1, 2021. They will serve on the committee with Councilman Amthor and Councilman Miller. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to appoint this committee.

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

**HIGHWAY**

Supervisor Valk reported that the Highway Department is doing leaf pick-up on Mondays this month.

The Highway Department is doing a good job trimming the Rail Trail.

The Highway Department will be putting up the wreaths in the hamlet and stringing the lights on the tree at Town Hall.

**WATER & SEWER**

Supervisor Valk advised that the bid openings were held today for the wastewater treatment facility. The range of bids for TSW-201 was \$66,000 to \$225,000. The range of bids for TSW-202 was \$131,000 to \$301,000. The Town Engineer will review the bids and make recommendations for the next Town Board meeting.

**PARKS****Community Clock**

Supervisor Valk reported that the base and electrical wiring is in for clock at the Rail Trail entrance. The clock company is booked up until sometime in December to do the hook up.

**RECREATION**

No report.

**SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING****Crosswalks**

Councilman Amthor reported that he spoke with Mrs. Fisher regarding her request for crosswalks on the streets in back of the middle school. With the winter approaching, he is proposing that signs be put up so the public is aware that there is a blind person walking in that area. He will speak to the Highway Superintendent about the signs and address crosswalks in the future.

**Lighting District**

Supervisor Valk reported that he has obtained information regarding the lighting district for the Blossom and Apple Lanes area. There will be a total of seven street lights, which will cost \$1400.00 per year. If the district was a newly formed lighting district, the cost for each resident would be \$50.00 per year. If the cost was added to the existing lighting district, there would be an increase of \$1500.00 and still cost \$50.00 a year. Either option comes to the same amount. Mr. Valk will draft a letter to the residents with the information and propose a meeting with them in January.

**RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Supervisor Valk advised that the five-year contract with Ulster County Resource Recovery is up for renewal. The Town Board members reviewed and discussed the contract. A motion to authorize Supervisor Valk to sign the five-year contract was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Miller.

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