

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

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 23rd day of February 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Supervisor Valk led the Town Board in a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

Supervisor Valk explained that this meeting was scheduled as a result of the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting that was canceled due to a snow storm. Mr. Valk explained that the main reason this meeting was needed to audit the claims and approve paying the bills.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 4, 2021.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Gardiner was received. The hearing addresses Short Term Rentals and will be held on February 9, 2021.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

There were no questions or issues brought to the attention of the board.

### **REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES**

#### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

The Supervisor's Report for January 2021 was received.

#### **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk's Report for \$15,550.00 for January 2021 was received.

**POLICE CHIEF/PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Police Reform Commission**

Supervisor Valk advised that the seconded public meeting was being held today at 7 p.m. The meeting will be in person and on Zoom. Mr. Valk reported that there has been a good response to the survey that is posted on the Town Website. He reported that the committee will formulate a plan that will be sent to the Town Board for review.

Councilman Watkins reported that he has received comments recently on how polite our police officers are. He also has received positive comments about our highway crew. Councilman Amthor shared that he has received several messages how happy residents are with the job the highway department is doing with the roads.

**WATER & SEWER**

No report.

**PARKS**

**Lawn Mowing**

Councilman DeWitt reviewed and discussed changes that were necessary to update the lawn mowing bid specifications for this season. He advised that the Notice to Bidders Legal Ad will be in the newspaper on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The date set to open the bids will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. The bids can be awarded at the following Town Board meeting scheduled for April 1, 2021.

**Verkeerderkill Park**

Councilman DeWitt advised that ice skating at the park is going well. People are using it and it is in good shape. There is a volunteer who is assisting with the maintenance of the ice rink for which the Town appreciates.

**RECREATION**

Councilman DeWitt reported that he has had discussions with former camp staff about holding summer camp this year. He feels that camp can be held safely and is looking forward to the season.

**SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING**

Supervisor Valk reported that a letter was received from the Shawangunk Valley Fire Company who expressed their desire to retain the street lights that are located near the Shawangunk Valley Firehouse and street light located near their water drafting site on Awosting Road. Councilman Watkins reported that New York State Electric & Gas have replaced all the lights that needed to be. Central Hudson hasn't been as responsive. Supervisor Valk will follow up with them.

**RESOURCE RECOVERY**

No report.

**PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES**

No report.

**BUILDINGS**

No report.

**COMPUTERS**

No report.

**INSURANCE/PURCHASING**

No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Solar**

Supervisor Valk reported that there is an application for a solar farm near the Town of Newburgh line that is being proposed. The company went to the Industrial Development Agency (I.D.A.) for funding. He received a phone call inquiring if the Town of Shawangunk would be willing to reconsider their decision with regard to opting out of Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT's). Following a brief discussion, the board members were polled, there was no interest in reversing their previous decision.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

The following claims were audited.

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>WARRANT</b>	<b>VOUCHERS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL	4	107-160	\$ 99,230.34
HIGHWAY	4	47-69	\$ 73,548.66
WATER	4	16-27	\$ 22,364.04
SEWER	4	21-40	\$ 40,216.13
LIGHT	1	1	\$ 1,572.52
TRUST & AGENCY	3	11-20	\$ 1,533.75
LIBRARY	1	1-2	\$461,083.08

A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman DeWitt that the claims be paid as audited.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Watkins to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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Jane P. Rascoe  
Town Clerk