

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 1, 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 **1st day of April 2021** at 7:00 P.M.

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

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 Watkins and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2021.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A Public Hearing Notice for Local Law Amendment, from the Town of Newburgh was received on 4/12/21.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

There were no comments or questions.

### **REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

No report.

#### **HIGHWAY**

No report.

### **WATER & SEWER**

Supervisor Valk reported that Councilman Miller and he have been researching the renovation of a town owned building on River Road. After getting the price of over \$60,000 from a contractor, they feel it may be in the Town's best interest not to repair it.

PARKS

**Galeville Park**

Supervisor Valk reported that he is scheduling a meeting with the Director of Fish & Wildlife to discuss the building of a Bird Watching Tower at the Galeville Park. Mr. Valk reported that he is confident that they will be able to work out a mutual agreement.

Councilman DeWitt advised that Nancy Moore has ordered the materials and will be repairing the footbridge at Galeville Park.

**Verkeerderkill Park**

Councilman DeWitt reported that the skating rink at Verkeerderkill Park has been removed for the season and the restrooms have been opened up.

**Garrison Park**

Councilman DeWitt reported that the basketball poles were removed from Garrison Park about five years ago. Over time replacements were continuously getting vandalized until they were removed altogether. Recently, there have been several requests to have them put back up. Mr. DeWitt reported that the Town is still in possession of the original poles and he has received prices for aluminum backboards with extra heavy rims. The price per pole would be about \$700.00 each. He is considering installing two poles, one at each end of the blacktop, so there would be two full court areas. He is willing to try to have basketball back at the park and is hoping that the groups that were doing the vandalism have moved on. Supervisor Valk stated when the cameras get installed, it may prevent vandalism.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

No report.

RECREATION

**Summer Camp**

Councilman DeWitt reported that he has set the dates and tentative prices for summer camp. Mr. DeWitt discussed having a sign up prior to registration. He explained that many people have expressed an interest. He will need to know a number when making decisions on splitting up groups and locations to comply with COVID-19 regulations. He is still waiting for guidance from Ulster County which has not been forthcoming yet. He expects that information will probably change from day to day, but he needs to be prepared for planning the programs and staffing. The cost of busing was discussed. Possibly a second location at Galeville Park will prevent busing from being necessary. Councilman DeWitt is proposing the camp run for six weeks, starting on July 6<sup>th</sup> and ending on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost for residents will be \$425.00 for the first child in the family, \$375.00 for the second child and \$250.00 for the third, the fourth child in the same family is free. For non-residents the cost for the first child is \$500.00, second child, \$475.00, third child \$400.00 and fourth is \$200.00.

Councilman DeWitt would like to post the information on the Town Website and Facebook page. Residents will be requested to provide name, phone number, email address and number and ages of children who would like to register for camp. This will give him an idea with the planning in these uncertain times. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Watkins to approve the dates and rates as discussed.

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

#### **RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Supervisor Valk reported that a call has been put in to pick up the electronics. Councilman Watkins reported that it was very busy at the Transfer Station this past Saturday.

#### **PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES**

##### **Building Department**

Supervisor Valk reported that an interview was held for a Part-time Building Inspector. The person works part time in the Village of New Paltz and has two days a week available. He presently is a certified Fire Inspector. He will have the Code Enforcement and Building Inspector certification at the end of next month. The present Building Inspector can work with him, showing him areas of the Town and the on-going building projects. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Watkins to hire Ahren Robertson as a part-time Building Inspector. Starting pay would be \$18.50 per hour, after six months, the rate would go to \$19.25. There would be a twelve-month probationary period, which could lead into a full-time offer.

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

#### **BUILDINGS**

##### **Lawnmowing Awards**

Councilman DeWitt reported that there were no bids submitted for the **New Prospect Cemetery**. He has since put out an announcement requesting price quotes. He is waiting for those quotes at this time. Mr. DeWitt reported that he will be meeting with the Cemetery Board next week. Supervisor Valk inquired if they would be willing to hire someone directly. Councilman DeWitt responded that in the past we bid out the mowing on behalf of the cemetery, at no cost to the Town. The concern by the Cemetery Board was having to carry Workman's Compensation Insurance. Supervisor Valk advised that if they hire private contractor, they do not need to carry Workman's Comp Insurance. Councilman DeWitt will discuss the options with the Cemetery Board next week. Councilman DeWitt advised that there will be no award for the Walker Valley School House. Town employee, Steve Schelin will be mowing the area.