

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 15, 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 15th day of April 2021 at 7:00 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. Also present were Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero and Police Chief Gerry Marlatt.

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 April 1, 2021.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A Public Hearing Notice for Local Law #3 on 4/15/21, from the Town of Montgomery was received on 4/12/21.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Banner Program

Mr. Roger Rascoe, Commander of the American Legion, Rose-Sheeley Post 1034 was present to discuss a new program the Post is implementing. He explained that the program is called the "Wallkill Area Hometown Hero's" Banner Program. There will be 2X4 banners displayed on bridge and utility poles of veterans, both living and deceased. Mr. Rascoe advised that the Post is working with town officials to obtain the necessary permits. They are hoping to utilize some of the existing hardware on the poles and will purchase the rest. They will be soliciting donation sponsors from local businesses and civic organizations to help defray the costs. They have already received a generous donation from of a donor. They are looking to start with the display of thirty- five banners which will include a photo of the veteran, their name and branch of service. They will be red, white and blue. The cost of each banner is approximately \$150. The first banner will be of life member Joe Eagan, who was also an active community member. The retired banners will be presented to the families of the veteran. Supervisor

Valk requested a pole route be supplied so he can determine which poles need permits. Councilman Amthor inquired about the donations for the banner program and pledged the support of the Amthor family.

Memorial Day

Mr. Rascoe explained that they are hoping to have some sort of Memorial Day service since there was no parade or activities last year due to COVID. They are in the planning stages and will follow all regulations. They do not believe that the High School Band will be available. Supervisor Valk will inquire if the Walker Valley band is available. One option would be to have some type of service at Popp Park. Mr. Rascoe explained that each year the American Legion visits all the cemeteries in their district. Starting at 7 a.m. on Memorial Day, they go to each cemetery for a brief ceremony. They did this last year and feel strongly that they wish to continue their patriotic duties to the community. Supervisor Valk inquired if flags were needed this year. Mr. Rascoe explained that they may need additional flags this year, and they are thankful that the Town assists with the purchasing of them. He explained that the Town of Gardiner is now providing funding to the American Legion for the veterans. That money will be used for the purchase of bronze grave markers.

Education

The Post is hoping to bring awareness to the students at the schools by participating in Veterans Day activities. This year it will be done by web-ex.

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

The March 2021 Supervisor's Report was received. The Town Clerk's Report for \$26,408.00 was received.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero discussed the following:

CHIPS funding has been restored in the New York State Budget. The funding that was not spent last year was given back.

He has drafted a 284 Agreement. He is still waiting to hear from two other companies to finalize the numbers. He expects it will be completed by the next Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Valk noted that there is more in the Highway Budget than anticipated. He inquired about completing projects such as the box culvert on River Road. It was agreed that Supervisor Valk will review the status of the original grant of \$150,000.00 for that project. Other projects are Stein Road, Apple & Blossom Lane and Pleasant Avenue. Mr. LoCicero discussed the need for the utility pole to be moved on Pleasant Avenue before he can complete the work. Supervisor Valk noted that the contractor is responsible for the cost to remove the pole.

He is working on a cost analysis study for maintenance of the fleet. He is working with a crew member, and they are going over every piece of equipment, along with the maintenance records.

The crew has started ditching.

The street sweeper is scheduled to start on May 1st. All of the roads will be swept at least once.