

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 6, 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 **6th day of May 2021** at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Matthew Watkins and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Councilman Brian Amthor and Councilman Robert Miller were excused. Also present were Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero, 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 DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Watkins to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2021.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A Public Hearing Notice for Lead Agency Status for Town of Plattekill was received on 4/20/21.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Apple & Blossom Lane

Mr. Joe Sosler addressed the Town Board and stated that he and his neighbors were present tonight to hear the results of their prior requests. Mr. Sosler advised that Highway Superintendent LoCicero explained that the roads were going to be worked on and the Town Board would be approving an agreement tonight. Supervisor Valk explained that the other request for street lights would require the Town Board to approve an extension of the Lighting District. Mr. Valk continued to explain what the process requires. He explained that meets and bounds need to be drawn up and mapped out. Letters would have to be sent to the residents. A Public Hearing would need to be held. Since taxes would need to be raised, 51% of the district must approve the creation of the district. This would happen for the 2022 taxes. The amount it would cost each resident would be about \$50.00 per year.

Peddlers Permit

Mr. Manny Aviles, owner of Fat Boyz Food Truck, approached the Town Board and introduced himself and his wife to the board. Mr. Aviles explained that he wishes to renew his Peddlers Permit now that the thirty-day trial was over. He explained that he has been coming to town once or twice a week. He has been well received and offers good, affordable food. He has had several requests to come to specific events. Supervisor Valk clarified with Mr. Aviles that he understands that he is looking into a yearly permit. Mr. Aviles explained that he submitted information from three other towns and what they charge for a yearly permit. He is hoping the Town Board would take a look at their fee schedule and re-consider what a yearly permit would cost. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Aviles could continue to operate at the location until a study of the fee schedule could take place. The Town Clerk was advised to extend the Peddlers License.

Sinsabaugh Road

Mr. Benny Quartarone approached the Town Board and stated that he has lived on Sinsabaugh Road for thirty years. He continued to explained that not much has been done to improve the condition of the road. There are many dead trees, culverts sinking, pot holes and busted blacktop. The road is narrow and needs major work. Mr. Quartarone explained that one of the residents put in campsites and brings heavy equipment up and down the road every day. Supervisor Valk explained that the campsite is not legal, and that the former Code Enforcement Officer was working on the issue. He has left and a new person is just getting started. The courts have been shut down during COVID. Supervisor Valk also explained that the local town roads do not have weight restrictions. Highway Superintendent LoCicero acknowledged that the road needs work. He explained that he does not have tree cutting crews and has to sub out that type of work. He does have plans to do some work this summer on the roads.

River Knolls Neighborhood

Mrs. Adrienne Perine spoke to the Town Board about families in her neighborhood who are using their property to park commercial vehicles. They are tearing up the roads and polluting the air. Specifically, one family has three Snap On Tool Trucks, and there are also landscapers in the area. Supervisor Valk suggested she check her deed for any possible deed restrictions.

Car Show

Mr. Dave Cordner, owner of the Parkview House, approached the Town Board to inquire if he could proceed with organizing another Car & Bike Show this year. Mr. Cordner explained that the event is scheduled for Saturday, August 14th from noon to 4 p.m. The display area would be the same as previous years. Police Chief Marlatt advised that there have been no issues at previous shows. Supervisor Valk inquired that the event may be overwhelmed with the COVID restrictions being lifted. Mr. Cordner stated that he has security that will work the event, and he will provide the insurance. He does