

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 20, 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 **20th day of May 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 was Police Chief Gerry Marlatt and Planning Board member, Richard Barnhart.

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 May 6, 2021.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received on 5/13/21 from the Town of Shawangunk Planning Board for Lead Agency status for the Magruder Solar project on Plains Road. A Public Hearing Notice was received by the Town of Shawangunk Planning Board for Walker Valley Auto & Truck Repair to be held on June 1, 2021.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Magnanini Winery

Mr. Andy Ghiorse, resident of Plains Road, addressed the Town Board with concerns of loud music a few nights ago, coming from a wedding at Magnanini Winery. Mr. Ghiorse stated that after a phone call was made to the Town Clerk's office, he was advised that the Town does not have a noise ordinance. He inquired as to what was approved by the Planning Board on the Environmental Assessment Form with regard to the noise. Mr. Ghiorse stated that he called the Department of Environmental Conservation who advised him that the acceptable level of noise is sixty-six decibels at the property line. Supervisor Valk shared that he remembered at the time of application that the noise issue was addressed. Mr. Valk recalled that the applicant had to monitor the volume themselves and keep records. He is sure that provisions were set up in the approval. Supervisor Valk will request the Planning Board to pull the file, Mr. Ghiorse can review it and file a complaint with Code Enforcement if they are in violation.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's Report for April 2021 was submitted.

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's report for April 2021 for \$23,065.25 was submitted.

HIGHWAY

Supervisor Valk advised that the CSEA Contract will be discussed in Executive Session later in the meeting.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt reported the following:

Personnel

Last month two part-time police officer positions were approved to be filled by the Town Board. In order to keep overtime costs in line, there is a need for a third officer to be hired in order to fill the void in the June schedule. When school is finished, the need will be reduced. Following a short discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Watkins to hire John A. Mulrooney as a part-time police officer.

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

Dog Control

There has been issues with the phone calls not rolling over, the phone needs to be replaced. Councilman Amthor advised that the phone should be returned to the Verizon store for replacement.

ATV's

The training went well. All but two officers are certified. Certification is not a requirement to be hired, but he would like to have all the officers trained.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Supervisor Valk advised that there have been concerns that people are cutting through Fair Rite from Viola Avenue on ATV's. He called Darren Parker who advised he will put up cones until they can put up a stop sign.

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Valk reported that upgrades continue as they wait for the delivery of materials.

PARKS

Councilman DeWitt reported that the parks are very busy and are being used by many organizations. There are a lot of volunteers that have been helping with clean up at the parks.

Verkeerderkill Park

Supervisor Valk reported that he went up to Verkeerderkill Park and identified items that need to be addressed. The flags need to be replaced, which he has ordered. The volleyball court needs to be rototilled and new sand raked out. The ditching along the fields need work. He spoke to Joe LoCicero who will make the arrangements. Councilman Watkins reported that all the lights are working except for the lights that need a new cable installed underground from the parking lot to the poles and another line to the pillars. Councilman DeWitt reported that the parts have been ordered for the teeter totter. Kelli Palinkas Greer advised that there is a hole in the ceiling to the utility building that needs repaired as the rodents are getting in. Councilman DeWitt reported that the rubber mulch will be raked out. Supervisor Valk reported that there are trim limbs that are blocking the sign on Route 52, they need to be trimmed. There was a discussion on the speed limit signs. Mr. Valk suggested that bigger signs with an odd number such as seven miles per hour be purchased and installed. The crosswalk from the pavilion to the restrooms need to be re-painted. Kelli Greer inquired about the arrangement with the farmer that bales the hay in the fields at the park. Supervisor Valk advised that the local farmer does not get paid. It is a benefit to the town to keep the grass down. He further explained that it would cost the town more if they had to pay someone to do the mowing. A bartering system is sort of in place which is beneficial to the Town. Councilman DeWitt explained that the local farmer makes several other donations to the town for recreational purposes.

Garrison Park

Councilman DeWitt reported that the basketball court needs to be dug out and filled in.

Galeville Park

Supervisor Valk suggested larger speed limit signs be installed. Mr. Valk reported that the lower fields need to be chained off. Councilman DeWitt advised that the chain has been installed.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

Councilman Amthor reported that he and Supervisor Valk met with the local Laborers Union to discuss the start of work for new concrete sidewalks. The union has agreed to dig up and replace several sidewalks this summer. The Sidewalk District has money that can pay for this work. The work will be centrally located around, First, Second, and Buena Vista Avenues. Mr. Greg Greer advised the Town Board that something needs to be done with the sidewalks in Walker Valley. He questioned whose responsibility it is. Supervisor Valk advised that since they are not located in a Sidewalk District, the sidewalk funds can't be used. They were installed by New York State and the maintenance was turned