

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 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 July 2021** at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Matthew Watkins and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Councilman Robert Miller and Brian Amthor were excused. Also, present were Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero 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/June 3, 2021

Supervisor Valk announced that the approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2021 would be tabled until the next meeting since there are only two Town Board Members that were present at that meeting.

Regular Meeting & Public Hearings/June 17, 2021

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Watkins to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Public Hearings held on June 17, 2021.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the Town of Hurley regarding Resolution 2020-150, on 6/29/21; Christina Corkey regarding a park rental on 7/6/21; Dawn Kinsley regarding Bruyn Turnpike on 7/6/21.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Nicholas Annello/Eagle Scout Project

Supervisor Valk introduced Nicholas Annello and his parents to the board members and to the public in attendance. Mr. Valk explained that Nicholas is proposing a project behind the Walker Valley Schoolhouse at the Dot & Greg Greer Memorial Park. Supervisor Valk further explained that the property was donated to the Town back in 1998 with the commitment for a two-acre park. The plan never materialized and this may be the first seed for the growth of the park. Nicholas introduced himself and explained that his proposing this Eagle project will not only help in advancing in his rank, but provide the start of a valuable community asset. He explained that he met with Sue Wiand and Supervisor Valk to discuss his work on the first phase of the Dot & Greg Greer Memorial Park. Nicholas reviewed photographs of the existing areas and an overview of the property. He discussed his plans and

displayed a sketch plan map of the overall project. Following a discussion regarding appropriate piping and the swale on the property, Nicholas advised that a path would be created to the garden area. Nicholas advised that he would begin working on the project in October and hoped to have it completed in November. Nicholas left a display board with the Town Board which has photographs before and after the project. The Town Board thanked Nicholas for choosing this project and thanked his family for attending the meeting.

Walkkill Fire Department

Mr. Eric Orr spoke with the Town Board about the Hudson Valley Fireman's Parade that was cancelled due to COVID. Mr. Orr stated that they wish to move forward in having the parade in the hamlet next year. The parade would be in June of 2022 a week before graduation. He stated that the program will be about the same. The EMS plans were completed and would just need to be updated. Supervisor Valk advised that the detailed plans should be submitted to the safety committee. Councilmen Miller, Councilman Amthor and Chief Marlatt are on the committee. Mr. Orr agreed that he will email the plans to the committee and Chief so their input could be available by September.

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

The June 2021 Supervisor's Report was received. The Town Clerk's Report for June 2021 for \$48,605.99 was received.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent LoCicero advised that the crews have been rebuilding the equipment, getting ready for the winter.

Blacktopping will start at the end of next week. Seven roads will be blacktopped.

There was a discussion on the need for additional trucks. It was agreed that they are not available.

Supervisor Valk stated if a truck was ordered today, it would not be available until May. Mr. LoCicero suggested that purchasing from other townships who are getting rid of trucks, may be a better option. Another option may be to purchase at auction.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt advised that the new police vehicle has not arrived. He is unable to get an answer when it will arrive. It was ordered several months ago with the estimated arrival time of one month. Chief Marlatt reported that there are two officers out with injuries from other jobs. He may have to hire additional part time officers to fill the schedule as there are no extra officers without using overtime. Chief Marlatt explained that the pool of officers at the Police Academy is limited. Phase I is completed and Phase II is booked. Phase II does not start until December but the Town does not have an option to sponsor anyone. He will need to discuss options with the Police Committee. Supervisor Valk suggested that a short-term ad be placed on the Town's Facebook page. Recently a vacancy for court clerk was posted and there were many applicants.

TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY

Discussed above

PUBLIC SAFETY

Discussed above

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Valk advised that due to COVID, unpaid water and sewer bills cannot be relieved on to tax bills. The homeowner has no choice about this, and a payment plan has to be offered.

PARKS

Garrison Park

Councilman DeWitt reported that the basketball poles and hoops will be installed Friday and Saturday. Highway Superintendent LoCicero brought the machine to the park, and Steve Schelin will get the cement with the highway truck.

Verkeerderkill Park

Councilman DeWitt advised that the park passed the New York State Inspection this week.

Ms. Kelli Palinkas Greer inquired if the hole in the roof on the main shed was repaired. Councilman DeWitt will follow up on the repair.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

Supervisor Valk reported that Councilman Amthor and himself are working on a hamlet sidewalk plan. Lighting will be covered under New Business.

RECREATION

Summer Camp

Councilman DeWitt reported that summer camp is going very well despite the weather. Camp was cancelled one day due to weather. Most days of camp there are 58-65 children. The School Program is supplying breakfast and lunch. Councilman DeWitt advised that there was one change in a Junior Counselor position. Rebecca Cannon has resigned due to personal reasons. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Watkins to accept the resignation of Rebecca Cannon.

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