

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 12, 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 **12th day of August 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, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins, and several members of the community.

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 & Regular Meeting July 15, 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 3, 2021, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 15, 2021.

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – Wallkill Lighting District Extension**

Supervisor Valk explained that the Public Hearing for the Apple & Blossom Lanes Light District Extension is open. He further explained that the hearing will be open during the Regular Meeting tonight. The Extension proposes to extend the existing district, adding seven additional street lights on Apple and Blossom Lanes. Mr. Valk further explained that the residents have made the request. See Public Hearing Minutes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received from Senator Mike Martucci regarding mobile hours he will be holding at Town Hall on August 18, 2021. A letter was received from Nancy Riley 7/20/21 regarding traffic on Burnt Meadow Road.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

#### **Dave Corder/Parkview House & Speakeasy Car Show**

Mr. Corder presented his final plans for the Parkview Car & Bike Show to be held this Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> in the hamlet. Mr. Corder submitted a Certificate of Insurance, a parking plan and traffic safety plan. Mr. Craig Ross reviewed which streets will be closed off and which areas will have barricades. There will be parking police on site to assist with parking. Mr. Corder explained that the first show two

years ago ran smoothly; they expect this one will run just as smooth. A portion of the proceeds will go to Autism Speaks. The cars will be lined up on Main to Church, the end of Garrison Park and on Central Avenue. The hours are 12-4 p.m., and they are expecting 120 + cars. The Lions Club is sponsoring the trophies, and other community organizations were invited to attend. The Town Board reviewed the plans and had no further questions and wished Mr. Cordner luck.

#### **Park Benches**

Mr. Bob Garrison spoke to the Town Board about the possibility of honoring Mr. Richard Parker. He explained that Mr. Parker was very influential in the community and after his death, is still supporting the Southern Ulster Rotary and the Lions Club. He feels that a highway should be named after him. He also is in support of a community bench with his name on it. Mr. Garrison also discussed the condition of the plaques on the existing benches along the Rail Trail. He tried to polish them so they could be read, but was not successful. He is proposing to have the plaques replaced. Another idea may be to put up a plaque at Town Hall and possibly list Mr. Parker and other influential community members. Councilman Amthor explained that he was going to propose a quarterly recognition program for residents and businesses. Maybe Mr. Garrison's ideas can be tied into this. Supervisor Valk stated that there are many other people at the other end of the town that should be included. Mr. Garrison requested the Town Board think about this program, he realizes that the Town Board would have to decide and approve the names. He invited members who would like to attend a meeting of the Southern Ulster Rotary next Wednesday night at the CAVU, to come as his guest. Supervisor Valk agreed that the replacement of the plaques on the benches is long overdue.

#### **Noise Ordinance**

Mr. Jan Kallberg spoke to the Town Board about adopting a possible noise ordinance. He explained that a few weeks ago there was a large party held in the Main Street area which drew over one hundred cars that were parked on Main Street. The party started at 9:45 and ended at 2:10 a.m. There was loud music, noise, chanting of obscenities and selling of alcohol was heard over a loud speaker. The cars were speeding and very loud. The Sheriff' Offices was called in, there were only three officers available. He is fearful that this town may see more of these events if they are allowed to be held without consequences. Mr. Kallberg explained that he was told the officers could not do anything because the Town did not have a noise ordinance. He feels if the Town would institute some kind of noise ordinance, for example from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. like neighboring towns, it may prevent these types of activities. Supervisor Valk agreed that this type of activity after 11 p.m. is too late. He explained that our police usually work at night on the weekends, but that shift had staffing problems. Chief Marlatt explained that this was a graduation party with high school kids. It drew a large crowd because it was put out on social media. The State Police and Ulster County Sheriff could only try to get people to leave. Chief Marlatt stated that neither agency would enforce a town ordinance; it would be better if a county ordinance was adopted. He explained that state certification for decibel meters is excessive, and officers need training for them. Mr. Kalberg stated that there is a way this could be accomplished if the board wanted to. He stated that the town is on a good trajectory, property values are good, there are people moving in. Supervisor Valk shared that our population is actually down 5.3% in the last ten