

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 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 **2nd day of September 2021** at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Councilman Robert Miller and Councilman Matthew Watkins were excused. Also, present were Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins, Councilman Elect Alex Danon 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 - August 12, 2021 & Public Hearing – August 12, 2021**

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2021, and the minutes of the Public Hearing held on August 12, 2021.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received from the New York State Department of State on 8/25/21 regarding the 2020 Population Totals and Town of Gardiner on 8/26/21 regarding a Public Hearing Notice on Short Term Rentals.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

#### **Cooper Road**

Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Canosa addressed the Town Board to discuss the condition of Cooper Road. Mr. Canosa explained that over the past one and half years several new families have moved in. This is creating issues with the road not being safe. The edge of the road has deteriorated and the already narrow road is getting narrower. There is nowhere for the kids to walk safely on the road. Mr. Canosa stated that he wants the Town Board to be aware that the road is not safe. He is requesting them to not only address the long-term issues with the road, but for now, possibly address the problems to make the road a little safer. Mr. Canosa stated that he realizes the road needs to be rebuilt, but for now, he is hoping the Town Board would consider doing something to make the road a little safer.

**Vision of Wallkill**

Mrs. Adrienne Perine advised that the Weekend of Wallkill will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a free pirate show under the tent. There will also be a silent auction with paintings that were done at the Shawangunk Reformed Church. The tent will be set up on the Central Avenue side of the library lawn. The artists are donating one half of the money that will be raised from the sale of their work. Mrs. Perine stated that the Vision of Wallkill is engaging the entire community and hopes to see everyone at the event.

**County Legislative Report**

Legislator Ken Ronk explained that he is supporting the use the American Rescue Funds that Ulster County is receiving, on Brownfields. He hopes to have some of the funding go towards Phase II assessments for properties that may be contaminated, and possibly clean them up and get them back on the tax rolls. Mr. Ronk advised that his goal, when the funding comes around is to see that the Brown's Junkyard property on Albany Post Road gets cleaned up and put back on the tax roll. Presently the County is owed \$500,000.00 +/- in back taxes.

Legislator Ronk advised that he was contacted about the exit area at the bank not being striped after work was done. He explained that the Department of Public Works does have it on the schedule but they are running behind with the striping due to the weather.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

No report.

**POLICE CHIEF****Hudson Valley Fireman's Parade**

Chief Marlatt advised that he met with the Police Committee who has concerns with the size of the parade, and if the Town can handle it. Councilman Amthor explained that he met with the Wallkill Fire Department to address the Hudson Valley Volunteer Fireman's Parade to be held next summer. One of the concerns is the number of fire companies who will attend. When the parade was in Lake George, there were huge amounts of people with fire companies bringing very large pieces of apparatus. Mr. Amthor explained that they want to support the event, but it needs to be held safely. Perhaps it may have to be toned down a bit. Supervisor Valk stated the event involves two parades and fireworks; they want to see the parade be a success. Chief Marlatt further explained that he met with the Wallkill Fire Department who has laid out a very specific plan addressing many issues. He will be meeting with Eric Orr who has the event very organized. Councilman DeWitt inquired with resident Delbe Spath about the size of the parade. Mr. Spath explained that since the parade has not been held in two years, it may be larger than the county parades held in the past. Mr. Spath explained that the Friday night parade is much smaller. He feels that the parade will bring in revenue for the businesses in town. Councilman Amthor said the Town will gather additional information to make sure the Town can handle holding the parade without disrupting the residents.

**TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**HIGHWAY**

No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Discussed above.

**WATER & SEWER**

Supervisor Valk reported that the unpaid water and sewer bills can be relieved on to the tax bills because the bills will come out after December 24, 2021.

**PARKS**

No report.

**SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING**

Councilman Amthor reported that he has not received any updates from the contractor and the committee will have to implement Plan B.

**RECREATION**

**Halloween**

Councilman DeWitt reported that there will be Halloween at Verkeerderkill Park. The event will be a Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>. The time will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be games, a costume parade and haunted house with live music and food. Mr. DeWitt explained that he has teamed up with Mr. Charlie Garrison who is planning the activities. A flyer for the event was reviewed and approved.

Councilman DeWitt reported that he is working with the Vision of Wallkill for the Halloween event that will take place in Wallkill on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the group is re-vamping plans because the Walker Valley Band is not available to play in the parade this year. Councilman DeWitt explained that he is working with Donna Barczak, the President of V.O.W. The Town will assist with whatever plans the group comes up with.

**RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Supervisor Valk explained that he is proposing an increase in the mattress and box spring fee for the Transfer Station. He further explained that the Town is receiving a bill each month for each additional piece that is picked up by the county. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to raise the mattress & box spring fee by \$5.00 each piece.