

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 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 21st **day of October 2021** at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Matthew Watkins, and Deputy Town Clerk Dale Weed. Also, present was Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero, Planning Board Member Alex Danon, Deputy Highway Superintendent and Highway Superintendent Elect Rich Blazeski 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.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Environmental Management Committee – Car Charging Station

Julie Craner, representing the EMC, gave a presentation on electric cars and the charging stations. She explained that Ulster County is encouraging the Town of Shawangunk to have a charging station at the head of the Rail Trail. Grants are available. Dave Haldeman, Chairman of the EMC encourage the Town Board to look into these charging stations. Patty Parmelee, member of the EMC, shared that when people come to charge their cars, it will help the small businesses. Resident Ellen Turner inquired who will maintain the charging stations.

Vision of Wallkill

Donna Barczak, President of V.O.W. advised the Town Board of the events planned for Halloween on Saturday, October 30, 2021. There will be a tumble bus parked in the Town Hall parking lot and refreshments and festivities will be held in the Community Room. Ms. Barczak also explained the Haunted Art Work Program that is posted along sidewalks in the hamlet.

Councilman DeWitt introduced Mr. Joe DeGroot to the audience and to the Vision of Wallkill members that were present. He explained that Mr. DeGroot was in attendance to make a donation for the Halloween festivities. Mr. DeGroot presented a check to V.O.W. to assist with cost of the Tumble Bus that V.O.W. has coming for the festivities. He also presented a check to the Town for the Haunted House that is being held at Verkeerderkill Park.

Councilman DeWitt reported that Dino Marvos has donated the hot dogs for both of the Halloween events that are planned.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero reported that the salt has been delivered and there is a good stockpile. The trucks and plows are being worked on to prepare for winter. A new truck is being purchased from Canada.

Supervisor Valk read a Resolution for the emergency purchase of the new truck. Following the reading of the resolution, a motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Watkins to approve the Resolution for the emergency purchase of a truck for the Highway Department.

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

Supervisor Valk presented a proposed Bonding Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$275,000 in bonds for the acquisition of a truck for use by the Highways Department. Following a discussion and review of the terms of the bonding resolution, a motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Miller to approve Bonding Resolution #3-2021 for the purchase of a truck for the Highway Department.

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

Bert McCord Drive

A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Miller to release the maintenance bond for Bert McCord Drive as per the Engineer.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Stein Road

The engineer looked at the condition of Stein Road and has recommended the Town obtain a grant for the repair of the road.

Highway Garage

Ms. Ellen Turner inquired about the concrete floors in the Highway Garage.

Highway Equipment

Highway Superintendent LoCicero will provide the Town Board with a plan on replacing equipment.

TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS**WATER & SEWER**

The water and sewer rates for 2022 were discussed. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Amthor that the rates will remain the same as 2021.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

PARKS

Councilman DeWitt reported that the new swings for Garrison Park have been delivered. The bathrooms will remain open at Verkeerderkill Park until the Trunk or Treat is over on October 31, 2021.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor to have Central Hudson install street lights on Apple and Blossom Lane.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

RECREATION

Halloween

Councilman DeWitt reported that no food will be provided at the Trunk or Treat at Verkeerderkill Park. The bathrooms will remain open. Participants will walk from car to car. The Community Enhancement Committee will give out prizes.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Councilman Watkins reported that repairs are on-going at the Transfer Station.

County Wide Landfill Resolution

Supervisor Valk presented Resolution #4-2021, opposing the creation of a County-Wide Landfill in the Town of Shawangunk. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Watkins to approve Resolution #4-2021 opposing a County-Wide Landfill in the Town of Shawangunk.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES

Supervisor Valk advised that there will be an executive Session later on in the meeting to discuss employee salaries.

BUILDINGS

Supervisor Valk reported that there is a home school leader who would like to use the Community Room for meetings once a week.

COMPUTERS

No report.