

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 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 **18th day of November 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. Also, present were Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero, Councilman Elect Alex Danon, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Planning Board members Mark Watkins and Richard Barnhart. Councilman Miller was absent.

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

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Public Hearings held on November 18, 2021.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Montgomery on 12/21/21 on Cannabis was received.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Planning Board

Mark Watkins requested the Town Board renominate himself and Richard Barnhart to the Ulster County Planning Board. Supervisor Valk explained that this will be done at the next Town Board meeting.

Vision of Wallkill

Adrienne Gelfand-Perine advised of the upcoming Garland Workshop that is being held this Saturday. The workshop will be held in the community room. The materials are all pre-packaged trying to adhere to covid regulations as much as possible. The workshops are open for children five years and up, but must be accompanied by a parent. Ms. Perine explained that people in the community are into the arts. She explained that she is looking into space for a Cultural Arts Center. Ms. Perine feels this would bridge the gap in the community as there are so many artistic people that are looking for a place to display their art. Information on the community and events could also be a part of the center. Presently music has been introduced with the summer concerts. She stated that a grant would be needed to supplement the center. She feels that the arts would be a way to connect Walker Valley to Wallkill. The Town Board would need to be on board with the center and she feels they should be included in the

discussion. Supervisor Valk stated that this could be something that Councilman Amthor and Councilman Elect Danon could work on in 2022.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's Report for October 2021 was received.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk's Report for October 2021 for \$29,540.75 was received.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent LoCicero reported that leaf pickup is continuing on Mondays in the month of November. The trucks are being set up for winter and the salt has been delivered which should last for several storms.

Supervisor Valk inquired if the vacant position has been filled. Mr. LoCicero explained that he is leaving the hiring to Highway Superintendent Elect Blazeski.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Gerry Marlatt reported that tires are needed for the patrol vehicle. He will need to order them soon to have in time for the winter. The purchase order was made up today.

Councilman Amthor explained that the PBA and Town Board are participating in the "STUFF-THE-BUS" Campaign. Mr. Amthor explained that he requested the assistance from Officer Brooks who has organized the event. There will be buses at the Walker Valley Firehouse and the Police Station on December 4th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The food items will be donated to the local food pantries. There are drop off locations at the Borderline Deli, J.D.'s Deli and the Police Station. Chief Marlatt advised that the Police Department is also participating in TOYS FOR TOTS, which Officer Brooks is assisting with.

TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIGHWAY

Prospect Heights Road Bond

Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero clarified this was previously approved by the Town Board and could be released. The Letter of Credit for the maintenance bond will be returned to the bank by the Town Clerk.

Surplus Equipment

Mr. LoCicero explained that the Highway Department has two single axle trucks from 1999. One has a blown motor and is too costly to repair. Another municipality has reached out to him looking for a truck body. The Town of Mamakating has offered \$3,000 for the truck. The Town will be retaining the other truck. Mr. LoCicero requested a board resolution for the surplus of the truck. A motion has made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Watkins to declare the truck of no junk value to the town and accept the offer from the Town of Mamakating.

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

Mr. LoCicero will make the arrangements for the sale.

New Truck

Councilman Amthor advised that the new truck that was ordered will arrive in two weeks. The new truck comes with a 12' plow. Mr. LoCicero will arrange to purchase cutting edges for the plow. Councilman DeWitt explained his reasons to go with a 12' plow. Mr. LoCicero was in agreement.

Holiday Decorations

Supervisor Valk advised that additional lights for the Christmas Tree have been ordered. He confirmed with Highway Superintendent LoCicero that the crew will be hanging the wreaths and stringing the lights on the tree. Mr. LoCicero confirmed they would be putting them up.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Valk advised that the Town is still waiting for the materials for the Clarifying Ditch.

PARKS

Councilman DeWitt reported that restrooms are closed at the parks and porta potties have been moved around.

Supervisor Valk inquired if the Football League was using the Galeville Park. If not, the sign should be removed.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

No report.