

SPECIAL END OF YEAR MEETING

DECEMBER 29, 2021

Minutes of a Special Meeting held by the Town of Shawangunk Town Board, County of Ulster, State of New York, at the Town Office Building, 14 Central Avenue, Wallkill, NY on the 29th day of December 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Present were: Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Matthew Watkins and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also present were Highway Superintendent Joseph LoCicero, Town Justice Michael Voss, Councilman Elect Alex Danon, Highway Superintendent Elect Rich Blazeski, and Planning Board Member Richard Barnhart. Councilman Amthor was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Emergency exits were announced by Supervisor Valk, followed by the pledge to the flag.

Supervisor Valk stated the purpose of the special meeting was to finish up the end of year business for 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS

EXEMPTION RESOLUTION - ASSESSOR

Supervisor Valk explained that the Governor has passed a statute, due to the new variant known as Omicron, which permits assessing units to grant exemptions to all owners who received exemptions on the 2021 assessment roll by dispensing with the requirement to mail renewal applications. The resolution also provides that the Assessor may require a renewal application if the primary residence has changed, added owners to deed, transferred the property, or died. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Miller to adopt a resolution as per the Governor's Executive Order.

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

CROSSING GUARD

Supervisor Valk explained that interviews were held for School Crossing Guards last week. Police Chief Marlatt and Councilman Amthor are recommending the hiring of John Washburn. Mr. Washburn will be available to start next week. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Watkins to hire Mr. Washburn.

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited:

ACCOUNT	WARRANT	VOUCHERS	AMOUNT
GENERAL	23	909-935	\$ 13,147.32
HIGHWAY	23	430-444	\$ 17,232.74
WATER	23	143-144	\$ 30.62
SEWER	23	217-220	\$ 1,569.87

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt that the claims be paid as audited.

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt for the following Budget Transfers:

INCREASE	DA599	TO INCREASE	A5142.400	\$ 32,897.00
INCREASE	DA3501	TO INCREASE	DA5112.200	\$139,671.00
INCREASE	DA5110.400	TO DECREASE	DA9060.800	\$ 13,000.00
INCREASE	DA5140.400	TO DECREASE	DA9060.800	\$ 2,000.00
INCREASE	SW8320.400	TO DECREASE	SW8330.400	\$ 600.00
INCREASE	A1010.100	TO DECREASE	A1990.400	\$ 1,020.00
INCREASE	A1220.200	TO DECREASE	A1650.200	\$ 525.00
INCREASE	A7310.400	TO DECREASE	A7310.400	\$ 220.00
INCREASE	A2130	TO INCREASE	A8160.400	\$ 1,922.50
INCREASE	A7110.400	TO DECREASE	A1990.400	\$ 1,500.00
INCREASE	A7110.400	TO DECREASE	A3510.100	\$ 6,000.00
INCREASE	A7110.100	TO DECREASE	A3510.100	\$ 4,751.00
INCREASE	A8160.400	TO DECREASE	A1990.400	\$ 400.00
INCREASE	A8160.100	TO DECREASE	A1990.400	\$ 1,000.00
INCREASE	SW8340.400	TO DECREASE	SW8340.200	\$ 1,226.00
INCREASE	A1220.100	TO DECREASE	A1220.400	\$ 1,409.00
INCREASE	A1410.100	TO DECREASE	A1990.400	\$ 929.00
INCREASE	A3620.400	TO DECREASE	A3620.100	\$ 50.00
INCREASE	A8010.100	TO DECREASE	A1110.100	\$ 2,000.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to adjourn the Special Year End Meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Jane P. Rascoe
Town Clerk

PRESENTATION

Supervisor Valk presented plaques of appreciation to out going Councilman Matthew Watkins and out-going Highway Superintendent Joe LoCicero for their years of service to the town.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Justice Michael Voss administered the Oath of Office to Supervisor John Valk, Town Clerk Jane Rascoe, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Alex Danon and Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski. Town Justice Kevin Hunt will take the Oath of Office at a later date.