

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2022

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 20th **day of January 2022** at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Alex Danon, and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also, present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt and several members of the public. Councilman Robert 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 minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on January 6, 2022.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one asked to address the Town Board.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported the following:

The new truck is in service.

Thanked the Town Board for assisting with the hiring of temporary help during the last storm due to so many workers being out with COVID. He was pleased that some local people were able to help out. A former employee was available, which was very helpful because he knows the route. There was cooperation among the Town Board and the highway crew which was helpful with getting through the storms. One truck had to go to another shop for service. Mr. Blazeski thanked Councilman DeWitt for his assistance with that.

He is meeting with Dennis Larios on Monday regarding Stein Road. There was a letter sent to the newspaper by a resident regarding Cooper Road and Riverside Drive. Mr. Blazeski advised that he has called the person who wrote the letter. He has not heard back but will follow up again and offer to meet with her.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Gerry Marlatt reported that he is in contact with someone who is considering the Dog Control position.

TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIASION TO HIGHWAY

No report.

LIASION TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Supervisor Valk advised that he and the Police Chief met with the Humane Society earlier today. There is a new manager who is a Town of Shawangunk resident. They are re-wording the language in the contract for 2022.

WATER & SEWER

No report.

PARKS

Councilman DeWitt reported that the ice-skating rinks at the Verkeerderkill and Popp Parks are ready for skating.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

Supervisor Valk reported that the Lighting District for Apple & Blossom Lane has been completed this week.

Councilman Danon inquired if there was a list of street lights. Supervisor Valk advised that he e-mailed the list to the Police Chief previously and will do so again.

Chief Marlatt stated that the weekend and overnight shifts can do inspections of the street lights that are out.

RECREATION

No report.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

No report.

PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES

No report.

BUILDINGS

Supervisor Valk advised that a pipe froze to the sprinkler system and is in the process of being repaired. Councilman Danon thanked the Police Chief for his assistance today with cleaning up the snow and getting the handicapped ramp open.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Supervisor Valk advised that this is a new committee that has been formed. He received a message from a resident expressing interest in being on a subcommittee. At this time Councilman Amthor and Councilman Danon have been assigned to work on this committee. Mr. Valk explained that at times there is confidential work that needs to be addressed. At some point, it may be appropriate to appoint a subcommittee with people from the public. This is something that they will be working on. Councilman Danon advised that they have already started brainstorming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**ING INC. Lease**

Supervisor Valk advised that the company was contacted and they have agreed to reimburse the Town for any increase in electric they use at Galeville Park for the construction trailer.

NEW BUSINESS**Zoning Board Appointment**

Supervisor Valk explained that interviews were conducted recently for vacancies on the Planning Board. At this time there is a need to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Ryan Reid expressed an interest in serving on the ZBA. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor to appoint Ryan Reid to fill a five-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals from 2022 to 2026.

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

Contracts for 2022

Supervisor Valk reviewed the contracts for 2022 with Pine Bush Hook & Ladder for \$113,932.00 for fire protection in the New Prospect Fire District. Walker Valley Chemical Engine Co., for \$326,686.00 for fire protection in the Walker Valley Fire District. Wallkill Volunteer Ambulance Corp., for \$86,498.00 for services in that district, and \$3700.00 for each with the Wallkill Senior Club and the Walker Valley Senior Club for programs and services. Mr. Valk explained that the amounts were agreed to in the 2022 budget. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the contracts and authorize the Supervisor to sign them. The contract for Pine Bush Hook & Ladder was signed by all Councilman present.