

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 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 **17th day of February 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. Councilman Miller was absent. Also, present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins, and Planning Board Member Richard Barnhart. Also present were several members of the public.

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 Danon to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 3, 2022.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Tetra Tech Architects on 2/22/22 regarding Lead Agency Status on Alterations to School Buildings in the Wallkill School District was received.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Supervisor Valk explained that the following Public Hearings will be opened and the Town Board is seeking input from the public on each proposed local law. Mr. Valk further explained the reasoning for each of the proposed laws and opened the floor up to comments.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #1 of 2022 – Lot Line Adjustment

See Public Hearing Minutes

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #2 of 2022 – Accessory Dwelling Unit

See Public Hearing Minutes

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #3 of 2022 – Short Term Rental

See Public Hearing Minutes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. Anne Barnhart, representing the Wallkill St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, spoke to the Town Board regarding the upcoming parade. Mrs. Barnhart explained that after not holding the parade for two years because of the pandemic, she is pleased to announce that the parade will be held on Sunday, March 20th. This will be the 35th year of the parade, and there are no changes to the route. Lineup will be at the Middle School at 1:00 p.m. and Step Off is at 2:00 p.m. The committee is looking forward to the parade. Supervisor Valk added that the Town Board is sponsoring a band. Councilman Danon inquired if the Shamrock Scramble is being held this year. Mrs. Barnhart confirmed that she spoke to Joann Warren this morning and learned that the race is still on. The details will be forthcoming.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

The Supervisor's Report for January 2022 was received. The Town Clerk's Report for January for \$21,971.24 was received.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported the following:

He met with Ulster County Highway regarding the coordinating of snow removal on the main street. (Wallkill Avenue)

Progress is being made on the determination of blasting and boring on the Stein Road project with the Town Engineer.

Waiting for quotes on Cooper Road from the Town Engineer.

He met with Engineer regarding renovations on the Highway Barn and Garage.

Had a demonstration this week of a "Hot Box", which is asphalt equipment. They repaired some areas and will go back and take a look at how it holds up. The crew was pleased with the way the equipment worked. The price for the equipment is \$35,000.00. He will give further thought to a possible purchase. The Hot Box does 4 tons in one day. He will also consider the cost of a rental.

Saft Electric came in and re-did the electrical outlets in the truck bays. The outlets needed to be replaced so the heaters could be plugged in. This was a necessary repair that needed to be made.

Supervisor Valk explained that the Christmas wreaths are still up throughout the town. Between COVID and the weather, the Highway Department is behind, but will take down as soon as possible.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Gerry Marlatt reported the following:

Vehicles

New vehicle was ordered. The estimate came in today and was the same price as last year. The only change was the computer screen. The six-year warranty is the same. The price came in at \$48,072.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve the purchase of the new police vehicle.

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

Street Lights

Chief Marlatt reported that currently the patrols are working off of a checklist of street lights. They are checking for lights that are not working. They are about half finished and a report will be given to the Town board once a month.

Civil Service

Chief Marlatt explained that Civil Service does not allow for anyone above the age of thirty-five to take the Civil Service exam. Supervisor Valk explained that in past years, the Town Board has supported the State Legislature in passing special legislation to allow for a waiver for a particular officer. Chief Marlatt further explained that the special legislation only allows the officer to take the test, which gives him the opportunity to compete for the job. Supervisor Valk inquired if the Town Board wishes to support an officer who has requested this special legislation. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon in favor of Supervisor Valk submitting the paperwork to move forward with the request for special legislation.

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

TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIASION TO HIGHWAY

No report.

LIASION TO PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Valk reported that he met with the Town Engineer to explore extending sewer south of Route 208. He also spoke to Ulster County about the possibility of partnering with them in using the Rescue Funding to accomplish this. Mr. Valk further explained that most of the funding the County will receive will be spent in the northern part of the County.