

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 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, Walkkill, NY on the **17th day of March 2022** at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Alex Danon, and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also, present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins and member Richard Barnhart, and 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 Miller and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 3, 2022.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter circulating for Lead Agency Status for the Donnelly application from the Town of Shawangunk Planning Board was received on 3/4/22. Public Hearing Notice from Town of Gardiner regarding the Comprehensive Plan on 4/12/22 was received. Letter from Walker Valley Enhancement Committee received in support of Charlie Garrison Day on 4/25/22. Application received for a Mass Gathering Permit on 5/15/22 from United Sherpa on River Road.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Supervisor Valk explained that the following Public Hearings were held open from March 3, 2022 for additional public comments. He opened up the floor for final comments on the proposed local laws. See Public Hearing Minutes for additional comments for each Local Law.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #1 of 2022 – Lot Line Adjustment
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #2 of 2022 – Accessory Dwelling Unit
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #3 of 2022 – Short Term Rental

Supervisor Valk explained that since there were no additional comments made regarding Local Law #1, it was likely that the Town Board could vote on it at the next meeting on April 7, 2022. In addition, Local Law #2 may be ready to vote on at that meeting. Local Law #3 will take longer as time is still needed to address all the comments that were submitted.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**Bob McMann**

Mr. McMann advised the Town Board that he is due back wages and inquired as to when he would be paid. Supervisor Valk advised that it will be included in his next pay check. If that was not acceptable, he would see that a separate check be provided. Mr. McMann inquired what the required hours were for the position of Town Supervisor. He also inquired what other stipends fell under the responsibility of the Town Supervisor. Supervisor Valk explained that the position does not require any specific number of hours. In addition to his supervisor's salary, he is the administrator for the Water and Sewer Departments, overseeing those operations, and he is also the Budget Officer. Mr. Valk explained that those positions are appointed at the Yearly Organizational Meeting.

Mulford Drive

Michelle Marion addressed the Town Board. She inquired if the Town Board had a chance to visit the property and look at the water issues. Supervisor Valk advised he spoke to the Building Department, and they will go out and take a look next week.

Councilman DeWitt advised he went out to the property when it was raining. In his opinion the site plan may not have been followed. The material is pushed up to the berm, and the water is trapped into a pond instead of going out to the road. He feels it is not graded properly.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported the following:

The Town Engineer is making progress with the Stein Road project.

He has started to get prices and has ordered materials for the River Road project. The sewer pipe issue will be addressed. The work will be handled by the highway crew. The project needs to be done as soon as possible. The price for materials has doubled.

The crew is trying their best to handle the potholes every day. The winter was rough on the roads.

He is gathering prices and will have the 284 Agreement ready for the next meeting. He attended a meeting of Highway Superintendents in Ulster County today and was advised that quotes from Peckham were only good for fourteen days. The Agreement he will submit will be an estimate. Councilman Miller requested that it be noted on the agreement that the numbers are estimates.

He is planning to seal the streets in the hamlet to preserve the investment made the last few years.

They will be notifying residents when the work will be performed.

Information provided regarding fuel and trucking costs.

The surplus equipment will be listed on line through Auctions International March 23, 2022 to April 6, 2022.

Supervisor Valk inquired if the highway crew was willing to take down the holiday wreaths. Mr. Blazeski will ask again in the morning. He explained that this morning was not safe in the rain and fog.