

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 7, 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, Walkill, NY on the **7th day of April 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, Building Inspector Robert Wallner, Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins, 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 DeWitt to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2022, and the Minutes of the Public Hearings opened on February 17, 2022 and closed on March 17, 2022.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Public Hearing Notice from the Town of Gardiner regarding the Comprehensive Plan on 4/12/22 was received.

EMC PRESENTATION

Mr. Dave Tompkins, representing the Shawangunk Environmental Committee, presented a slide show and presentation on "Protecting Streams". Mr. Tompkins discussed many different types of stream disturbance including National Streams, Protected Streams and Unprotected Streams. The Walkill River is a Class C Stream. Mr. Tompkins showed examples of the impacts of inadequate stream buffers and discussed the benefits of stream buffers. The EMC is inquiring if the Town would be interested in requiring these buffers. Mr. Tompkins suggested that possibly the Planning Board propose a buffer system. It could be a tool for them during site plan review. Mr. Tompkins discussed the consequences and economics with the areas facing more development. Mr. Dave Haldeman explained the Trees for Tribes program that the EMC has participated in as a way to protect the banks of the Walkill River. There was a question-and-answer period following the presentation. Planning Board Chair Mark Watkins noted that the Verkeerderkill is a Class A Stream. Councilman Amthor inquired about the dock being proposed at Popp Park. Councilman Danon suggested the EMC possibly submit a written narrative that could be included in the Zoning Law. Mr. Dave Haldeman advised that he has applied for an Ulster

County grant for shade trees for the Town Park entrances, Town Hall and Library. He has received word that the Town may be receiving twelve trees.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mulford Drive

Michelle Marion addressed the Town Board and stated that she knew several members of the board were at the property and inquired if the Town Board had located the maps that would determine the cause of the drainage issue. Supervisor Valk inquired with Building Inspector Wallner, who advised that he has not located the maps yet. He will continue to work on the matter. Following a discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Wallner and Supervisor Valk will look at the maps and have a determination made if the approved drainage plan was followed.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported the following:

The highway crew is working on ditching throughout the town.

The crew has been working on installing piping and material and rectified many issues on Stein Road.

Ditching and grading have been done on St. Elmo Road, Borden Road, and Birch Road.

The 284 Agreement will be tabled until the State Budget has been adopted.

The items listed with Auctions International were discussed. Supervisor Valk explained that over all, the prices listed for the approved items did well, and the highway complex is getting cleaned up. It was agreed that the items sold will not be released until payment is made.

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to accept the prices as they are listed with Auctions International. **VOTE: ALL AYE.**

Superintendent Blazeski advised that his bid for the 550 truck was not successful. He advised that the Town of Covert is selling a truck that he is interested in purchasing. The truck has 77,000 miles on it, has new tires all around, and has a V-plow. The asking price is \$30,000. This could replace the truck in the shop. Superintendent Blazeski explained that he will inspect the truck prior to the purchase. Supervisor Valk explained that Mr. Blazeski is requesting authorization for him to cut a check and only after inspection, he would give the check to the Town of Covert. Following a brief discussion on procedures, a motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Danon to authorize Supervisor Valk to prepare a check for the truck as discussed. **VOTE: ALL AYE.**

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Gerry Marlatt reported the following: