

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 21, 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 **21st 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 April 7, 2022.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

Mulford Drive

Michelle Marion, resident of Ralph Brach Drive, inquired with the Town Board about the status of the engineer and review of the maps. Supervisor Valk advised that the Building Department walked the property after the heavy rains last week and did not find any drainage issues. Mr. Valk stated in his opinion, the best solution may be to call the builder and have fill brought in. Building Inspector Robert Wallner, reported that he located the maps and have sent them to the Town Engineer for his review. Supervisor Valk advised that the Lott Road Bond does not cover drainage, it covers the road and the trees. Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins reported that the trees were never planted on the berm that the maps called for. Ms. Marion inquired what the process was to get the trees planted. Supervisor Valk stated that the Town would need to get the necessary replacement trees put in as well as the trees for the berm. Chairman Watkins explained that the Planning Board approves the plan and puts the plan on the maps; the Highway Superintendent is responsible for the enforcement of the trees.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's Report for March 2022 was received.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Clerk's Report for March 2022 for \$17,896.69 was received.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported the following:

Two Hundred Tons of Salt was purchased.

The F450 truck was picked up last Friday. After checking, it appears to be in good shape.

Still waiting to hear from the Town Engineer on Stein Road. Supervisor Valk advised that he spoke to Mr. Larios, who advised they are still working on the plan.

Flooding problems on Stevens Court were addressed.

Town Specifications for driveway pipe replacements need to be addressed. This should be done through the Driveway Permit application process.

The final CHIPS numbers have come in.

Will be meeting with a new vendor for prices on sealcoating.

Attended Ulster County Highway Superintendent's meeting and learned of possible grant opportunities, which he will pursue.

Prices are being reviewed for a mower/tractor.

Having discussions on single axle trucks. He is recommending that the Town purchase two trucks. The delivery date would be October. He feels this purchase would get the replacement program going. A discussion was held on the possible financing of the trucks. He will meet with the Highways Committee to work out a plan.

Councilman Amthor discussed the difficulties the major manufacturers are having with getting their allocations of trucks for next year. The emission changes will raise the prices ten to fifteen percent. The same issues will exist next year with the prices increasing.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Gerry Marlatt reported that he attended a Police Chief's meeting where there was a discussion about the hurdles on handling cannabis sales. He reported that municipalities that opted in have many questions that have not been answered. For the areas that have sites that are opening, law enforcement is finding it necessary to hire additional manpower.

LIASION TO HIGHWAY

Discussed under Highway Superintendent.

LIASION TO PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

WATER & SEWER

208 South Sewer Extension

Supervisor Valk reported that Ulster County will match one third, up to \$500,000, with the sewer extension south of Route 208. Application for funding needs to be made soon.

Sewer Plant

Supervisor Valk reported that he and Councilman Danon took a tour of the sewer plant. The work on the clarifier is progressing.

PARKS

Popp Park Pavilion

Supervisor Valk reported that the Town Engineer, Brinnier & Larios, have submitted the bid specifications and are ready to advertise. Following a brief discussion and review of the specifications for the pavilion ceiling and lighting plan, a motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Miller authorizing the project go out to bid.

Verkeerderkill Park

Councilman DeWitt advised that the sign honoring Charlie Garrison was hung up on the small pavilion. The family was present where he awarded the Proclamation passed by the Town Board.

Councilman DeWitt advised that the softball fields have been worked on, and the leagues start playing ball on Monday.

Councilman DeWitt explained that there has been illegal dumping at Verkeerderkill Park which will need to be addressed.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

No report.

RECREATION

Councilman DeWitt reported that Ulster County has inspected Verkeerderkill Park for summer camp. The water has been treated.

TRANSFER STATION

No report.

PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES

No report.