

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 19, 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 **19th day of May 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. Councilman Danon arrived at 7:20 p.m. and Councilman Brian Amthor was absent. Also, present were Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins, Building Inspector Robert Wallner 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 DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Miller to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 5, 2022.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter dated May 3, 2022 from Ulster County Planning Board regarding the reappointment of Mark Watkins and Richard Barnhart to the Ulster County Planning Board was received.

PUBLIC HEARING

Local Law #4-2022 Route 52 Business Corridor & Small Business Extension

Supervisor John Valk opened the Public Hearing for **proposed Local Law #4, Route 52 Small Business Zone and Small Business Extension**. Mr. Valk explained that this proposed local law are changes that were identified in the Comprehensive Plan. Maps were available to identify the parcels that are included in the proposed zone. Supervisor Valk opened up the hearing for public comment.

See Public Hearing Minutes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ulster County Legislator Ken Ronk reported recent activities that have been taken by Ulster County government. Mr. Ronk stated that volumes of money is being spent in the northern part of Ulster County.

IDA Board members were recently appointed. There were no members south of Route 299, east of the mountain, chosen to serve.

The application for the Route 208 Sewer Project is well suited, he is hopeful the town will get the funding. The application is for \$500,000. The total American Rescue funds the county received is \$38,000,000.

Supervisor Valk inquired about the sales tax. Legislator Ronk explained the towns will get one percent more than they previously did. The City of Kingston received 11.5 million and the towns share the remainder.

Supervisor Valk stated he has strong concerns about representation on the boards appointed by the county. There was a discussion on the recent redistricting. The inmate population in local correction facilities are no longer counted in the census. Mrs. Perine shared that there is a public meeting in Saugerties tomorrow night where these opinions can be voiced. Supervisor Valk advised that he attended the meeting in Modena this week.

Legislator Ronk advised that Bruyn Turnpike will be paved starting tomorrow.

Resident Darin Clegg introduced himself to the Town Board. Mr. Clegg explained that he owns 58 acres of land off of Oregon Trail. He obtained a building permit last year for a home, office and barn. Due to COVID there has been delays and the house is not finished. A neighbor complained to the Town and now the Building Inspector is telling him he should have had three separate building permits. Mr. Clegg explained that he submitted a site plan and was granted permission to build. He had all the necessary inspections by the Building Department and by the Ulster County Health Department. Councilman DeWitt stated that the board members would have to research this issue further prior to coming to any determination. Supervisor Valk requested Mr. Clegg leave his contact information and will be back in touch.

PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law #4

Supervisor Valk advised that the Public Hearing remains open if anyone would like to make comments or ask questions.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – The monthly Supervisor's Report for April 2022 was received.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – The monthly Town Clerk Report for April, 2022 for \$20,236.77 was received.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

See Liaison to Highway report

POLICE CHIEF

See Liaison to Public Safety report.

LIASION TO HIGHWAY

Supervisor Valk reviewed Highway Superintendent Blazeski' s Phase II 284 Agreement with the board members. Included in Phase II is the Town Hall Parking lot, Viola, Lavoletta, First, Second and Third Streets, Hardenburgh Road, Ulsterville, Johns Estate & Doviak Roads. The total for both phases is \$511,015.39. Cost overruns need to be considered. Following a review and discussion of the Phase II Agreement, a motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Miller to approve Phase II and sign both agreements.

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

LIASION TO PUBLIC SAFETY**WATER & SEWER****208 Sewer**

Supervisor Valk reported that the application to Ulster County is a matching funds grant.

Water Sources

Councilman Miller reported that there is a need to increase the water supply. He explained that he will be working with the Town Engineer. The Department of Health can't move ahead until there is another well located on the map. It's been seven years since a well was located, but not hooked up.

PARKS

Supervisor Valk advised that the electrician is needed to fix the electric in Garrison Park prior to National Night Out.

RECREATION

Councilman DeWitt reported that he is recommending the hiring of four counselors for summer camp at this time. For the Junior Counselor positions, he is recommending Abreeanna Thomas and Kaydence Vermilling at the rate of \$13.26 per hour. For the Senior Counselor positions, he is recommending Haley Dickson and Gabby Crusco at the rate of \$15.45 per hour. All counselors are returning from previous years. Some of the counselors have been working at the camp for seven to eight years. Councilman DeWitt reported that when the camp registration numbers for go up, he will recommend hiring additional counselors. A motion was made by Councilman Dewitt and seconded by Councilman Miller to hire these four counselors.

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