

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 16, 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 **16th June 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, 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 Danon to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on Local Law #4 Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2022.

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

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 2, 2022.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Stein Road

Jacqueline Muskulus addressed the Town Board to inquire the status of the Stein Road project. She inquired if the bids for the work were sent out and if there were public notices in the newspaper? Ms. Muskulus also inquired if Stein Road was part of the 284 Agreement that was approved by the Town Board. Highway Superintendent Blazeski explained that the issue is the rock removal. They need a quote from the contractor and have been waiting over a month. Both he and the Town Engineer have been calling. The problem is there is only one contractor who can do the rock removal. Mr. Blazeski continued to explain that a price quote is needed from the contractor, and test boring needs to be done. This involves test drilling the road with the hopes of finding bedrock and fastening to the bedrock. Ms.

Muskulus explained that the project looks like it has been abandoned and inquired if the barriers and cones will be put back in place. On behalf of another resident, she inquired if the shoulders will be mulched and if guardrails will be put up. Mr. Blazeski further explained that this is a major project with a high cost. He will have the crew go out and check the barriers. Supervisor Valk explained that in addition he has tried to contact the contractor.

Car Show

Mr. Dan Grove, owner of the Parkview House, inquired with the Town Board if they could proceed with the Third Annual Car Show on August 13, 2022. Mr. Craig Ross advised that he has spoken to Police Chief Marlatt, who does not have any concerns with the show. It was agreed that the previous shows were successful with no issues. The board members had no objections to the show. Supervisor Valk advised Mr. Grove to provide a certificate of liability insurance as has been done in the past, and assured him the Town Board would work with him. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve holding the Parkview Car Show on August 13, 2022.

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

Mr. Grove thanked the Town Board.

Mulford Drive Grass

A resident of Ralph Brach Drive thanked the Town Board for getting the high grass mowed. Supervisor Valk thanked Highway Superintendent Blazeski.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported the following:

He is still waiting to have contact with Dave Roares, and waiting for the Town Engineer for the Stein Road plan.

He thanked the Town Board for the privilege of attending the Highway School in Cornell. There were a lot of good topics and he learned a lot. Of special interest to him were the classes on trees and culverts. They both were very educational. He had the opportunity to speak with the attorney from the Association of Towns after the class and was able to ask specific questions on trees and tree removal. He was able to get advice on the Cooper Road project.

There are new specifications for blacktop. The temperature has been reduced, as we turn "greener" we will be seeing more changes. Councilman Amthor shared that there will also be changes coming with emissions. These changes will affect the schedule each year that will force companies to get vehicles off the road. These changes will force municipalities to purchase new equipment.