

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 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 **6th of October 2022 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Robert Miller, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Alex Danon, and Deputy Town Clerk Dale Weed. 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 Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the minutes with the following amendment of the Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2022:

The Town Board "might" have to override the tax cap.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED DISSOLUTION OF NEW PROSPECT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. Supervisor Valk explained the proposed dissolution of the New Prospect Fire Protection District. See Public Hearing Minutes.

PRESENTATION OF DICK PARKER COMMUNITY MEMORIAL AWARD

Councilman Brian Amthor explained that the Dick Parker Community Service Memorial Award is presented four times a year to a resident who stands out for volunteering for the Town. Councilman Amthor explained that this award is given quarterly in conjunction with the Southern Ulster Rotary Club. Mr. Amthor announced that this quarter the award is being presented to Sue Wiand. He further explained that Sue is a hard-working member of the community and is always willing to volunteer whenever anything needs to be done. Sue always gets the job done and the residents are fortunate for her service. The Town Board appreciates Sue's willingness to always help out. On behalf of the Town Board, Councilman Amthor presented the award to Mrs. Wiand.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Vision of Wallkill Committee

Donna Barczak and Kathryn Hupczey, representing V.O.W., were present to discuss this year's Tree Lighting. They explained that they are proposing to hold it on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. They are considering changing the name of the event to something similar to "Winter Wonderland". Some of the activities planned will be Holiday Market Vendors, Food Vendors, along with Santa and the Tree Lighting. All events are being planned for outdoors.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported the following:

Paving

Road paving is complete. St. Elmo Road is almost finished.

River Road Project

River Road is well underway. River Road will be closed to traffic starting October 12, 2022. The box culvert that is being replaced is scheduled to be set on October 19th. Highway Superintendent Blazeski advised that he placed an ad in the newspaper and contacted all agencies. The signs will be going up on Monday. The utility wires have been moved.

Driveway - Knolls Road

A letter has been drafted to send to Mr. & Mrs. Sorice about their driveway. Mr. Blazeski explained that the Building Inspector went out to the site with him and they both agree that it needs to be moved. The location needs to be where the original driveway was on the subdivision map. Following review of the map and letter, all Town Board members agreed with the decision of the Highway Superintendent. A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman DeWitt that the letter should be sent to the homeowners.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt reported the following:

Staffing

Chief Marlatt explained that he met with the Police Committee and is recommending that John May be hired as a school crossing guard. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Miller to hire John May Jr., as a crossing guard, effective October 3, 2022.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Chief Marlatt reported that Wallkill School District has requested additional coverage at the football games since the incident at the Newburgh football game.

DOD Program

Chief Marlatt reported that he has been researching the available excess equipment. He has located a few pieces and will be bidding on them.

Vehicles

Chief Marlatt reported that there has been no word on the delivery dates of the new police vehicle.

Parking on Wallkill Avenue

Parking on Wallkill Avenue was discussed. Chief Marlatt reported that the police have not received any complaints. They will continue to work on this.

Stuff the Bus

Councilman Amthor reported the details for the "Stuff the Bus" Program. Donations will be going to the three local food pantries. They are Loaves and Fishes, New Prospect Church and Charlotte's Food Pantry. The information will be going out shortly. Orange County Transit will be providing the buses. One bus will be at Popp Park on October 29th at the Halloween Celebration, and the other on October 30th at Verkeerderkill Park for the Trunk or Treat.

Filming

Supervisor Valk reported that Watchtower will be doing a video on October 7th on Birch Road. It will simulate the moon coming up.

LIASION TO HIGHWAY

Discussed under Highway Superintendent Report.

LIASION TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Discussed under Police Chief.

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Valk reported that hydrants are being flushed this week.

PARKS

Supervisor Valk reported that construction will be starting at Popp Park Pavilion this month. He is hoping that there will be sufficient funds to install a PA System.

SIDEWALKS/LIGHTING

Councilman Amthor reported that there was only one bid submitted for the sidewalk's repairs. The quote came in for \$18,900.00 from Wallkill Paving. The repairs will be started this week.

Delbe Spath spoke about a drainage problem on his property.