

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 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 20th 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 Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also, present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Building Inspector Robert Wallner, Zoning Board Member Ryan Reid, 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 October 6, 2022.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW # 6 TAX CAP LIMIT

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m. Supervisor Valk explained the reason the Public Hearing was being held was to allow the Town Board to adopt a budget over the tax levy limit of 2% for 2023. Supervisor Valk inquired if there were any comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Valk advised that if anyone had any questions or comments, the Public Hearing would remain open until the end of the meeting. See Public Hearing Minutes.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Presentation

On behalf of the Town of Shawangunk, Police Chief Marlatt explained that he was presenting a shadow box with mementos to the family of Roland McCallops. He explained that Roland recently passed away and is truly missed by all. Chief Marlatt explained that Roland's badges and name tags were mounted in the shadow box. He presented the box to Mrs. Helen McCallops and family. Chief Marlatt explained that Roland had been a School Crossing Guard since the program was created. He was a dedicated employee who was always there, rain, sleet or snow, he never missed a day's work. The Town Board offered their condolences to the family members.

Road Issue

Mr. Joe Cerbone from Knoth Road spoke to the Town Board about the condition of Knoth Road. Mr. Cerbone explained that he had previously contacted the Highway Superintendent who advised him he

did not have the budget to fix the road. He stated that he is here tonight to request that the road be repaired. Supervisor Valk explained that the Town Board approves the budget and the Highway Superintendent decides which roads to work on. He advised that there has been an increase of \$95,000 in the highway budget for 2023. Mr. Cerbone clarified how he could get someone to look at the road again so it gets addressed. Highway Superintendent Blazeski explained that he has looked at the road. The best he can do would be to patch it as best they can. Mr. Cerbone inquired if there was a list that the road could be put on so at some time in the future, he would know it would be fixed. Supervisor Valk explained that the Town Board could not promise when it could be done. Councilman Miller explained that our current Highway Superintendent is the first Highway Superintendent to have a plan and every road is on that plan. Mr. Cerbone stated that is not here to complain, just looking for an answer. He stated that he wanted to commend whoever does the snow plowing, as they do a great job. Highway Superintendent Blazeski explained the process of CHIPS funding and money from the Town Board. Mr. Cerbone thanked the Town Board for their time.

Site Plan/Hardware Store

Mr. Jesse Miller introduced himself to the Town Board. He explained that he is the owner of the property below Becks Hardware Store. Mr. Miller stated that he is looking forward to Becks opening. Mr. Miller explained that the electrical wires got ripped down the other day by a concrete truck entering the store. These recent events brought his attention to the fact that he has concerns with the way the parking lot is pitched. He is concerned with the run off and drainage as the parking lot was raised two feet. Supervisor Valk explained that stormwater has to be managed, there can't be any run off from one property to another property. Mr. Valk inquired with Building Inspector Wallner if the site plan addressed the stormwater. Mr. Wallner stated it did not but he will keep his eye on it. Mr. Wallner explained that he will take a look at the topography maps to determine a plan. Mr. Miller explained that he does not want to create problems, he is looking forward to the new business. Mr. Miller submitted a letter stating his concerns.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF ULSTER COUNTY

Steph Herbstritt introduced herself to the Town Board and the residents who were in attendance. Ms. Herbstritt explained that that the program extends their services to communities and guides them how to become a Climate Smart Community. Their services are free and voluntary. She explained the various tools that are available. Ms. Herbstritt further explained that members of the town municipal staff include Supervisor Valk, Highway Superintendent Blazeski, Building Inspector Wallner, and EMC Chair Dave Haldeman. Following the review of the Town activities and County planning documents, the CCE staff have completed the Planning Tool and developed recommendations based on those results. Ms. Herbstritt reviewed the results with the Town Board. The areas of strength, opportunity and recommendations were presented and discussed. Ms. Herbstritt provided copies of the report and answered questions. Supervisor Valk thanked her and her staff for the presentation.