

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 5, 2023**

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 **5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor John Valk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Alex Danon, and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Councilman Robert Miller was absent. Also, present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, 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 Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 15, 2022.

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

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve the minutes of the Year End Meeting held on December 28, 2022.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Information was received from the Association of Towns regarding the Annual Training & Meeting February 19-22, 2023 in New York City.

Supervisor Valk explained that the window was open for the 30-day review of District #2 Agricultural District.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

#### **Sparkle & Shine Awards**

President Donna Barzcak and Sparkle & Shine Chairperson Larissa Burke, representing the Vision of Wallkill, gave an introduction of the holiday decorating program. Certificates were presented to the

winners of various categories. The annual trophy for businesses was presented to Joe DeGroot for his display on Christmas Tree Lane. Supervisor Valk thanked the participants and the Vision of Wallkill Committee for sponsoring the contest.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR 2023**

Supervisor Valk presented a Resolution for the 2023 year. See attached Organizational Minutes.

### **REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS**

#### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

##### **Vehicles**

##### **Truck Purchase**

Highway Superintendent Blazeski discussed a message he shared with the Town Board regarding the purchase of the tandem axle truck. Mr. Blazeski explained that he spoke with the mechanics and the men in the highway crew about the Cummins motor. All men agreed that it was their opinion that the Cummins motor is the best choice. Councilman Amthor and DeWitt also agreed that they feel this is a good decision. Councilman Amthor recommended that Mr. Blazeski also consider the Western Star model with the Cummins motor. There was a discussion about a \$5,000 deposit the dealer wants up front when ordering the truck. The normal acceptable practice for municipalities has been a purchase order, which is binding, versus a deposit. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford 550 Truck with an aluminum body for \$90,880.00 from Gabrielle. Councilman Amthor will attempt to get the deposit waived in lieu of the purchase order.

##### **Boom Mower**

Highway Superintendent Blazeski discussed the purchase of a Kubota Boom Mower from Marshall Machinery. The total price is \$195,365.90. Following a discussion on the purchase, a motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Danon to proceed with the purchase.

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

##### **Work Schedule**

Superintendent Blazeski reported that the highway crew is taking advantage of the mild weather by doing tree work and ditching throughout the town. They will start prepping roads under the 284 Agreement.

#### **POLICE CHIEF**

No report.

**LIASION TO HIGHWAY**

Discussed under Highway Superintendent.

**LIASION TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

No report.

**WATER & SEWER**

No report.

**PARKS**

**Popp Park**

Supervisor Valk advised that the Town had a new ceiling, gable ends and lights installed on the pavilion this past year. Mr. Valk discussed the history of Popp Park. He explained that the property was donated by the Popp family. In 1991-92 the Lions Club, with many volunteers and donations, put up the pavilion. After the pavilion was built, the Town needed to do additional work to get it certified. The Town paid to have the floor poured, again with community volunteers. The firemen built the barbeque pit with the cover. The bathrooms were also built with donations and community volunteers. Supervisor Valk explained that he saw this past weekend that the Lions Club installed a new sign on the end of the pavilion. The sign reads Lions Club Pavilion. Mr. Valk is opposed to this as he feels it should say, Town Community Pavilion. He further explained that the Town applied for and received a grant and did the work, but the sign implies that it's the Lions Club. This is a pet peeve of his, but he would like it recorded in the minutes that he is opposed to the signage. Councilman DeWitt explained that he spoke to the Lions Club about ownership of the pavilion. They will be installing four signs, one on each corner, with language making it clear that the pavilion is owned and rented by the Town of Shawangunk. Supervisor Valk stated that the Lions Club does a lot work on the Rail Trail, ice skating at the park, and many other community projects. He just feels that many other people donate to the community as well. Councilman DeWitt assured the board that he will continue to work with the Lions Club on the signage.

**SIDEWALK/LIGHTING**

Councilman Amthor reported that he spoke to the Town Engineer who advised that the survey crew was scheduled for the sidewalk project. The project is moving forward for First, Second and Third Streets. Mr. Amthor assured Delbe Spath that he will bring up the water issue on Third Street. Mr. Spath reported that there are five lights that are not working outside of Town Hall. He stated that it is dangerous when exiting the building at night. Mr. Spath stated that the lights have been out since the Town Hall was built. Supervisor Valk advised that the Town has applied for a grant to re-do the lights with L.E.D.'s.

**RECREATION**

No report.