

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 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 **7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, 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, County Legislator Ken Ronk, Court Clerk/ZBA Secretary Kathy Ebbrell, Planning Board Chairman Mark Watkins, and several members of the public. See Sign-In Sheet.

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 Regular Meeting, and the minutes of the Public Hearings held on August 3, 2023.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 17, 2023.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mrs. Adrienne Perine and Ms. Jodi Trainor spoke to the Town Board about concerns with a driveway culvert on the Trainor property. Ms. Trainor explained that she called the Highway Department to come to the property and look at the problem, with no response. Highway Superintendent Blazeski was present and agreed he would come out and check the culvert.

Ms. Florence Medvedev spoke to the Town Board about the speeding that is occurring on Strawridge Road. She requested the police put up radar on the road.

**PRESENTATION**

The Town Board presented an Outstanding Athlete award to Brooke Tarshis. Brooke was recently chosen to represent the United States in Japan in wrestling. Brooke was one of twelve wrestlers who were selected and will travel to compete in Japan. Brooke was present to accept the award.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS**

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported the following:  
Paving at Watchtower almost complete. The project has gone well.  
The paving on Hardenburgh Road and Bruyn Turnpike is complete.  
The tree on Bona Ventura will be taken down tomorrow.  
Sidewalk project in the hamlet is moving along. A catch basin will need to be changed.  
The second truck is scheduled to arrive prior to winter.  
The roller came and has been working very well.  
The trailer has been ordered.

**POLICE CHIEF**

Councilman Amthor requested the Chief have radar on Strawridge Road. Chief Marlatt stated he will move ahead and put it on the schedule.

Police Chief Marlatt reported the following:  
School is open.  
Ulster County Sheriff held a state recognized SRO School. Police Chief Marlatt and Officer Butor attended. The school required the training.  
Officer Dunn is back on the schedule.  
Police Committee and he met to interview three candidates. He has recommended the Town Board hire Scott Wolpert and Michael Barrese.  
The delivery for the new police vehicle is scheduled for the end of this month.  
He is still working on the surplus equipment for sale.

A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Miller that the Town hire both Scott Wolpert and Michael Barrese, pending a background check.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**LIASION TO HIGHWAY**

Discussed under Highway report.

**LIASION TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

Discussed under Police Chief report.

**WATER & SEWER**

Supervisor Valk discussed the replacement of the clarifier at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He advised that the bids were out and will be opened on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**PARKS**

Councilman DeWitt reported that there was a fire at Popp Park. The fire started in a garbage can. There was minimal damage to the ceiling.

**SIDEWALK/LIGHTING**

No report.

**RECREATION**

Councilman DeWitt reported that Trunk or Treat will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 p.m. at Verkeerderkill Park.

**RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Mr. Andy Harcher spoke to the Town Board about the agency raising the pulling fees.

**PERSONNNEL/PROCEDURES**

No report.

**BUILDINGS**

No report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Amthor reported that the Business Association is putting together a new board.

**COMPUTERS**

No report.

**INSURANCE/PURCHASING**

Supervisor Valk reported that the amount of Pollution Insurance for the Route 208 South Sewer Project has been reduced to one million dollars.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business discussed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business discussed.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon for the following Budget Transfer:

**INCREASE      DA2401                      TO DECREASE      DA5130.200                      \$ 46,766.40**

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

The following claims were audited.

<b><u>ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>WARRANT</u></b>	<b><u>VOUCHERS</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
GENERAL	16	670-722	\$ 84,292.47
HIGHWAY	16	340-392	\$ 740,409.01
WATER	16	87-95	\$ 29,954.94
SEWER	16	152-158	\$ 38,115.90
SIDEWALK	4	4	\$ 950.00

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Amthor that the claims be paid as audited.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon to go into Executive Session to discuss the Pine Bush Area Ambulance District. The session started at 7:30 p.m.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Amthor to end the Executive Session. The Executive Session ended 7:47 p.m.**