

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 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 **5th day of October 2023, 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 County Legislator Ken Ronk, Zoning Board member Ryan Reid, and attached 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 Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 21, 2023.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Narcan Boxes

Deputy Sheriff Damon Alberts introduced himself and explained that he works with the O.R.A.C.L.E. Program. He was present to discuss the placement of Narcan Access Boxes in the Town. Mr. Alberts explained that he and his peers monitor drug overdoses and are the hub for recovery assistance. Mr. Alberts explained that the Narcan Boxes will be mounted and available for the public to have access to Narcan. Along with the Narcan, there are instructions on how to administer it and a pamphlet for help. They have identified several locations in the Town of Shawangunk which they feel would be helpful. They are Popp Park, Verkeerderkill Park, and the entrance to the Rail Trail. Chief Marlatt will assist with keeping boxes stocked. This is a free program with funding through a grant. Mr. Alberts is requesting a blanket approval for these three locations to get the program up and running.

Councilman Miller inquired if the Narcan kits have expiration dates, and who will maintain them.

Deputy Sheriff Alberts explained they do have expiration dates, and they have the scanning ability for the boxes to keep current on those dates. The Police will be contacted to check and refill as needed.

County Legislator Ken Ronk stated that the Wallkill Volunteer Ambulance would be happy to assist with maintaining the boxes.

There was a discussion on how the program is assessed for success and effectiveness.

Supervisor Valk inquired when the program would be set up. Deputy Sheriff Alberts said as soon as possible. The Bruderhoff has volunteered to build the houses. He will get the posts in the ground prior to winter, so when the boxes are available, they will be installed immediately.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilman Danon to endorse the program. The motion includes the condition that Deputy Sheriff Alberts is not required to return to the Town Board for approval for additional locations, but can communicate where and when they will be installed.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Pine Bush Area Ambulance District

Mrs. Patty Brown stated that she was here in August and inquired if the district has moved any further along. She inquired how long will it take to get a contract in place. Supervisor Valk advised that he is hopeful that will be ready by the next Town Board meeting and get it wrapped up. Mr. Valk advised that the service did start on September 4th, and the contract will be dated from that day. The service is in effect at this time, the contract just needs to be completed. He explained that the contract is similar to the contract that the Town of Crawford has. Mr. Valk further explained that the contract provides for quarterly reports and payments.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Supervisor Valk advised that he received a letter from the engineer who reviewed DeGroodt Drive. The letter advises that all items on the punch list from the Highway Superintendent and Town Engineer have been completed. The Maintenance Bond that was recommended is \$37,130 which will be posted upon acceptance of DeGroodt Drive. Supervisor Valk advised that he spoke to Highway Superintendent Blazeski who confirmed the completed work. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve the \$37,130 bond and accept DeGroodt Drive as a Town Road.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

POLICE CHIEF

No report.

LIASION TO HIGHWAY

Discussed under Highway report.

LIASION TO PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

WATER & SEWER

Water Clarifier

Supervisor Valk reported that the bids were opened for the replacement of the clarifier at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Town Engineer has reviewed those bids and recommended the Town

accept the bid from Wittcom, Inc., for a total amount of \$269,000. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Miller to award the bid to Wittcom, Inc. for \$269,000.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

PARKS

Popp Park

Supervisor Valk explained that he has received complaints that First Student Bus Company is using the parking lot at Popp Park. He further explained that in the past they had a lease with the Town and paid for use of the lot. That is not the case now. Councilman Miller stated that the Town should not be providing parking to private companies. Supervisor Valk advised he will call both bus companies that are using the parking lot and will report back to the board members.

Verkeerderkill Park

Councilman DeWitt reported that there are a few washouts that need to be taken care of prior to the Halloween event.

SIDEWALK/LIGHTING

Sidewalk Project

Councilman Amthor advised that a corner had to be taken out and fixed. Second Street is completed and a good job was done.

Lighting

Councilman Danon reported that like last year, he has started to make a list of street lights that are out. It worked out well getting them fixed.

RECREATION

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

Councilman DeWitt explained that Pine Bush Youth Soccer will again be using the fields at the park. Mr. DeWitt further explained that according to our regulations, the Town Board must waive the usage fees. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Miller to waive the usage fees for use of the fields for the fall soccer season.

VOTE: ALL AYE.