

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 7, 2024

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 **7th day of March 2024 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Joseph LoCicero, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Alex Danon, Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also, present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Planning Board Member Rich Barnhart, ZBA Member Ryan Reid, Court Clerk & ZBA Secretary Kathy Ebbrell, and several members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Ronk led the Town Board in a moment of silence in memory of Butch Freer, and the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 15, 2024, and the Minutes of the Public Hearings held on February 7, 2024.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received: Notice of Ulster County Agricultural Inclusion Districts on 2/23/24, Notice of Public Hearings from Town of Montgomery on 3/20/24, Letter from Town of Shawangunk Planning Board regarding wetland disturbance on 2/26/24.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Vision of Wallkill

Donna Barzack and Julie Craner, representing the Vision of Wallkill Committee, spoke to the Town Board on the events planned for 2024. On April 27, 2024 there is the Town Wide Garage Sale. Mrs. Craner explained that Popp Park is used for people who wish to bring their items to the park. The Duck Derby is scheduled for May 11, 2024. Mrs. Craner reviewed the activities that will be held at Popp Park during the event. The weekly concerts at Popp Park will be held each Thursday starting July 11th and run through August 22nd. Ms. Barzack reported that this year there will be seven concerts, many are

sponsored by local businesses. The Vision of Wallkill is requesting insurance coverage for all of these events.

There were questions from the Town Board. Supervisor Ronk stated the Town is always happy to partner with Vision of Wallkill. The Town Board members thanked the group for all their work in the community. Mrs. Craner thanked the Board for their support and advised that the decorations on the doors and windows will be cleaned up shortly.

Stein Road

Mrs. Jackie Muskulus requested an update on the work on Stein Road. See report of Highway Superintendent.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Stein Road

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported that the Stein Road project is underway. Mrs. Muskulus inquired if she can see the engineer's report. Mr. Blazeski advised that there is no report, they took a different, less expensive avenue with the plan. He reported that the excavation portion and blocks are complete. He is working on getting both engineers to meet tomorrow so they can move up to the top. The tie backs are made and ready to install, they have the concrete products for the wall. At this point, he is waiting for the engineers, the process is slow, but moving forward.

Truck Purchase

Mr. Blazeski reported that the tandem truck purchased last year is at Lakeview. It is scheduled to be completed for July.

Highway Complex

Items raised by the Insurance Company inspection are being addressed. For example, the signs have been ordered for the fencing and the lockers have been ordered.

Bids

Mr. Blazeski reported that the bids for the Tandem Plow Truck and Hot Patch Dump Spreader were opened on February 28, 2024. He stated that the bids were advertised and completely bid. There was only one bid for both items. The bids were reviewed by the Town Board members. Mr. Blazeski advised that by the year 2027 with emissions standards, the price for a truck will be \$50,000 more than today.

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to accept the bid of \$38,728. for the Hot Patch Dump Equipment.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to accept the bid of \$363,246. for the Tandem Truck.

VOTE: Supervisor Ronk, aye, Councilman Amthor, abstain, Councilman LoCicero, aye, Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman Danon, aye.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt reported that Ulster County has offered to loan the speed sign display units to municipalities. The County will be able to collect data, as well as assist the town with traffic enforcement. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Town Board would like to borrow the sign. Chief Marlatt will contact the County and make the arrangements.

Chief Marlatt advised he will be scheduling a meeting with the Police Committee to review some issues.

Chief Marlatt submitted a resignation from Officer Laura Dunn, effect May 1, 2024. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to accept Officer Dunn's resignation with regrets.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Chief Marlatt explained that depending when training is scheduled for DARE Officers, he is certified to fill in until another officer is resigned.

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to accept the resignation of Officer Jason Edwards.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Chief Marlatt advised the following:

He is scheduling an Annual Department Meeting for March 12, 2024.

The department is all set to cover the Scramble and St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17, 2024.

The Patrol PC equipment arrived today. Sgt. Spinato is setting up for installation. Work Stations will be replaced with this equipment.

The new car is scheduled for delivery at the end of the month. Officer Reynolds is coordinating the lettering, radios and equipment.

A radio for the Town Court was donated. He will check out the compatibility of them. Supervisor Ronk reported that he checked out the price for chargers with NYCOM, which is \$25 per charger. Mr. Ronk said the Town would be happy to accept the donation of the radios.

Sgt. Spinato and Officer Snyder are scheduled to take Evidence Training.

Fireman's Qualifications are scheduled for May 4th and May 11th, 2024.

Police Department will assist with the Duck Derby on May 11, 2024.

Discussed briefly changes to policies.

Inquired on the status of the uniform request. Supervisor Ronk would like to discuss prior to approving. Chief Marlatt inquired if the Town Board was considering adopting a noise ordinance. Councilman Amthor stated because of the maintenance, at this point, he doesn't think so. Supervisor Ronk stated, not considering at this time.

Councilman LoCicero inquired why car 585 needed a \$305 transmission flush at Strictly Ford with only 59,000 miles. Chief Marlatt stated he will need to speak with Officer Reynolds regarding this question.