

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 18, 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 **18th day of April 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 Members Mark Watkins and Ryan Reid, Zoning Board Chairman Dennis Arluck, 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 resident and Lions Club member Chris Keller, and the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 4, 2024.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to discuss.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Wallkill Ambulance Corps

Mr. Doug Foster, Board of Director, and Past Chief, explained that the Town Board had requested an update on the additional revenue they received this year, and a report on the paid staff. Mr. Foster discussed the billing process which they began in 2021. They have not adjusted the rates and all residents are assured that an ambulance will show up when needed. With the Town Board support they have paid staff during the weekday hours. Thanks to the staff, they have been able to cover 100% of the calls for service. He reported that they have been able to grow 17% since 2023, which is the largest increase in the past five years. The Town Board had no further questions and thanked Mr. Foster and the volunteers for all they do.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski reported the following:

Main Street – One Way

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported that he spoke to Mr. Corrigan of the Department of Transportation who advised that the Town needs to compile a list of accidents at Wallkill Avenue and Main Street. When that is completed, they would come out and review the data with the Town. Councilman LoCicero will contact Ulster County and acquire the statistics. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to move forward with converting Main Street up to Church Street to a one-way street as discussed.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Quannacut Road

Highway Superintendent Blazeski advised that he also has been speaking to Mr. Corrigan about the on-going issue of fire trucks having adequate access on to Quannacut Road.

Stein Road

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported that the project is going very well and the work continues.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt reported the following:

Monthly Report

Chief Marlatt distributed copies of a monthly report to the Town Board Members. He reported that the system is up and running. Chief Marlatt explained that these are general statistics that can be expanded to include other areas. The report shows statistics for traffic stops, accidents and tickets. The report was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed that arrests and incident statistics will be added to the report.

Vehicles

Car 584 was taken to Wallkill Automotive to be evaluated for needed repairs. They were advised that the vehicle needed to be taken to Strictly Ford for an estimate of the items that need to be addressed. The outcome is that the water pump needs to be replaced, which requires a full engine removal to get to it. Brakes, timing chain and other miscellaneous items were included on the estimate, which totals \$5400.00. Chief Marlatt advised that the Town of Plattekill has offered the donation of a Crown Victoria which could be used for school detail. The options were discussed. A motion was made to accept the

generous offer of the Crown Victoria from Plattekill, list Car 584 on the Auctions International site by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman LoCicero. Chief Marlatt will send a thank you letter to the Town Board of Plattekill after the donation is complete.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Traffic Control

Chief Marlatt discussed the traffic sign which is on loan from Ulster County. He spoke to the Sheriff and advised that he would like to keep the sign so it can be relocated. Additional locations were discussed.

Various

Chief Marlatt advised that the Wallkill Little League Parade was canceled, it has not been rescheduled.

There was an incident at an Air B & B on Upper Mountain Road this past weekend. There were shots fired. The State Police were called in and are investigating. At this time, there is no report of anyone being hurt. There was some property damage.

Chief Marlatt shared a training announcement for the Officer Resiliency Program. He explained that they are looking for additional officers. The goal is to get ten percent of the police departments trained.

The Sergeants Exam is being given on June 1, 2024. Every officer that is eligible was notified of the exam date.

The DARE Graduation is being held on April 30, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Ostrander Elementary School. Officer Dunn has extended the invitation to all town officials.

Following a discussion of the Flatbed that did not sell on Auctions International recently, it was agreed to re-list the truck and list the old 584.

LIASION TO HIGHWAY

Supervisor Ronk reported that on the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, Mr. Robert McMann's classification has changed from 20301120 HMEO to 20301022 HMEO/Mechanic. A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to approve the change of classification.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

LIASION TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Town Audit Report was received and submitted to the New York State Comptroller. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor