

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 2, 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, Walkill, NY on the 2nd day of May 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Brain Amthor, Councilman Joseph LoCicero, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Alex Danon, Deputy Town Clerk Dale Weed. Also present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Police Chief Garry Marlatt, Seargent Spinato, Court Clerk & ZBA Secretary Kathy Ebbrell and ZBA member Robert Wallner.

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 18, 2024.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to discuss.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Pine Bush School District - Joe Lenz

Mr. Joe Lenz from the Pine Bush School discussed the following:

1. He discussed the school budget. He told how some of the money will be spent. Projects for this year is a new field at the Circleville School and other projects to keep the buildings intact.
2. They have new polling locations. The Pine Bush High School and the Circleville Elementary School. They had to go to 2 polling places because they can not find enough election workers.
3. This budget will meet the student needs.
4. He urged the residents to come out and vote for the budget.

The Board had no questions for Mr. Lenz and thanked him for coming.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Supt. Blazeski presented the Board with 284 Highway Agreement for 2024.

The Town is getting \$430,000.00 for CHIPS this year.

He has discussed the treatment of the road with Councilman DeWitt and Councilman LoCicero.

Town of Shawangunk is receiving equal amount of CHIPS money this year. Other Towns are receiving less money.

Stein Road is moving along. He met with the Engineer and he is happy with the progress.

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to accept the 284 Highway Agreement as presented.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to hire Phil Jamison as a seasonal employee. He will start May 6, 2024 with a salary of \$16.75 per hour.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve Highway Superintendent Blazeski to attend a Highway School from June 3 - 5, 2024 for \$328.00.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Danon to accept the resignation of Ronald Morvillo with regrets.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

POLICE CHIEF

Presented the Board with the Departmental Statistics for the month. Some of the Councilmen asked questions about the report.

Police Chief Marlatt got price quotes for the repairs to the Police Station.

Watchtower donated office furniture to the Police.

Craig Ross obtained 12 radios from the Dept. of Corrections. The Town will have to purchase the program and batteries. The Board discussed how they wanted to proceed with the radios. One will be used by the Court.

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to authorize the Police Chief to accept twelve radios and get six ready for use.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Police Chief Marlatt has completed the Stop DWI Grant.

The Board asked the Police Chief if he has considered doing a DWI check. He said there are a lot of restrictions to do one. One restriction is that you have to advertise where the check points will be.

Several officers attended school safety meetings.

DARE graduation is this week.

TOWN LIASON REPORTS

HIGHWAY

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sgt. Spinato reported that he attended the Pine Bush Ambulance Meeting. He reported some statistics. He said there are many opportunities for EMS training.

Supervisor Ronk thanked the Police for all there help at Ambulance calls.

WATER/SEWER

There was a discussion about the vacant building and property on River Road that was once used by the water and sewer department. Supervisor Ronk recommends disposing of the building. It is no use to the Town. A property owner that lives near the building has complained about the debris behind the building and down by the river.