

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 6, 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 **6th day of June 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, Sergeant John Spinato, Planning Board Member Chairman Mark Watkins, 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 and the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 10, 2024, and the Regular Meeting held on May 16, 2024.

VOTE: Councilman Danon, aye, Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman LoCicero, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilman Amthor was absent from this vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to discuss.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Martin & Trisha VanDyk were in attendance to address the Town Board about the Revolving Loan Program. Mr. VanDyk read a letter of appreciation and explained that the loan they were granted through the Town seven years ago helped expand their business. He further shared how helpful making interest only payments through the COVID shut down was a tremendous help. Mr. VanDyk further explained that this loan helped turn their dreams into a reality. They will forever be grateful. Their success allows them to continue to be able to contribute to the community. They acknowledged that the expertise, time and resources that John Valk and Bruce Lott provided were instrumental in helping them expand their business. They are happy to advise that they made the final payment today.

Supervisor Ronk commented that when speaking to John Valk, he often referred to Lippincott Manor as the "poster" child for the Revolving Loan Fund. Mr. Ronk presented a Mortgage Satisfaction to the VanDyk's and advised it should be filed in the Office of the Ulster County Clerk.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski reported the following:

The hydroseeding on Stein Road has been completed by Watchtower.

The crew is working on ditching in preparation for paving. Birch Road, Calabrese Drive & Dana Drive, to name a few roads that are included.

Due to conflicts, he did not attend the Highway School in Ithaca this year.

He has learned that there are discussions ongoing that the cycle for CHIPS funding may be changed.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt reported the following:

Monthly Report

Chief Marlatt distributed copies of a monthly report from May 2024 to the Town Board Members. Chief Marlatt explained the statistics and information in the report.

Chief Marlatt advised that the Town has received the Law Enforcement Technology Grant of \$185,000. Options on how to spend the award were discussed.

The Child Car Seat Safety Program was discussed. Officer Reynolds is a Safety Technician for car seats. The grant will provide for several seat checks a year along with other opportunities.

Chief Marlatt advised that he applied for \$3,500.00 for the 2025 STOP DWI Program. Officer McDermott is a Data Master for the program. The amount for the 2024 program was \$1,500.00

The Sergeants Exam was given on June 1, 2024. Three officers were eligible and all took the exam.

Chief Marlatt thanked the Highway Department for the work they did on the police station parking lot. The department is grateful.

Chief Marlatt advised that Fair Rite has opened up training for First Aid and CPR to the Police Department. Several officers attended the training.

LIASION TO HIGHWAY

Supervisor Ronk read Resolution 3-2024, regarding former unit members of CSEA. The benefits they are entitled to is set forth in Appendix A. A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to adopt Resolution 3-2024.

VOTE: Councilman Danon, aye, Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman LoCicero, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilman Amthor was absent from this vote.

LIASION TO PUBLIC SAFETY**Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Councilman LoCicero reported the he is working with Mike Madison of Ulster County and will be moving forward with the plan.

SRO Agreement

Supervisor Ronk presented a draft Inter-Municipal Agreement for School Resource Officers and Special Patrol Officers with Wallkill Central School District. Mr. Ronk explained that the agreement is basically the same as previous years. Chief Marlatt suggested the Town Board take a look at the numbers since the last contract settlement with the Police Department. Councilman Danon suggested that Ostrander Elementary be added along with the High School and Middle School in No. 1 of the agreement. Supervisor Ronk recommended adopting the agreement with these changes. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve the agreement with these changes.

VOTE: Councilman Danon, aye, Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman LoCicero, abstain, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilman Amthor was absent from this vote.

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Ronk reported that he is working out the details with the Town Attorney on the rental of the Town Hall Annex, formerly the Wallkill Firehouse. The Sewer District South Project will need the building for storage and a location to operate out of. Leasing the building will require a permissive referendum. Mr. Ronk advised that that he met with Town of Montgomery Supervisor, Steve Brescia, to discuss a Intermunicipal Agreement for the Milk Factory project. The language for the rates were discussed and will be changed. Mr. Ronk will supply the Board Members with the draft of the agreement. Mr. Ronk also reported that he met with Millennium Strategies to discuss the Water Quality Improvement Grant. There is a chance to get a grant for this project. The grant would be a 25% match and both Shawangunk and Montgomery would have to have the Intermunicipal Agreement adopted to apply. The Town of Mongomery hopes to adopt the agreement at their July 17, 2024 meeting. Supervisor Ronk advised that it looks like fall when the shovel will be in the ground.