

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 15, 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 **15th day of August 2024 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Joe LoCicero, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Alex Danon, Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also, present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Court Clerk & ZBA Secretary Kathy Ebbrell, Planning Board Member Rich Barnhart, 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 Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 1, 2024.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Ronk acknowledged letters from a resident regarding summer camp dated 8/5/24 and a letter and petition from Rich Regino regarding Strawridge Road dated 8/13/24.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Route 208

County Legislator and resident Rich Walls spoke to the Town Board about Robinson Drive and Route 208. Mr. Walls explained that eight years ago he went to the School District and the Town to advocate for a crosswalk and to have the speed limit lowered from 45 mph to 35 mph. In the end, the State Department of Transportation reviewed and denied the request. He feels it is a safety issue with the students walking to the strip mall across Route 208 and feels it's time to pursue the issue again. He went to Kevin Castle, Superintendent of Wallkill Schools who is in favor of the concept. Mr. Walls is inquiring if the Town Board would also be in support. He stated that the area between Robinson and Chase Road is 1/5 of a mile. He also stated that the Town Master Plan considers the hamlet to run up to Robinson Drive. Mr. Walls requested input from Chief Marlatt on the matter. Supervisor Ronk

volunteered to write a letter if the Town Board was in favor. Mr. Walls advised he would like to put a package together and present it to New York State at the same time. A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero authorizing Supervisor Ronk to prepare a letter in support of the request.

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

Strawridge Road

Highway Superintendent Blazeski explained the 284 Agreement process and how the CHIPS money can be used. He explained the 2% tax cap and how the Town is making strides in making progress with the roads. Mr. Blazeski stated that with the current funding, he can only do four miles per year. He explained the surface treatments used. Supervisor Ronk explained that Mr. Blazeski brings in professionals to determine what roads they can work on. Mr. Blazeski explained that the base of roads are not built to today's standards and this needs to be considered to determine the treatment and equipment for the roads.

Mr. Blazeski explained his goal of applying the correct treatment to each road. He explained that drainage work including culverts and ditching needs to be done prior to the road treatment.

Councilman Danon explained that Mr. Blazeski is working on getting a company to come out and analyze every road and create a plan for each road. Mr. Blazeski explained that they have created a capital plan for equipment, and he wants to do the same for the roads. Supervisor Ronk explained the bonding rates and the possibility of putting a proposal on the ballot.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's Report for July 2024 was submitted.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Report for July 2024 for \$67,719.64 was submitted.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Pavement Management

Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski reported that he would like to invite two pavement management companies to a meeting to make a presentation to the Town Board. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to invite both companies to attend a meeting.

Paving Quotes

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported that after receiving several paving quotes, the lowest quote was from Ron DeGroot Paving Inc. This quote will pave and finish the Stein Road project. The quote is \$17,500.00. The Town Highway Department will be supplying the blacktop at a cost of \$43,000.00.

POLICE CHIEF**Monthly Report**

Police Chief Marlatt distributed copies of the July Monthly Report to the Town Board. He explained that he added Aline statistics to the report. Supervisor Ronk inquired if medical calls could be added. Councilman Danon inquired if there could be a breakdown of traffic stops. Following a brief discussion Chief Marlatt agreed to add these items to the next report.

Training

Chief Marlatt discussed the upcoming Defensive Tactics Training Course in Broome County. He explained that currently Officer Roy Snyder is the only certified instructor in the department. Anticipating there will be an upcoming need for the department, he is requesting approval for Officer Curt McDermott to attend this training. Estimated cost would be lodging at \$1391.00 and meals at \$240.00. Following a discussion, it was agreed to support sending Officer McDermott to the training. It was also agreed that he should use a town vehicle for transportation. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve Officer McDermott to attend the training as discussed.

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

Fund Raiser Motorcycle Rides

Chief Marlatt advised that he will contact the two groups that are planning rides through the Town of Shawangunk. He will offer the department's assistance with whatever they need.

Vehicles

Supervisor Ronk inquired if Officer Reynolds has obtained quotes for the vehicle lighting upgrades as previously discussed. Chief Marlatt will check with Officer Reynolds but he believes that he has received one quote, two other companies have declined to submit a bid. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the work, contingent on a \$19,000.00 quote and obtaining letters from each company that have declined to bid on the work.

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