

## REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 6, 2025

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 March 2025 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Joe LoCicero, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Alex Danon, and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also, present were Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Court Clerk Kathy Ebbrell, Planning Board Members Rich Barnhart and Ryan Reid, Sergeant John Spinato, 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 Danon to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 20, 2025.

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

### CORRESPONDENCE

A Notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Crawford for a balloon test for Verizon on 3/1/25. Public Hearing notice from Town of Montgomery for Zoning Penalties on 3/10/25.

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Joanne Warren presented a list of issues she feels diminishes the appearance of the hamlet. She explained that she has lived in the town for forty-one years and would like to see these issues addressed. The issues were the need to sweep the streets, dumpsters and trash cans, weeds in sidewalks in front of businesses, overnight parking, snow removal on sidewalks, cut grass being blown in the streets, cleaning up after dogs in the park, and unregistered vehicles. Mary Claus Shulz explained that she lives on Orchard Street and has the same concerns as Ms. Warren. In addition, she is concerned with insufficient parking the landlords provide at their rentals. Mark Bodnarczuk inquired if there was an allowance made for car collectors. Councilman LoCicero explained that the New York State Code allows for one car if it can be seen from the road. Mr. Bodnarczuk inquired if the new apartments being built will be available for anyone to rent. Councilman Danon explained that the Town Board cannot impose restrictions on a private entity on who they can and can't rent to. Supervisor Ronk explained that there are a total of thirty units. Supervisor Ronk explained that the Town is addressing many of the items discussed. He advised that anyone seeing violations can file a complaint with the Building Department.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Supervisor Ronk reported that he spoke with the Highway Superintendent, who could not attend the meeting. Mr. Blazeski advised him that he is working on the 284 Agreement. The crew has been working on patching the roads.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

**Parade**

Chief Gerry Marlatt reported that he met with the Wallkill Fire Chief regarding coordination for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 23, 2025. The fire department is providing their officers and fire police. In addition, they will be getting volunteers from area fire departments to assist with traffic control. A second meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2025, to address any parking concerns and signage. Chief Marlatt advised that there will be no parking along the entire parade route and there will be signs posting this. He will also have a tow truck on standby if the route needs to be cleared.

**DARE Graduation**

Chief Marlatt reported that graduation is on March 31, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Ostrander School.

**Range**

Chief Marlatt reported that the dates for the range have been scheduled.

**School Resource Officer**

Chief Marlatt reported that Officer Wolpert is finishing up with the school.

**Equipment**

Chief Marlatt reported that the new radar units have arrived. Bids for installation have to go out. The tablets have been ordered and will be in service by the end of April.

HIGHWAY

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Supervisor Ronk advised that there will be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss Collective Bargaining.

**Ulster County EMS Resolution 102**

Supervisor Ronk read a proposed resolution in support of the Ulster County Legislature establishing a fund to facilitate, perpetuate, and support the operation of EMS services in the county. Supervisor Ronk explained that the funds would be split up based upon population and assessed value. The Town of Shawangunk would receive \$310,00.00 if passed. A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to support Resolution 102.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**WATER & SEWER****Water Lead Service Inventory**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the lead service inventory is on-going.

**PARKS**

Councilman Danon reported that he is waiting for updated renderings and drawings for Garrison and Verkeerderkill Parks. He expects to receive them back next week. Mr. Danon advised that garbage cans are included in the plan. He is hoping that fencing will also be included. Security cameras were discussed for all parks. Supervisor Ronk advised that three quotes are needed. The ditching at Verkeerderkill Park was discussed. Depending on when the park employee is hired, it may go out to bid. It was noted that both a backhoe and a truck would be needed. The pickleball courts at Galeville were discussed. The trees are cleared, mowing and trimming will have to be done.

**SIDEWALK/LIGHTING**

Supervisor Ronk reported that he received a complaint about a streetlight at the corner of DuBois and Walkkill Avenue. He will follow up on that.

**RECREATION****Summer Camp**

Councilman DeWitt recommended the hiring of Gillian Batchsingh as Recreation Director for Summer Camp. The salary can be determined at the next Town Board meeting. Mr. DeWitt explained that she started working to prepare for camp and would like to get the flyer out as soon as possible. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon to appoint Gillian Batchsingh as Recreation Director.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

A discussion was held on the dates and fees. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Danon that the rates remain the same as last year. The starting date is June 30<sup>th</sup>, and the last day of camp will be August 8<sup>th</sup>.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

Councilman Danon and Councilman DeWitt will work on updating the camp flyer so it can be circulated as soon as possible.

**Field Use**

Councilman DeWitt reported that he has been working with groups on scheduling. Both the fields at Galeville and Verkeerderkill are full seven days a week. Mr. DeWitt reported that Wallkill Lacrosse has requested putting a sign up at Galeville Park. There was a discussion on the posting of signs during the season. It was agreed to table the decision.

**RESOURCE RECOVERY/TRANSFER STATION****Transfer Station**

Supervisor Ronk reported that he and Councilman Danon have been discussing ideas to best clean and organize the area at the Transfer Station. Now that there is a backhoe available at the Transfer Station, they have been able to make progress in clearing out the electronics. Mr. Ronk reported that the trailer is not suitable any longer as the electronics get dumped and have to be repacked. The boxes for electronics are ten by twenty in size and there must be ten pallets for pick-up. It was agreed that the set up and removal of the boxes for electronics needs to be improved. One alternative may be a 12X24 carport with an overhang. The customers could put their items directly in the box. Another option may be a shipping container with a cover on a concrete pad. Supervisor Ronk and Councilman Danon will continue to work on a solution.

**PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES**

No report.

**BUILDINGS****Signage**

Supervisor Ronk reported that he will be working on obtaining prices for signage at Town Hall. Mr. Ronk discussed options on the signage for both inside and outside of Town Hall.

**Lawnmowing**

Councilman DeWitt reported that he has reviewed the specifications for the 2025 lawnmowing season. He is proposing to release the bids at this time. The bids will be due by 2:00 p.m. on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Town Board can accept the bids at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The bids will be advertised in the newspaper and the Town Clerk will send out packages to the list of contractors on file. A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to release the bids as discussed.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**INSURANCE/PURCHASING**

No report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No report.

**COMPUTERS**

No report.

**UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS****Short Term Rental Law/Food Truck Law**

No further discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS****Harrier Ridge Drainage District**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Town Board is required to hold a Public Hearing on the Harrier Ridge Drainage District. He has spoken to Planning Board Chairman Rich Barnhart, who agreed the Public Hearing should be scheduled after the Planning Board recommends the creation of the drainage district. It is expected the Public Hearing will be scheduled in April.

**Training/Lunch**

Supervisor Ronk reported that he is seeking Town Board approval to hold two training luncheons in the Community Room. The first training will be on Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence. The second training class will be on the Purchasing Policy. All Town Board members were in agreement to hold the training/luncheons.

**Town Board Meetings**

Supervisor Ronk discussed changes to the monthly Town Board meeting schedule. He is proposing that the first meeting of the month be a work session and the second meeting of the month be the business meeting.

**Building Department Personnel**

Supervisor Ronk discussed the consolidation of two part-time positions into one position. He further explained that the demands on fire inspections and code violations require more time than the two current people who have been filling in can provide. Councilman LoCicero added that the Town Board is in the process of approving additional regulations that need to be handled by this department. Councilman Danon added that hiring one position to do the job is a good idea. Supervisor Ronk stated that as long as the person hired worked less than thirty-two hours per week, it would be considered a part-time position. Mr. Ronk will start the process and move forward with filling the position.

Supervisor Ronk reported that currently there is an active Civil Service list for a Municipal Code Official.

**Appointment of Judge**

Supervisor Ronk reported that on February 25, 2025, the Town Clerk has received a letter of resignation from Justice Michael Voss. A replacement will need to be appointed to fill the position. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Brian Amthor to appoint Tara E. Parlman to the vacant Town Justice position.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**Girl Scouts**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the non-profit group has applied for a permit through the building department for work at Camp Wendy. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to waive the building permit fee to the Girl Scouts.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

The following claims were audited.

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>WARRANT</b>	<b>VOUCHERS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL	5	142-174	\$ 105,749.65
HIGHWAY	5	78-94	\$ 70,949.67
WATER	5	14-17	\$ 9,396.02
SEWER	5	34-43	\$ 177,549.50
TRUST & AGENCY	4	18-26	\$ 3,753.03

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman LoCicero that the claims be paid as audited.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

Resolutions were offered by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman DeWitt for the following Budget Transfers:

INCREASE A1900.400	TO DECREASE	A1990.400	\$ 7,616.00
INCREASE A599	TO INCREASE	A5132.400	\$10,000.00

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining issues.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to enter back into the Regular Meeting.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

The Executive Session started at 8:11 p.m. and ended at 8:30 p.m. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk