

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 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 4th day of September 2025 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Alex Danon, and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Councilman Joe LoCicero and Councilman Adrian DeWitt were absent. Also present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Court Clerk 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

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 21, 2025, were tabled until the next meeting when a quorum is present.

CORRESPONDENCE

A notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Crawford Zoning Board regarding a zoning change was received on 8/25/25.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Roseanne Stockhofer – One Way Street

Ms. Stockhofer advised the Town Board of situations with vehicles going the wrong way on Main Street. She discussed various solutions including enforcement, signage, and speed limits.

Ms. Stockhofer discussed the condition of properties in the Church Street area. She expressed her concerns about the cleanliness of many houses that are in disrepair. There is garbage in the yards and weeds are not maintained. The condition of these properties affects the value of neighboring homes. Roseanne inquired if community service crews from the correctional facilities were still available. Supervisor Ronk explained that since Wallkill Correctional has changed to a medium security facility these types of services no longer exist.

James Street – CE Penny Drive

Mr. Street introduced himself and explained that he resides at the turn on 114 CE Penny Drive. On Tuesday morning a student from Wallkill School drove twenty-seven feet onto his property and hit their car in the driveway. His wife and daughter just missed getting hit by this driver as it was only seconds of them coming out of the house to leave for school. Mr. Street stated that his mailbox has been hit seven times in the last five years. The cars drag race when they get out of school. He further explained that he

has since learned that the driver of this car has no insurance. His daughter plays in the yard; he needs to protect her. He fought in two wars for this country and does not want to take matters in his own hands, he is requesting the town do something. There was a discussion on viable options. Supervisor Ronk will speak to Sergeant Reynolds to request a police car be present in this location for drop-off and dismissal of school. He feels that enforcement will be the way to manage this problem.

Lois Parker Hennion – Sand Hill Road

Ms. Hennion introduced herself and explained that she is a resident of 656 Sand Hill Road. Ms. Hennion explained that the road is in unbelievably bad shape. She is a bike rider, and something needs to be done about this dangerous situation. Highway Superintendent Blazeski reviewed the road inventory program with Ms. Hennion and explained the time frame for anticipated repairs on town roads.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss police collective bargaining matters by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon. **VOTE: Councilman Danon, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilman DeWitt and Councilman LoCicero were absent.** The Executive Session started at 7:21 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting at 7:41 p.m. by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor. **VOTE: Councilman Danon, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilman DeWitt and Councilman LoCicero were absent.**

No action was taken.

WORK SESSION**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****Playground Equipment**

Councilman Danon reported that he is trying to schedule the Playground Company to come down to the parks the week of the 21st. He would like the company representative to meet with the committee and Trevor to lay out a plan for the community build. The new equipment will be located at Garrison Park and Verkeerderkill Park. He is looking at October 11th and 12th for the community build. Councilman Danon and Supervisor Ronk discussed offers from local businesses to assist with the community build. A discussion took place on removing broken equipment at Verkeerderkill and preparation of the area where the new equipment will be located. Supervisor Ronk explained that various tasks will be needed, and community groups will be invited to assist. When the plan is put into place, it will be advertised on the town website, facebook and newspaper.

DUMPSTER LAW

Supervisor Ronk advised that this discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS**Resignation**

Supervisor Ronk explained that a letter was received from Gary MacEntee resigning from the Board of Assessment Review. Mr. Ronk explained that his name will be offered for re-appointment in January. A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to accept the resignation from Mr. MacEntee.

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

Parks Truck/Purchase Update

Supervisor Ronk reported the details of the search for a truck to be used by the Municipal Works Supervisor. A F350 Dump Truck is available for the price of \$69,488.77. He explained that the Town Board would have to authorize the purchase and the signing of the purchase order. Options for the payment of the truck was discussed. Supervisor Ronk stated that a bond resolution would have to be adopted at the next Town Board meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve the purchase of the truck and authorize the Supervisor to sign the purchase order.

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski reported that the paving projects have been pushed back one week due to the weather. They will work with the Town of Crawford on these projects.

He is working on a plan for Strawridge Road and the end of Old Fort Road.

He has developed an RFP for day work with a paver. He intends to start with small projects. He discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a paver and doing the work in house, versus subbing out the projects. He will decide after considering both options.

Harrier Ridge Estates

Highway Superintendent Blazeski submitted a memo regarding the bond estimate and snow easement for the Harrier Ridge Estates subdivision located off Malloy Road. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon to set the road bond at \$175,900.00.

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

Supervisor Ronk noted that there are funds posted in escrow for construction supervision and municipal oversight and administration for this project.

Short Term Rentals

Supervisor Ronk reported that he has been working with the Building Department on the application and permit. He distributed a sample of the permit that has been developed. Mr. Ronk advised that as soon as the local law is filed with the New York State Department of State, the town can start contacting the owners of short-term rentals. He also suggested conducting a public campaign, so people are aware of the new law.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited.

ACCOUNT	WARRANT	VOUCHERS	AMOUNT
GENERAL	16	576-618	\$ 35,621.28
HIGHWAY	16	327-349	\$ 39,733.86
WATER	16	65-66	\$ 1,522.25
SEWER	16	128-130	\$ 5,125.19
LIGHT	9	9	\$ 1,939.44
TRUST & AGENCY	15	108-109	\$ 1,400.50

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: ALL AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk