

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 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 2nd day of October 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 Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Planning Board Chairman Richard Barnhart, Court Clerk Kathy Ebbrell, Highway Assistant Mary Ann Longano 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 Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 4, 2025.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 18, 2025.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A Public Hearing Notice was received by the Town of Crawford regarding Verizon Wireless on 10/8/25.

Supervisor Ronk advised that the Governor of New York has put a burn ban into effect tonight.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Roseanne Stockhofer – Main Street/One Way

Mrs. Stockhofer, who resides at 2 Main Street, spoke to the Town Board about several issues concerning the one-way street. She explained incidents involving herself and family members with near head on accidents because people are still turning down the one way from Wallkill Avenue. Mrs. Stockhofer advised she is very frustrated and feels that there needs to be enforcement from the Police Department.

She also stated that new signage and perhaps flashing lights should be considered. Mrs. Stockhofer stated that she is pleased that the one-way street was created, but there needs to be more signage, perhaps "Do Not Enter" signs need to be installed. She inquired what else the Town Board could do to save lives. Police Chief Marlatt inquired if GPS shows the street as being a two-way street. Supervisor Ronk stated that he has been working with Google to have that revised. Supervisor Ronk agreed that additional signs can be put up.

Lions Club – Skating Rink

Mr. Sal Patella and Mr. Dave LaSpada announced that the group is getting close to the purchase of the skating rink and are down to the details of the legal paperwork. Mr. LaSpada explained that the funds are in place. They are requesting the Town make the purchase on behalf of the Lions Club. This would be approximately \$9,000 in savings. If the Town approves making the purchase, the Lions Club can make the donation back to the Town. Supervisor Ronk explained that the SAM Grant through Assemblyman Maher goes through the New York State Dormitory Authority which requires the Town show they have the funding to complete the project. This would require the Town to have in place sixty percent of the funding and the remaining forty percent upon delivery. A Purchase Agreement must be in place. Supervisor Ronk advised that the Town Board could approve the Purchase Agreement at the October 16th meeting. Mr. LaSpada suggested the Lions Club provide one hundred percent of the funds to the Town for the equipment. He inquired if the agreement could be put in place for the next meeting. Supervisor Ronk stated he will work on getting it in place. Following a discussion, none of the Town Board members had any objections to the agreement. Mr. Ronk advised that the Town would be responsible for owning the equipment since it will be on town owned property.

Mr. Patella clarified that the purchase of the skating rink is not funded by the Town. He thanked the Town for purchasing the shed. Mr. Patella asked the Town Board to consider funding the purchase of an audio system for the pavilion. He suggested the purchase could be made out of the Recreation Fees the Town collects. He is currently getting price quotes. Supervisor Ronk advised that the Town Board could consider this request when working on the 2026 budget.

Mr. Patella reported that the Lions Club is hosting a Halloween event at Popp Park on Halloween. The Police Department will be working with them. The event will be early enough in the day so families can enjoy their normal activities later on.

Police Chief

Chief Marlatt distributed copies of a monthly report for September. Chief Marlatt explained that the statistics are up from previous months. Sergeant McDermott has been holding briefings on the B & C Lines on the topic of enforcement. These briefings seem to be helping; he is of the opinion that the numbers will continue to increase.

Chief Marlatt reported that parts came in today that will upgrade the internet and computer system. Chief Marlatt reported that he has had three heating companies come to the station to give quotes on replacing the heating system.

Chief Marlatt reported that dates for the range will be held on the 4th and the 18th. The times are noon to 8 p.m.

Chief Marlatt reported that the background check for Officer David Leandro has been completed. His start date is scheduled for October 10th.

Chief Marlatt reported that he and Councilman LoCicero interviewed Clayton DuBois to work part-time for the Police Department. Officer DuBois works for the Town of Newburgh and is interested in working part-time. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to hire Officer Clayton DuBois starting October 6, 2025.

Chief Marlatt requested an Executive Session with the Town Board to discuss a personnel matter.

Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski reported that cold paving has been completed on Quannacut, Sinsabaugh, and Greising Roads. Red Barn Road is scheduled for October 6th.

Highway Superintendent Blazeski requested permission to take the town vehicle to Syracuse on October 29th. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve this request.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. **VOTE: ALL AYE.**

The Executive Session started at 7:27 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting at 8:06 p.m. **VOTE: ALL AYE.**

No action was taken.

WORK SESSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Food Truck Law Application & Dumpster Law

Tabled until further notice.

Halloween Event

Supervisor Ronk inquired if the Town Board members received and reviewed the Walker Valley Halloween Flyer for Verkeerderkill Park. The Trunk or Treat will be held on October 26th. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the flyer for the event.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Personnel

Following a brief discussion regarding pay for the temporary Planning and Zoning Board clerks, a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to amend the motion made on September 18, 2025, stating that the pay is retroactive to Monday, September 15th, when the work was started by both Kathy Ebbrell and Mary Ann Longano.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Playground Community Build

Councilman Danon reported that the Community Build for Garrison Park will be held Columbus Day Weekend. There are jobs available for all levels of volunteers. He has posted a QR Code where organizations and volunteers can sign up. So far, Joe the Plumber has volunteered to help. Watchtower is trucking in the mulch. Supervisor Ronk reported that the old park equipment is being removed and will be re-located to another park.

NEW BUSINESS**Presentation of the 2026 Tentative Budget**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the 2026 Tentative Budget was delivered to the Town Clerk on September 30th as required by law. Starting with page one, Supervisor Ronk reviewed the General Fund line-by-line for each department. When the review was complete, Supervisor Ronk explained that these tentative numbers represent a 22% increase. Based upon a \$450,000.00 home in Shawangunk, this increase represents \$1.80 +/- per thousand, which is less than \$100 per year. Mr. Ronk explained to the public that as the Town Board members work on the budget, those numbers will come down. He continued to explain that half of those items are beyond the control of the Town. Supervisor Ronk requested the board members to review the tentative budget and call him with comments and ideas.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited.

ACCOUNT	WARRANT	VOUCHERS	AMOUNT
GENERAL	18	659-704	\$ 44,723.24
HIGHWAY	18	362-381	\$ 92,430.67
WATER	18	70-73	\$ 8,445.61
SEWER	18	136-141	\$ 23,472.19
LIGHT	10	8	\$ 2,016.39
TRUST & AGENCY	17	121-123	\$ 1,603.70

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

VOTE: ALL AYE.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: ALL AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk