

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 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 **20th day of November 2025 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Alex Danon, and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Councilman LoCicero was absent. Also, present were Planning Board Chairman Richard Barnhart, Sergeant John Spinato, Court Clerk Kathy Ebbrell, Councilman Elect Mike Voss, 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 Amthor to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting/Public Hearings held on October 30, 2025.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 6, 2025.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Ulster County Information Services 11/14/25 received. Notice from Shawangunk/Wallkill Correctional Facility received 11/12/25.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jesse Miller

Mr. Miller reported that he has noticed a police presence at the school since the last meeting. He is pleased and appreciates the patrols. Supervisor Ronk thanked Mr. Miller for attending and letting the town know.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's Report for the month of October was submitted.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Report for October for \$28,247.02 was submitted.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Building Inspector's Monthly Report for October was submitted and reviewed.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Supervisor Ronk advised that Highway Superintendent Blazeski was not able to attend the meeting tonight. There is no highway report.

POLICE CHIEF

Councilman Amthor reported that he spoke to Police Chief Marlatt who was not able to attend the meeting tonight. He spoke to him about patrolling at the schools and thanked Mr. Miller for his report.

TOWN LIASON REPORTS

HIGHWAY

Supervisor Ronk reported that he has been contacted by the New York State Department of Transportation seeking input from the Town on the recent work done on Route 52. Mr. Ronk will send a letter to the State DOT.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Supervisor Ronk reported that there is a PBA labor meeting tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

WATER & SEWER

Sewer Line 208 Project

Supervisor Ronk reported that the contractor advised him that he needed another week to mobilize before he can start the work.

PARKS**Community Build/Garrison Park**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the concrete was poured and the main platforms and slide have been leveled. They can now proceed with the remainder of the equipment. Mr. Ronk reported that JPT is donating the time to assist with the project.

Ice Skating Rink/Popp Park

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Lions Club and the Town of Shawangunk are hosting a dedication on December 6th from 12-2 p.m. for the ice-skating rink.

Holidays In The Hamlet

Supervisor Ronk reported that Town of Shawangunk is a co-sponsor of the event on December 6th from 3-6:30 p.m. Councilman Danon reported that he has received the contract for fireworks that will go off after the event. The Town is sponsoring the fireworks at a cost of \$5,000.00. He is preparing the application and will submit the required insurance information. A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor authorizing Supervisor Ronk to sign the contract with July 4 Ever Fireworks, Inc.

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

General Parks Report

Supervisor Ronk reported that Trevor has been busy clearing trails and cleaning leaves at Galeville and Verkeerderkill Parks. He worked with Nancy Moore and Rich Greer in getting the water turned off and mapping out the procedures for the winter.

Steve Schelin cleaned up the leaves on the Rail Trail.

The Utility Building at Verkeerderkill Park has been spray foamed. The work was donated to the Town by Rinaldo Godeinez.

A request for the return of a rental fee for Popp Park was reviewed. The event was scheduled for October 25th and had to be canceled. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Amthor to return the \$150.00 fee.

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

SIDEWALK/LIGHTING**Sidewalks**

Supervisor Ronk reported that an emergency sidewalk repair is necessary at the corner of Pleasant and Wallkill Avenue and DuBois Street and Wallkill Avenue. Mr. Ronk is waiting for a contractor to make the repair.

Lighting

Councilman Danon reported that he has a new contact person at Central Hudson. If anyone is aware of streetlight outages, please contact him.

RECREATION

Councilman DeWitt announced that the Town Tree Lighting will be on December 6th, during the Holidays In The Hamlet.

RRA/TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor Ronk reported that a Tub Ginder is needed at the Transfer Station. He will proceed with making the arrangements. The Pumpkin Smash held at the Transfer Station was a successful event.

PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES**Ulster County Planning Board**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the term ends December 31, 2025, for the Regular Member and the Alternate Member. Mr. Ronk explained that the members Tom Tango and Rich Barnhart remain in the positions until the appointment is made.

BUILDINGS**Town Hall Heat**

Supervisor Ronk reported that Lyle Shute from Shute Consulting and Engineering did the inspection on the boilers. He has submitted the bid specifications and a proposed agreement to review the bids. Mr. Ronk explained that MDS had submitted a \$71,000.00 quote which included circulators. They may not be needed. The rooftop units may not be in service for too much longer. Supervisor Ronk reported that he comes over and resets the working boiler every morning to heat up the building. He makes himself available to reset as needed throughout the day. The Town Attorney has determined that the bid needs to be advertised for five days prior to the award. Mr. Ronk reviewed the legal ad which he would like to place in the Times Herald Record, which is the secondary official newspaper for the Town. The bid opening is scheduled for December 2nd at 2:00 p.m. The bid could be awarded at the December 4th Town Board meeting. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the bid specifications, the legal ad for the newspaper, and authorize Supervisor Ronk to sign the agreement with Shute Consulting and Engineering.

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

INSURANCE/PURCHASING

Supervisor Ronk reported that he will be sponsoring a seminar with the auditors for town employees and officials on Purchase Orders. This will occur early 2026.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING

Road Name Request

Supervisor Ronk discussed the road name request for the Harrier Ridge Subdivision off of Malloy Road. The owner, Mark Brissette, has requested "Harrier Ridge Drive". Following a brief discussion, a motion as made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon to submit the name to the 911 Coordinator and the Ulster County Planning Board.

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

Planning Board Chairman/ Solar & Battery Storage

Planning Board Chairman Richard Barnhart addressed the Town Board. Mr. Barnhart reported that the solar project, US Light Energy, has been granted approval after a number of years. In conjunction with Zoning Board Chairman Dennis Arluck, they are recommending the Town Board enact a one-year moratorium on large scale solar and battery storage so the Town can address the issues. Mr. Barnhart stated that he is willing to start the process and evaluate our law. He will identify areas that need to be tweaked and make suggestions on how to improve the law. He is strongly suggesting a one-year moratorium. Supervisor Ronk stated he is not opposed and agrees that our current law needs changes. He feels the fire companies will support the moratorium. He will follow up with the Town Attorney to start working on the moratorium.

COMPUTERS

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Ronk advised that the Town Board needs to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and potential litigation. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session. **VOTE: Councilman Danon, aye, Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilman LoCicero was absent.**

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Meeting by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon. **VOTE: Councilman Danon, aye, Councilman DeWitt, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilman LoCicero was absent.**

The Executive Session started at 7:41 p.m. and ended at 7:57 p.m. No action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited.

ACCOUNT	WARRANT	VOUCHERS	AMOUNT
GENERAL	21	781-810	\$371,082.65
HIGHWAY	21	419-447	\$271,423.73
WATER	21	82-88	\$ 5,839.31
SEWER	21	152-159	\$155,754.42
TRUST & AGENCY	19	130-133	\$ 5,544.99

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

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

INCREASE	SW1440.400	TO	DECREASE	SW8340.200	\$40,000.00
INCREASE	A599	TO	INCREASE	A9015.800	\$53,141.25
INCREASE	A9010.800	TO	DECREASE	A1990.400	\$ 6,650.00
INCREASE	DA5142.400	TO	DECREASE	DA5110.400	\$ 5,000.00
INCREASE	DA5130.400	TO	DECREASE	DA5110.400	\$30,000.00
INCREASE	DA5130.200	TO	DECREASE	DA5110.400	\$ 602.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Jane Rascoe, Town Clerk