

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 2, 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, Walkill, NY on the 2nd day of May 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Brain Amthor, Councilman Joseph LoCicero, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Alex Danon, Deputy Town Clerk Dale Weed. Also present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Police Chief Garry Marlatt, Seargent Spinato, Court Clerk & ZBA Secretary Kathy Ebbrell and ZBA member Robert Wallner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2024.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to discuss.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Pine Bush School District - Joe Lenz

Mr. Joe Lenz from the Pine Bush School discussed the following:

1. He discussed the school budget. He told how some of the money will be spent. Projects for this year is a new field at the Circleville School and other projects to keep the buildings intact.
2. They have new polling locations. The Pine Bush High School and the Circleville Elementary School. They had to go to 2 polling places because they can not find enough election workers.
3. This budget will meet the student needs.
4. He urged the residents to come out and vote for the budget.

The Board had no questions for Mr. Lenz and thanked him for coming.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Supt. Blazeski presented the Board with 284 Highway Agreement for 2024.

The Town is getting \$430,000.00 for CHIPS this year.

He has discussed the treatment of the road with Councilman DeWitt and Councilman LoCicero.

Town of Shawangunk is receiving equal amount of CHIPS money this year. Other Towns are receiving less money.

Stein Road is moving along. He met with the Engineer and he is happy with the progress.

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to accept the 284 Highway Agreement as presented.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman DeWitt to hire Phil Jamison as a seasonal employee. He will start May 6, 2024 with a salary of \$16.75 per hour.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve Highway Superintendent Blazeski to attend a Highway School from June 3 - 5, 2024 for \$328.00.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Danon to accept the resignation of Ronald Morvillo with regrets.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

POLICE CHIEF

Presented the Board with the Departmental Statistics for the month. Some of the Councilmen asked questions about the report.

Police Chief Marlatt got price quotes for the repairs to the Police Station.

Watchtower donated office furniture to the Police.

Craig Ross obtained 12 radios from the Dept. of Corrections. The Town will have to purchase the program and batteries. The Board discussed how they wanted to proceed with the radios. One will be used by the Court.

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to authorize the Police Chief to accept twelve radios and get six ready for use.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Police Chief Marlatt has completed the Stop DWI Grant.

The Board asked the Police Chief if he has considered doing a DWI check. He said there are a lot of restrictions to do one. One restriction is that you have to advertise where the check points will be.

Several officers attended school safety meetings.

DARE graduation is this week.

TOWN LIASON REPORTS

HIGHWAY

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sgt. Spinato reported that he attended the Pine Bush Ambulance Meeting. He reported some statistics. He said there are many opportunities for EMS training.

Supervisor Ronk thanked the Police for all there help at Ambulance calls.

WATER/SEWER

There was a discussion about the vacant building and property on River Road that was once used by the water and sewer department. Supervisor Ronk recommends disposing of the building. It is no use to the Town. A property owner that lives near the building has complained about the debris behind the building and down by the river.

Supervisor Ronk will get prices for taking the building down.

PARKS

Councilman Danon presented paperwork with quotes regarding park improvements at Verkeerderkill Park and Garrison Park.

The Board liked that the themes of the parks were kept the same.

Supervisor Ronk will put the chain back that was removed at Garrison Park.

Councilman DeWitt reported that the plumber will be coming tomorrow to fix the issues at Verkeerderkill Park. Ulster County inspected the Park with two recommendations, one to fix the seesaw and the removal of a tree.

Aidenbrook donated the stone that was used at Verkeerderkill Park.

Supervisor Ronk reported that someone wants to donate a bench. He recommended that the bench be put in Garrison Park.

Councilman DeWitt said the mowing company is doing a great job.

VOW asked if the Popp Park will be mowed for the events on Saturday.

The ruts need to be fixed by the boat launch at Popp Park.

SIDEWALK/LIGHTING

Councilman Amthor reported that the repairs to the sidewalks this year will be small repairs. Will apply the saved money for next year to do bigger projects.

RECREATION

Councilman DeWitt reported that Camp is moving along.

RESOURCE RECOVERY

Supervisor Ronk said they need to set a date for assessment of the Transfer Station.

PERSONNEL

There will be an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and highway contract negotiations.

BUILDINGS

Councilman DeWitt reported that the fence is fixed at the Walker Valley Schoolhouse. Mr. & Mrs. Noteboom thanked the Board for fixing the fence.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

COMPUTERS

Supervisor Ronk discussed the proposal from VOIP.

INSURANCE/PURCHASING

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman LoCicero reported they are still working on the one-way street at Main/Walkkill Ave.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve the Supervisor to attend finance school at the Association of Towns Finance Training.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Supervisor Ronk reported that he filed SLFRF report. He said we might have to do a single audit for the Recovery Funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Dewitt to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into the Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and highway contract negotiations. **VOTE: ALL AYE.** A motion was made by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to enter back into the Regular Meeting. The Executive Session started at 7:45 pm and ended at 8:20 pm. **VOTE: ALL AYE.**

There was no action taken.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>VOUCHERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	9	337 - 372	23,859.43
HIGHWAY	9	176 - 189	172,690.60
WATER	9	44 - 47	1,472.03
SEWER	9	70 - 79	15,891.14
LIGHT	5	5	1,816.04
TRUST & AGENCY	7	31 - 34	1,855.40

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

VOTE: ALL AYE.

ADOURNMENT

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

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Dale M. Weed, Deputy Town Clerk