

REGULAR MEETING

May 15, 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 **15th day of May 2025 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Joe LoCicero, Councilman Alex Danon, and Deputy Town Clerk Dale Weed. Councilman Adrian DeWitt was absent. Also present were Highway Superintendent Richard Blazeski, Police Chief Jerry Marlatt, 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 Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 1, 2025.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Andy Ghiorse inquired as to why there was not a recycling dumpster at the new apartments on Park Avenue. Supervisor Ronk advised that it is the responsibility of the owners. Mr. Ronk will speak to them.

PUBLIC HEARING

Introductory Local Law #2 – Short Term Rental License Law

A Public Hearing for Local Law #2-25 Short Term Rental License Law was opened at 7:05 p.m. See Public Hearing Minutes.

Supervisor Ronk advised that the Public Hearing will remain open due to the timing of the legal advertisement.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Report for April for \$21,759.21 was submitted.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Building Inspector's Monthly Report for April was submitted.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported the following:

New York State has passed the budget. Included is an 8% increase in CHIPS funding.

Borden Road has been cold paved. The bridge was not paved so it has to be determined what to do going down the hill.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt distributed copies of the April Monthly Report.

Chief Marlatt advised that he has received a letter of resignation from Officer Kevin Donohue. Following a discussion, a motion was made to accept Officer Donohue's resignation effective April 29, 2025.

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

Chief Marlatt reported the following:

The Walkkill Little League parade was canceled.

The department assisted with the Duck Derby.

Taser Training was completed.

The Range will be held at the end of the month.

Three officers will be receiving awards from the Ulster County Police Chief's Association. The annual awards dinner will be held on May 28th.

TOWN LIASON REPORTS

HIGHWAY

Councilman LoCicero reported that Main Street will be marked for the one-way street tomorrow.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Ronk reported that there were billing issues with the April 2025 bills. He explained that a third of the bills did not go out. Those bills have now been mailed out with a letter advising that no penalties will be imposed.

Supervisor Ronk reported that he has received a quote from Schmidt's to repair the Meter Reader. It will be fixed prior to the reading of the October billing period.

PARKS

Councilman Danon reported that the parks are being used. There was an issue with the restrooms at Verkeerderkill Park. Arrangements are being finalized for the wood chips to be delivered to the parks.

SIDEWALK /LIGHTING

Supervisor Ronk reported that the cost estimate has been submitted from the engineer. The new sidewalks will go from Bridge Street to Walkkill Avenue. New curbs will be included, catch basins and easements will be needed. The sidewalks will be concrete. The Engineering firm will write the bid in three phases. It will be necessary to bond the project. Supervisor Ronk is researching the availability of grants.

RECREATION

Councilman Danon reported that the Town Board will be prepared to hire at the next Town Board meeting.

RRA/TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor Ronk reported that there has been a great deal of work done at the Transfer Station. A tire pick-up remains to be done. The Highway Department pushed back the brush piles allowing for yard waste to be accepted again. The temporary worker has been doing an excellent job assisting Steve. They have bundled up electronics. The residents are pleased with the process.

PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES

Supervisor Ronk reported that Ulster County has granted approval for two new positions. The

responsibilities for the position of Municipal Code Assistant was discussed. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to set the salary for Municipal Code Assistant at \$26.00 per hour with a six-month probation period.

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

Supervisor Ronk discussed the second new position that was approved. It is a Municipal Work Supervisor. Mr. Ronk discussed the responsibilities of the position. The position requires the person hold a valid CDL license. This person will be a grounds keeper and oversee staff. The position will be full-time with benefits and longevity. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to authorize Supervisor Ronk to advertise for the position.

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

BUILDINGS

Councilman Danon reported that the Cleaning Company met with all departments in Town Hall and has started. The windows and floors were done.

Space for the police department was discussed.

INSURANCE/PURCHASING

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

COMPUTERS

Supervisor Ronk discussed installing a television in the meeting room. He will move forward with getting three quotes for a 75" T.V. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to purchase the television as discussed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ronk reported that he has received two quotes for signage for the inside and outside of Town Hall. The quotes were discussed, and a motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to purchase the signs from Apple Valley for \$1290.00.

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

NEW BUSINESS**Grants**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the town has received nearly \$30,000.00 in grants. The first grant was for \$26,587.00 for two EV Charging Stations through New York State's Zero-Emission Vehicle Grant. Mr. Ronk explained that there is a 10% match for the site work and electrical work, which can be covered through a Make Ready Grant from Central Hudson that was received. The Town also received a \$5,720.00 grant from Community Foundations of Ulster and Dutchess which will go toward public Wi-Fi ports in the Town Hall.

Cleaning Contract

Councilman Danon reported it is necessary to change the Hudson Valley Cleaning contract to TJE Cleaning Services. Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to make the name change and authorize the Supervisor to sign the revised contract.

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

Spectrum Franchise Agreement

Following a brief discussion on the franchise agreement, a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to set a Public Hearing on June 19, 2025.

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

Future Discussion

It was agreed that the Town Hall Annex and Pickel Ball Courts will be discussed at the next meeting.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

There were no Budget Transfers.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>VOUCHERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	10	320-353	\$ 90,438.94
HIGHWAY	10	179-205	\$ 103,925.49
WATER	10	35-38	\$ 6,634.25
SEWER	10	77-85	\$ 30,019.05
TRUST & AGENCY	9	57-64	\$ 1,884.45
SIDEWALK	1	1	\$ 539.08

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk