

## REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 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 **18th day of December 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, Anne Barnhart, 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 Regular Meeting held on December 4, 2025.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

### CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

#### **Joanne Warren**

Mrs. Warren voiced her concerns and inquired about the Town's laws regarding parked cars and snowstorms. She read on the website that cars will be towed. Supervisor Ronk advised that the Town Board has been discussing snow emergency law and are currently discussing updates to the current law with the Town Attorney. Mrs. Warren inquired about a BMW with no plates that had been parked on Central Avenue for over a week. Mrs. Warren inquired about enforcement with a POD that has been parked on Bridge Street for over a month. She stated that it creates a blind spot for other vehicles. Supervisor Ronk stated that he will talk to the Police Chief. Mrs. Warren inquired if anything has progressed with the dumpster and garbage issues and a new law. She reaffirmed her opinion that they are an eyesore and unappealing.

Supervisor Ronk stated that they have been working on other issues and have not finalized any law yet. Mrs. Warren inquired if the Town allowed tiny houses. Supervisor Ronk explained the Accessory Dwelling Unit requirements. Mrs. Warren is concerned with a camper that is parked in the hamlet and plugged in to electric with an extension cord. Supervisor Ronk advised that she write up a complaint so it can be filed with the Building Department, who will follow up. Mrs. Warren stated that additional

police patrols are needed to enforce speeding and cleaning of the sidewalks after a snowstorm. Supervisor Ronk will speak to the Police Chief with all these concerns. Mr. Ronk advised that if there are specific areas of concern, she should call the Police Department. Mr. Ronk stated that since the Police Chief was not present tonight, he would discuss these concerns with him. He further explained that the Town Police can ticket a person for not cleaning the sidewalks. Mrs. Warren explained that when it snows residents cannot walk on the Rail Trail and want to walk safely on the sidewalks.

**Frank Reiss**

Mr. Reiss advised that he delivered a letter for each Town Board Member today. He read the letter, so it would be entered into the record. The letter addresses an on-going complaint against Richard Leadley for conducting business from his property on Plains Road. Mr. Reiss addressed his concerns with the Building Inspector when he visited the property. He also discussed his concerns with conversations he had with Supervisor Ronk regarding Conex containers. Mr. Reiss inquired about who steps in to supervise ongoing issues with the Town's Building Inspectors. Supervisor Ronk thanked Mr. Reiss for his letter. He specifically addressed the Conex containers and clarified he was speaking about future violations, not what is currently before the court. When there is a court matter, it is something he can't handle. He clarified that there were no new violations issued since the complaint. Mr. Ronk apologized to the Town Board and Mr. Reiss, stating he was wrong, trying to defuse a tough situation. Mr. Ronk clarified that the New York Department of State is the agency that oversees Building Inspectors. The Town Board is the agency responsible for hiring and firing. He stressed that he cannot do that alone, only the Town Board can. Mr. Ronk continued to explain, as Town Supervisor, he tries to resolve disputes; this time he should not have.

Mr. Reiss accepted Supervisor Ronk's apology but stated it was not enough. There is an ongoing problem with the Building Inspector; he will go to the state. Mr. Reiss stated that the Town levied the complaint, and he feels the Town can withdraw the complaint. Councilman LoCicero stated the case is in court, it is in the Judge's hands, and the Town Board cannot pull it. Mr. Reiss disagrees as it is a zoning violation. Supervisor Ronk stated he was referring to future violations, the Town Board cannot control what is currently in the court. Mr. Reiss stated he will be filing a complaint with the state.

Supervisor Ronk explained that he has discussed with the Building Inspectors how he expects residents should be treated. Mr. Reiss stated that the Supervisor should ride around with the Building Inspector. There was a brief discussion with the discretion of the Highway Superintendent and the location of driveways.

Mr. Leadley, the owner of the property, spoke to the Town Board and explained that the case is in the court's hands. They tried to settle last night in court, but the discussion went into other items of the running of the business. He stated that it turned personal. The neighbors have been causing him problems. Councilman Amthor inquired the mailing address of the business. Mr. Leadley stated it was 223 Borden Road. He stated the business office exists in Gardiner.

**Ed Doering/Ice Hockey**

Mr. Doering inquired with the Town Board why ice hockey will not be permitted at the new rink at Popp Park. Supervisor Ronk explained that he spoke to Mr. Doering on the phone and explained that he could

not promise if hockey would be permitted later, or at all. Mr. Ronk stated that for right now there are concerns that need to be resolved with the Town Board and the Lions Club. Rules and regulations for the Town's oversight of the ice rink need to be agreed upon. Mr. Doering stated that the local law allows the parks to be open from dawn to dusk, unless otherwise posted. He stated the Town Board is the authority to grant exceptions and could allow ice hockey.

Councilman LoCicero stated that the Town Board needs the time to come up with the rules. He further explained that no one thought the ice rink would happen as quickly as it did.

Councilman DeWitt stated that ice hockey tears up the ice at the rink at Verkeerderkill Park. In the past, the rink had to be closed due to hockey. It was noted that the Town needs to check to see what insurance coverage is needed.

Councilman Danon stated that he spoke to some members of the Lions Club about the possibility of allowing hockey at certain times. He stated that he will advocate for ice hockey. In the end, the Town is responsible.

#### **James Street/C.E. Penny Drive**

Mr. Street advised the Town Board that another car drove through his yard. He further explained that the police officer that responded told him he should have his kids play in the back yard. The last person that drove through the yard did \$16,000.00 worth of damage to his car. It was an unlicensed driver who left the scene but is still driving. Mr. Street explained that there have been twenty-two incidents where people have driven through his yard. The most recent was on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:31 p.m. He explained that he has videos of these incidents, of drag racing and kids doing donuts. He will share those videos with the Town Board. He is frustrated as this is an on-going issue, and there seems to be no solution to stop what is going on. Supervisor Ronk stated the Town does want to stop this. This is a police issue and he is at a loss for what can be done other than installing a guiderail. Mr. Street explained that a police officer needs to be sitting at the location between 7:10 – 7:45 a.m. Supervisor Ronk stated that the issue with this is all other residents want police officers sitting at school locations at this time. Mr. Ronk stated it is an enforcement issue; he needs to talk to the Chief of Police to figure out a solution. Possible solutions discussed may be speed bumps, and a four way stop at Panther Lane. Mrs. Warren raised the issue of quads on Orchard, Pleasant and DuBois Streets.

### **REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS**

#### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

The Supervisor's Report for the month of November was submitted and on file.

#### **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk's Report for November was submitted for \$24,980.60.

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

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

**POLICE CHIEF**

Police Chief Marlatt reported that he is waiting for prices from local veterinarians. When he receives the price quotes the Town Board can designate a veterinarian for services needed.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Highway Superintendent Blazeski stated he had nothing new to report to the Town Board.

**TOWN LIASON REPORTS****HIGHWAY**

No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY****Emergency Management Plan**

Councilman LoCicero reported that a meeting was held on revising the Emergency Management Plan for the Town. He is anticipating that the draft plan will be ready by winter. He encouraged the Town Board Members to submit any concerns that can be included in the plan.

**Correctional Facilities**

Supervisor Ronk reported that Councilman LoCicero, Councilman Danon, and himself attended the Shawangunk/Wallkill Correctional Facility Community Advisory Meeting. They were advised that the print shop and horticulture programs are back open again.

**C.E. Penney Drive**

The Police Chief entered the meeting. Supervisor Ronk requested he speak to Mr. Street while the Town Board went into Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon. Supervisor Ronk requested Councilman-Elect Voss to join the session.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.** The Executive Session started at 7:53 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting at 8:20 p.m. by Councilman DeWitt and seconded by Councilman LoCicero. **VOTE: ALL AYE.**

No action was taken.

**C.E. Penney Drive**

Police Chief Marlatt reported that he and Mr. Street spoke. He will work on the situation and will speak to patrol. Mr. Marlatt noted that he could set up a meeting with the principal of the school to discuss some type of agreement with student parking.

**WATER & SEWER**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Sewer South project has started. A service line to Popp Park was hit. The valve at the intersection of 208 & Bona Ventura snapped and had to be replaced. When that is completed tonight, they will pave that section of the road. When that is completed, the contractor will be ready to start drilling.

**PARKS**

Supervisor Ronk appointed Councilman Danon and Councilman LoCicero as liaisons to meet with the Lions Club and come up with rules and regulations for the ice rink at Popp Park. Mr. Ronk requested a report by the next Town Board Meeting so action can be taken.

Councilman Danon reported that Trevor and Nancy are getting the ice rink ready at Verkeerderkill Park. The new playground equipment from Garrison Park has been placed in storage for the winter.

**SIDEWALK/LIGHTING**

Councilman Danon reported that he was advised the streetlight at Central Avenue and Park Avenue was not working. He will get the pole number and report to the utility company.

Supervisor Ronk advised that the "Safe Routes To School" grant opportunity will be released in January. He will be working with the grant writer and the engineer to submit an application.

**RECREATION**

Councilman Danon discussed the possibility of offering winter recreation now that the skating rink is open at Popp Park. He suggested skating lessons and other opportunities that may be possible. Supervisor Ronk will be discussing insurance coverage with the Town Insurance Company.

**RRA/TRANSFER STATION**

Councilman Danon discussed Jayden Falk who has worked as a Municipal Worker I at the Transfer Station. Jayden is home from college and is willing to come and work for a few weeks. Councilman Danon would like to bring him back to assist with clean up at the Transfer Station. Following a brief discussion, there were no objections from the board members.

Supervisor Ronk reported that he has requested the Town Attorney to review the five-year RRA Contract with the Town. Mr. Ronk advised that Mr. Hoyt had a few comments and clarifications. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to

authorize Supervisor Ronk to execute the agreement with Ulster County Resource Recovery for a term of five years.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES**

No report.

**BUILDINGS**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the boiler for the Town Hall has been ordered. He applied for and received a building permit for the boiler replacement. The company hopes to start shortly. There may be a possibility that the building will have to close for one day.

**INSURANCE/PURCHASING**

No report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING**

No report.

**COMPUTERS**

No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No report.

**THANK YOU**

Supervisor Ronk extended a thank you to Rich Barnhart for his willingness to take the Chairmanship of the Planning Board for the remainder of 2025. Mr. Ronk conveyed that Rich has been successful in steering the ship by changing the reputation in the community.

Supervisor Ronk extended a thank you to Councilman DeWitt for his twenty-four years of service to the Town of Shawangunk. Mr. Ronk commended Councilman DeWitt especially for his work with the highway and parks department over the years.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

The following claims were audited.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>VOUCHERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	23	852-886	\$ 54,623.65
HIGHWAY	23	468-486	\$ 36,618.13
WATER	23	95-101	\$ 9,126.85
SEWER	23	165-169	\$ 19,625.66
LIGHT	12	12	\$ 1,980.94
TRUST & AGENCY	21	138-140	\$ 1,076.25

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

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

### BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

INCREASE	A3520.400	TO	DECREASE	A3620.100	\$ 1,900.00
INCREASE	A1355.100	TO	DECREASE	A1990.400	\$ 2,740.00
INCREASE	A1220.100	TO	DECREASE	A1990.400	\$ 2,700.00
INCREASE	A5010.100	TO	DECREASE	A5010.400	\$ 280.00
INCREASE	A2706	TO	INCREASE	A7110.400	\$ 1,000.00
INCREASE	A5720	TO	INCREASE	A7110.200	\$79,470.00
INCREASE	A2706	TO	INCREASE	A7110.200	\$87,578.04
INCREASE	A1440.400	TO	DECREASE	A1990.400	\$ 14,350.00

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

### ADJOURNMENT

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

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk