

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2026

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, Walkkill, NY on the **15th day of January 2026 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Alex Danon, Councilman Joe LoCicero, Councilman Mike Voss, and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Councilman Brian Amthor was absent. Also present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Anne Barnhart, Kathy Ebbrell, 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 dedicated the meeting honoring Jeremy Smit, who was a dedicated employee in the highway department and recently passed away. Following the moment of silence, Supervisor Ronk led Town Board with the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 31, 2025.

VOTE: Councilman Voss, abstain, Councilman LoCicero, aye, Councilman Danon, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye.

Approval of the minutes of the January 1, 2026, meeting were tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Adrienne Gelfand-Perine spoke to the Town Board about a workshop that will be held at the Town Hall on January 24th. The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program will have experts from Social Services come to provide assistance for people who may need help with SNAP, HEAP, and Emergency Assistance. Supervisor Ronk advised that he has met with the sponsors and has been helping them with technical assistance for the event. He stated that he will be in attendance for the workshop. Mr. Ronk advised that there is a supply of informational fliers on the table for anyone who would like to take one.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's Report for the month of December 2025 was submitted and on file.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Report for December 2025 for \$29,130.82 was submitted and on file.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Building Inspector's Monthly Report for December 2025 was submitted and on file. Supervisor Ronk noted that Mr. Diller has been diligent with the fire inspections since joining the Building Department.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Blazeski reported that he is working on the 284 Agreement which will include Strawridge Road and the tributaries. There was a discussion on the roadway over the aqueduct and how that location can be improved.

There was a discussion on the condition of Malloy Road with various repair options being discussed.

Highway Superintendent Blazeski distributed price quotes for a 24" Cold Planer, a Kubota RTV for the Parks, and a Skid Steer Loader for the board member's review. Mr. Blazeski is requesting permission to submit purchase orders for the Kubota Skid Steer and the Planer. Both of these items were included in the budget.

There was a discussion on the purchase of trucks. The delivery time would be eighteen months to two years. Mr. Blazeski requested permission to get quotes. It was agreed that he would bring the replacement schedule to the next meeting for further discussion.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt distributed copies of the December 2025 Monthly report.

Chief Marlatt reported that the D.A.R.E. School is being held February 16th through 27th. Officer Synder will be attending at a cost of \$2500.00. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve Officer Synder attending the D.A.R.E. Training.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter in Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

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

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Meeting by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon.

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

The Executive Session started at 7:22 p.m. and ended at 8:09 p.m. No decisions were made.

TOWN LIASON REPORTS

HIGHWAY

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Ronk reported that the first bill from the contractor, Green Meadows, for the Sewer South project has been submitted. He has filed for an extension to the contract. The four inch water line needs to be addressed. It may be that digging in the state right of way may have to wait until plowing season is over.

Supervisor Ronk reported that the sewer clarifier pump has seized up. Witcom, who completed the clarifier project, has applied for replacement under the warranty.

Supervisor Ronk discussed the need for a map and plan for improvements which will allow the Town to be able to apply for bonds. The water main breaks at First & Third Streets were paid out of fund balance. Installing a valve at Apple and Blossom Lane recently, will be helpful in turning off water to problem areas in the future.

PARKS

Councilman Danon and Councilman LoCicero reported that they met with the grant writer to discuss park grants. Projects were discussed for each town park. They currently are working on obtaining support letters for applications. They discussed grant applications specifically for the Rail Trail and pickleball courts at Galeville Park. Councilman Danon will put together the information and submit it to the Town Board.

SIDEWALK/LIGHTING

Supervisor Ronk reported that new lighting has been installed at Popp Park. The security lights are on a

timer and turn off at 10 p.m. Councilman Danon reported that Central Hudson replaced three street lights with L.E.D.'s. he was advised that 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 scheduling at Verkeerderkill Park. He inquired about the date of Trunk or Treat in October. He will follow up with Joe Russek and confirm the date.

A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to hire Gillian Batchesingh as the 2026 Summer Camp Director.

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

RRA/TRANSFER STATION

No report.

PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES

Supervisor Ronk reported that Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence Training will be held at the end of this month for all town employees. A light lunch will be supplied. A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to approve the purchase of lunch for this training.

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

Mr. Ronk advised if any employee or board member has taken the class previously, they can submit their certificate to Anne Barnhart. There was a discussion on the consequences for employees who do not attend the training. Councilman LoCicero stated that everyone should be advised of the options prior to the training. Supervisor Ronk will follow up with the attorney to discuss options for non-attendees.

BUILDINGS

Supervisor Ronk reported that the new boilers at Town Hall have been installed. There are a few minor issues to be worked out. The service technicians re-wired the circulator pump. The company will be submitting a proposal for work on the pump.

Supervisor Ronk reported that there was a power surge in the hamlet over the weekend that caused an outage with some lights and the elevator at Town Hall. The electrician was called and the issues were resolved.

Supervisor Ronk discussed the need for a company to supply service for the elevators in Town Hall. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to go out to bid for a contract for repair and service for the elevators.

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

Councilman Danon discussed the need for a sprinkler system inspection at the Town Hall. Supervisor Ronk advised that three quotes are needed.

INSURANCE/PURCHASING

Supervisor Ronk reported that he has started working on the Town's insurance renewal policy. He was advised that a ten percent increase should be expected.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING

No report.

COMPUTERS

Councilman Danon submitted a draft Request for Proposal for Information Technology Services to the Town Board members. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Danon requested the board members review the proposal and get back to him with any revisions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS**Engineering**

Supervisor Ronk discussed engineering services for the Town. Mr. Ronk expressed the need to put engineering services out to bid. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to authorize the Supervisor to distribute a bid notice for engineering services.

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

Grants

Councilman Danon reported that he was advised today the Town was granted \$75,000.00 for MS4 Mapping. Supervisor Ronk explained that this would be step one of the stormwater requirements where the Town could put in for a 75% reimbursement for the purchase of a sweeper/vac truck.

Association of Towns

Supervisor Ronk reported that he will be attending the Annual Meeting in New York City in February. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to designate Mr. Ronk as the delegate at the Annual Meeting.

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>VOUCHERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	2	16-54	\$ 47,883.88
HIGHWAY	2	4-11	\$ 56,710.23
WATER	2	2-7	\$ 8,235.37
SEWER	2	2-8	\$ 164,558.98
LIGHT	1	1	\$ 2,023.44
TRUST & AGENCY	1	1-6	\$ 5,607.50

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk