

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 19, 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, Wallkill, NY on the **19th day of March 2026 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Alex Danon, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Joe LoCicero, Councilman Mike Voss, and Deputy Town Clerk Dale Weed. Also present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Police Sergeant John Spinato, Town Engineer Dennis Larios, Anne Barnhart, 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 pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 5, 2026.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Vision of Wallkill

Donna Barzcak and Julie Craner, representing the Vision of Wallkill submitted a list of events for the year. In April and May, the Town Wide Yard Sale and Duck Derby will be held. In July and August, the Summer Concert Series on Thursday evenings at Popp Park will run. In September, the Weekend of Wallkill, and in December, the Holidays in the Hamlet. They inquired if the Town would be able to provide insurance coverage for these events. Supervisor Ronk advised that the Town would need to be named as a co-sponsor on the flyers. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to provide insurance coverage as discussed.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Ms. Barzcak inquired about the procedure for food trucks to be at these events. Supervisor Ronk advised that they must get approval from the Town Board. The group must go to the Building Inspector to apply for the permit. The Building Inspector will submit the request to the Town Board.

Red Top Road

Brenda Dorman submitted handouts of a parking situation in front of her house on Red Top Road. Ms. Dorman explained that she has concerns about people parking on the side of Red Top Road while waiting for the school bus. The issue is they block her driveway and cause a sight distance problem. Ms.

Dorman requested a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign be installed. There was a discussion on her request. The Town cannot install a sign on Albany Post Road because it is a County Road. The Town Board agreed to contact Ulster County and request them to install a "Bus Stop Ahead" sign on Albany Post Road. It was also agreed that the Town of Shawangunk Highway Superintendent will order signs that say, "No Parking, Standing or Stopping from Here to Corner". The Highway Department will install the signs.

Alexy Odle – A Taste of the Southwest

A request was made from Alexy Olde to set up a Drink Trailer at Galeville Park during the summer when youth leagues and sports teams are holding their games and practice sessions. She explained that their drinks are 100% natural fruit drinks. They are a stand-alone trailer where no water or electricity is needed. They currently have all the necessary permits and insurance from Orange County and will obtain them from Ulster County. The Building Inspector has referred her to the Town Board. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve Alexy Olde to operate her food truck at all Town Parks and Town Property locations for 2026 after she obtains the necessary permits. The Building Inspector will provide her with the procedure and restrictions.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

United Sherpa Association

A request and application were submitted for a Special Event Permit to be held on April 25, 2026. The event is a Celebration of Lunar New Year and will be held on the property at 186 River Road. The event starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. The group is expecting up to one thousand people. The application was reviewed. The parking lot at Popp Park was reserved for parking. Buses will shuttle the attendees to and from the event. It was noted that this event has been held for several years with no issues. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve the Special Event Permit as proposed.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you card was sent to the Town Board from the Walker Valley Seniors. The group thanked the board members for their support.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Ronk advised that the Town Board will go into an Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. Town Engineer Dennis Larios was requested to attend the Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation. **VOTE: ALL AYE.**

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Meeting by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor. **VOTE: ALL AYE.**

The Executive Session started at 7:28 p.m. and ended at 7:59 p.m. No action was taken.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's Report for the month of February 2026 was submitted and on file.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Report for February 2026 for \$17,417.50 was submitted and on file.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Building Inspector's Monthly Report for February 2026 was submitted and on file.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

See discussion under Highway.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt reported that the Town of Montgomery Police, the New York State Police and the Ulster County Sheriff's Department will be assisting with traffic enforcement for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 22, 2026.

TOWN LIASON REPORTS

HIGHWAY

There was a lengthy discussion on the purchasing and financing of new trucks. Highway Superintendent Blazeski will get quotes for a one-ton pick-up at this time, instead of waiting until next year. Mr. Blazeski will research the availability and costs for trucks through New York State OGS. He will have that information available for the next Town Board meeting.

The bid opening for a 2027 Western Star Tandem Axle Diesel Snowplow Truck took place on March 17, 2026. The bid from Campbell Freightliner of Orange County came in at \$398,450.00. Following review and discussion of the bid, a motion was made by Councilman Voss and seconded by Councilman Danon to accept the bid and order the truck.

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

Jansen Road

Highway Superintendent Blazeski discussed a weight limit restriction on Jansen Road because of the large trucks that are using the road. He reported that these trucks are destroying the road.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Sewer South project has started back up today. Water District Flushing dates have been scheduled for April 21st to April 23rd from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

PARKS

Councilman Danon discussed the application for the town parks. Trevor Hunt will be preparing the fields.

Verkeerderkill Park

The parents of the Pine Bush All Night Graduation Party has requested permission to have a concession table at Verkeerderkill Park. Following a discussion on the request, a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to allow the group to have the table with the provision of selling only prepacked items.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Garrison Park

Supervisor Ronk reported that edging needs to be purchased for Garrison Park. He will obtain three price quotes. Once the edging is in place, the wood chips can be brought into the playground.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

SIDEWALK/LIGHTING

Supervisor Ronk reported that the corner of DuBois and Wallkill Avenues need to be fixed.

RECREATION

Councilman Danon reported that the Summer Camp dates are June 29th through August 7th. The cost of the camp will be the same as last year. Camp Director Gillian Batchsigh will inquire if meals can be provided this year. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to approve the dates and prices for the 2026 Summer Camp Program.

VOTE: All AYE.

RRA/TRANSFER STATION

Councilman Danon reported that the gate at the entrance to the Transfer Station is broken. Part-time help for the summer at the Transfer Station was discussed.

PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES

No report.

BUILDINGS

Supervisor Ronk reported that the gas issues at the Town Hall have been resolved.

INSURANCE/PURCHASING

Supervisor Ronk distributed copies of the Town Purchasing Policy with a sample of another purchasing policy. He explained that the auditors have suggested that the numbers be adjusted for purchases. Mr. Ronk made the following suggestions:

Department Heads can make purchases of up to \$1,000.00 by signing the order.

Purchases from \$1001.00 to \$5,000.00 require three telephone quotes and a purchase order.

Purchases from \$5,000.00 to \$19,999.00 require three written quotes and a purchase order. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to change the numbers as suggested to revise the Town of Shawangunk Purchasing Policy. Supervisor Ronk will amend the Purchasing Policy and provide copies to the Department Heads who will sign off on it.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING

Supervisor Ronk reported on the town's participation with the Pine Bush Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Amthor gave an update on the Shawangunk/Gardiner Chamber of Commerce.

COMPUTERS

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Town Website is now "Shawangunk.gov".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Cards

Supervisor Ronk reported that the business cards for town officials are being updated. He inquired if the Town Board members are in favor of having their cell phone numbers listed on the information card. All board members agreed to list their cell phone numbers on the card.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>VOUCHERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	6	189-228	\$ 64,212.61
HIGHWAY	6	73-91	\$ 44,573.59
WATER	6	24-28	\$ 35,619.03
SEWER	6	34-42	\$ 28,220.61
TRUST & AGENCY	5	34-38	\$ 682.50
AMBULANCE	2	3	\$ 35,792.02
FIRE	2	5	\$ 78,436.00

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

VOTE: ALL AYE.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: ALL AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Dale M. Weed, Deputy Town Clerk