

## REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 2, 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 **2nd day of April 2026 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Alex Danon, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Joe LoCicero, Councilman Mike Voss, and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Anne Barnhart, Court Clerk Kathy Ebbrell, Police 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 March 19, 2026.

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

### CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

#### **Motorola Solutions**

Mark Garbett and Scott Shay, representing Motorola Solutions, introduced themselves and thanked the board for the opportunity to present the security camera services they can provide. Mr. Shay explained that they perform many roles which are centered around municipalities. Mr. Garbett reviewed a slide show and described the many features that can be tailored to the needs of municipality. He demonstrated how the cameras can be useful, not only for the police and courts, but for the parks as well. The Town Board thanked the gentlemen for attending, answering questions and providing useful information.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Ronk advised that the Town Board will go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session. **VOTE: ALL AYE.**

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

The Executive Session started at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 8:11 p.m. No action was taken.

**WORK SESSION**

**POLICE**

A motion was made by Councilman Brian Amthor and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to rescind a previous offer of employment to Police Officer Juan Cano.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**TOWING POLICY**

Supervisor Ronk and the Town Board members discussed a proposed towing policy to be established for use by the Town of Shawangunk Police Department. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to adopt the Town of Shawangunk Police Department Towing Policy as proposed.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

**SUMMER CAMP**

Councilman Danon reviewed a proposed summer camp flyer and updated camp application with the Town Board. Mr. Danon reported that camp will run from June 29<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>. The hours are 9 am to 3 pm. Ages are 5 to 14 years of age. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Councilman Danon advised that the rates would remain the same that were in effect last year. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to approve the flyer and application as proposed.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

Councilman Danon reported that the Department of Health application packet was received today. The Water and Parks Department will be on hand to test the water on April 28, 2026. Director Gillian Batchesingh will be processing the application packet.

**PARKS**

Councilman Danon reported that he and Trevor Hunt cleaned up the old playground equipment from Garrison Park. They dug out the drainage ditch at Verkeerderkill Park, which is now open and flowing.

They were able to level a pile of topsoil and determined additional soil was needed. The baseball fields still have some low spots but are in decent shape.

## **HIGHWAY**

### **Vehicles**

Highway Superintendent Blazeski discussed the purchase of a Ford F-350. This truck will replace the Dodge pickup. He reported that Gabriello Truck Sales has a 2023 on the lot for \$55,535.00. Shults Ford has a 2026 truck with an aluminum body available for \$76,837.04. Supervisor Ronk advised that the funds to pay for the truck will come out of fund balance. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to authorize Highway Superintendent Blazeski to purchase the 2026 Ford F-350 truck from Shults Ford.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

Supervisor Ronk will prepare the purchase order tomorrow. There is a fourteen-day delivery on the truck.

Supervisor Ronk requested that the Highway Superintendent and Police Chief work together on surplus equipment. The process for a private sale of the flatbed was discussed. The Town Board is looking to get \$10,000.00 for the flatbed. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor authorizing Supervisor Ronk to advertise for sealed bids for the flatbed in the newspaper.

**VOTE: ALL AYE.**

## **Projects**

### **284 Agreement**

Superintendent Blazeski reported that he is waiting for quotes for the Strawridge Road project. When they are completed, he will be able to complete the 284 Agreement.

### **Route 52 Construction**

Superintendent Blazeski reported that the box culvert that the NYS DOT will be replacing on Route 52 will take up to eight weeks to complete. The detour routes will be determined shortly.

At this time, Supervisor Ronk left the meeting and Deputy Supervisor Danon presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**Highway Garage**

Highway Superintendent Blazeski distributed copies of an agenda with steps that were taken regarding the research of a new highway garage. The agenda gives an outline of steps to be considered during the process. Mr. Blazeski reported that he and Councilman Voss have met and discussed assorted options and possibilities.

One of the first options to consider is the possibility of acquiring new land to build on. If that were to happen, the Highway Department can remain operational during construction. There would be no need for new construction of a cold storage building because the existing structural beams could be used to rehab the building.

Because both the Highway and Police Departments are in need of replacement, it would be advantageous to consider incorporating both departments. By doing so, grant opportunities are more likely to be granted for an Emergency Management Building.

Councilman Voss reported that he and Rich Blazeski met with Dan McCann from the Town of Crawford. Dan has been writing and administering grants for the Town for many years. He is offering his services to assist with the research of grants. The process should be started with a Preliminary/Comprehensive Study that could cost \$75,000 to \$125,000.00. Mr. Blazeski advised that Town Engineer Herb Litts is not in favor of the study. Additional funding may be available through the USDA.

Councilman LoCicero stated that the site needs to be determined first. Councilman Danon agreed that it needs to be determined if we are buying land or staying where we are. He inquired who would be writing the grant, the firm the Town hired or Mr. McCann. Councilman Voss stated that any service Mr. McCann provides is free of charge. Councilman Amthor inquired if the Highway Department could relocate to another township during construction, if necessary.

Mr. Blazeski reported that this is the start of discussions with many options and issues to address.

**SIDEWALKS**

Councilman Amthor discussed sidewalk repair specifications with Town Board members. It was agreed that he would provide copies for review prior to advertising the bid in the newspaper.

**CE PENNEY & LINCOLN CIRCLE**

Councilman Danon discussed a situation at the corner of CE Penney & Lincoln Circle. He requested Highway Superintendent Blazeski arrange to have a steel plate put over the storm drain that has sunk. Mr. Blazeski stated that they will take care of that.

There was no Unfinished or New Business brought before the board.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

The following claims were audited.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>VOUCHERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	7	229-274	\$ 43,942.18
HIGHWAY	7	192-108	\$ 32,715.93
WATER	7	29-31	\$ 3,805.98
SEWER	7	43-44	\$ 10,730.02
LIGHT	4	4	\$ 2,186.21
TRUST & AGENCY	6	39-41	\$ 786.10

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk