

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 16, 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 **16th day of April 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, Kathy Ebbrell, 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 Voss to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 2, 2026.

VOTE: Councilman Voss, aye, Councilman LoCicero, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilmen Amthor and Danon were absent.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Brett Cohen

Mr. Cohen, representing Pine Bush Ambulance Corps, advised that he sent an inquiry by email over two weeks ago and has not yet received a response. Supervisor Ronk advised that this personnel issue will be discussed in an Executive Session of the Town Board. Police Chief Marlatt advised that he will reply to Mr. Cohen.

Malloy Road

Mr. Ed Provanzana, from Hampton Court, spoke to the board members about the condition of Malloy Road. Mr. Provanzana advised that he has had three conversations with Highway Superintendent Blazeski. Although he understands the budget constraints, it has come to the point where the potholes are so bad that he must drive on people's lawns to avoid them. He was advised by the Highway Department to come to a meeting and discuss the situation with the Town Board. Mr. Provanzana reported that at last count there were twenty-two potholes which are damaging their vehicles. It has come to the point of being very concerning. Highway Superintendent Blazeski explained that this has been a very rough winter. The crews are out patching the potholes, but they just get blown out. Supervisor Ronk reported that he has been talking to Mr. Blazeski about fixing the road. He explained that at this point, it is not known what our CHIPS allotment will be. The Town Board has made an investment of \$500,000.00; the CHIPS funding should bring in \$440,000-475,000.00. That will be a total range of \$950,000.00 to fix the roads. Mr. Provanzana stated that he is very frustrated, he understands

the number of road miles and the burden on taxpayers. He stated that Malloy Road looked fine two years ago prior to the building of new homes. They are hoping for some type of relief. Mr. Provanzana stated he his voicing his opinion that Malloy Road had not been touched in forty years. Supervisor Ronk stated that Mr. Blazeski works extremely hard on road planning. He rode around the roads with him and is aware of the many roads that need work. Mr. Blazeski advised that he would be able to do a patch job only on Malloy Road. It will not be a permanent fix at this time. Mr. Provanzana requested to just make some type of work happen.

Mr. Anthony Galgan, a resident of Malloy Road, inquired how the CHIPS funding worked. He asked if the money goes directly to the town. Supervisor Ronk explained how CHIPS funding works and that it is based on road miles. Mr. Blazeski discussed how the prices of materials have increased. He reported that the winter budget went over by \$50,000.00 because of the price of salt and sand.

Mr. Provanzana asked if the road can get some repair work by the summer. Mr. Blazeski stated yes, they would get to it. Supervisor Ronk clarified that the work would be repair work only. Mr. Provanzana inquired if the builder could be held responsible for the damage that the new construction caused. Councilman LoCicero explained that Malloy Road narrows, the Town would need to take property to widen the road. Supervisor Ronk explained that so many of the roads in town are old farm roads, known as roads by use. They are not dedicated to the Town. Laws dictate how towns can maintain them. Mr. Provanzana suggested that these issues should be addressed when working on a Master Plan. Councilman LoCicero discussed drainage issues and how trees are detrimental to road maintenance. Supervisor Ronk thanked Mr. Provanzana and the Malloy Road residents for attending the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Ronk acknowledged correspondence regarding a Public Hearing notice from the Town of Montgomery, Information from the Association of Towns, and a Zoning Notice from the Town of Newburgh. The information is available for any interested parties.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Report for March 2026 for \$26,047.94 was submitted and on file.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Road Projects

Highway Superintendent Blazeski discussed the upcoming work on Strawridge Road. He discussed the effect the oil index will have on the cost of the project.

Vehicles

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported that the F350 truck that was going to be purchased to replace the Dodge has been sold and is not available. He is back to square one. There was a discussion on putting a bid out for the truck.

Highway Complex

Highway Superintendent Blazeski distributed a report on taxes paid by a landowner for a parcel of property that could be used for the construction of a new highway building.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt submitted a Monthly Report for January through March 2026.

Chief Marlatt reported that the new vehicle is in the final stages of set up. It is anticipated that the car will be wrapped and in service by the end of May. He is hoping the damaged vehicle will bring around \$15,000.00 to the town.

Councilman Danon entered the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Ronk advised that the Town Board will go into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The Police Chief has been requested to attend the Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. **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 7:52 p.m. and ended at 8:07 p.m. No action was taken.

TOWN LIASON REPORTS

HIGHWAY

DeGroodt Drive

Supervisor Ronk reported that the original and amended Letters of Credit the Town has been holding for DeGroodt Drive can be released. He explained that the project is complete. A motion was made by

Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to release the Letters of Credit for DeGroot Drive.

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

Transfer Station Compost

Supervisor Ronk requested the Highway Department to come in to push up the compost pile at the Transfer Station.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

WATER & SEWER

Sewer South Project

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Sewer South project is moving forward. He signed off on three approved change orders today.

Billing

Supervisor Ronk reported that the bills have been sent out. There are several issues to be resolved. There have been issues with meters not reading. The digital cell heads go directly to the computer. The old meters are read from the outside. There are many older meters that will have to be replaced.

Flushing

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 reported the following:

The mowing of the town properties started today. They are making the rounds to all locations.

Galeville

Cut down trees to enlarge the parking lot. They will be working marking the lot so it is clear to visitors where they can park.

Verkeerderkill

Trevor has been painting the signs. The drainage ditch has been dug and cleaned out. The water was turned on for the season.

Garrison

The border has been delivered today. The work on the new playground equipment can be completed.

Rail Trail

The Town of Montgomery will be sealcoating their portion of the Rail Trail. Mr. Danon is getting a price to sealcoat our portion at the same time. All members were in favor of jointly sealcoating with Town of Montgomery.

SIDEWALK/LIGHTING

No report.

RECREATION

Councilman Danon reported that Summer Camp dates are June 29th through August 7th. Director Gillian Batchesingh has contacted the Pine Bush School for the meals. She will be delivering the camp flyers to the schools. There was a discussion on adding a disclaimer for parents to sign on sharing information to the school district. The camp inspection is scheduled for the morning of April 27, 2026.

RRA/TRANSFER STATION

Compost

There was a discussion regarding the compost pile at the Transfer Station. Councilman Danon reported that a tub grinder needs to be brought in. He has two price quotes, one quote is \$16,200, and the other is \$18,500. The mulch would stay on site. It will take two days to do the work. He is waiting for a third quote. There was a discussion that this use is intended for town residential use only. Consideration must be given that a charge may have to be imposed for those who use the composting site.

Clean Up

Councilman Danon reported that an Excavator was brought in and two bins of metal were crushed. The top of the Transfer Station needs to be cleaned up. He is hopeful that with summer help this can be accomplished.

PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES

No report.

BUILDINGS

Town Hall

Supervisor Ronk reported that MDS has been in the Town Hall to service the air conditioning and replace filters.

The pieces of loose bricks were cleaned up outside of Town Hall.

INSURANCE/PURCHASING

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING

No report.

COMPUTERS

Supervisor Ronk reported that the contracts will be signed for the new telephone system at Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Hall

Councilman LoCicero thanked Rich Barnhart for his assistance today. They were able to remove the remainder of the ornaments from the outside tree at Town Hall.

IT Department

Court Clerk Kathy Ebbrell inquired about the status of a IT person. Councilman LoCicero reported that he and Councilman Danon have been working on this. They expect an RFP to be completed for the next meeting.

Peace Poles

Supervisor Ronk discussed a proposal from the Rotary Club on placing Peace Poles along the Rail Trail. Following a discussion, it was agreed to table the discussion to research the matter further.

Local Law #1-2026 Zoning Amendments

Supervisor Ronk distributed copies of a final draft on the zoning text changes and clarifications the Re-Zoning Committee have been working on. He explained that it is a Type I Action under SEQRA and there are no other permitting agencies involved. The neighboring Towns will be sent a draft of local law for review. A Public Hearing can be scheduled. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to schedule a Public Hearing on May 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>VOUCHERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	8	275-308	\$ 70,200.21
HIGHWAY	8	109-129	\$ 51,743.41

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WATER	8	32-36	\$ 244.40
SEWER	8	45-52	\$ 137,420.86
TRUST & AGENCY	7	42-51	\$ 2,362.50

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss 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 8:43 p.m.

Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk