

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 21, 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 **21st day of May 2026, at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Joe LoCicero, Councilman Michael Voss, and Deputy Town Clerk Dale Weed. Councilman Alex Danon 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 Amthor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 7, 2026.

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Ronk acknowledged correspondence from the Town of Montgomery regarding a Public Hearing, a letter of Resignation letter from John May, and a letter from Judith Powell regarding Verkeerderkill Park.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

#### **Water Concerns**

Adrienne Gelfand-Perine spoke to the Town Board about the quality of water on properties located around Brown's Junkyard property. She obtained a copy of a letter from Ulster County about free water testing for residents living in that area. Ms. Gelfand-Perine inquired if all the residents received this letter offering the testing. Supervisor Ronk stated he would call Ulster County and get a copy of the letter. When he obtains a copy, he will post it. Mr. Joe Betras inquired how many aquifers are in that area and if there is any contamination in the area of Brown's Junkyard. Supervisor Ronk explained that he did not know if the county has done those studies. Councilman Amthor advised that he had his water tested, and it is okay.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law #1 of 2026 was opened at 7:20 p.m. Supervisor Ronk explained the purpose of the proposed local law is to amend various provisions of the Zoning Law, Code Section 177. See Public Hearing Minutes.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

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

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk's Report for April 2026 for \$29,113.30 was submitted and on file.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

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

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Highway Superintendent Blazeski reported that the prices for materials have increased a lot. He is looking into grants that may be available. Road repairs are being made to Winding Trail, Westview, Knolls, and River Glen.

Mr. Blazeski discussed when the Route 52 detour begins.

Central Hudson will be paving the streets where the gas lines were replaced.

The building of the new truck has started. Supervisor Ronk explained the procedure involved with this purchase.

**POLICE CHIEF**

Police Chief Marlatt reported that he has responded to the resident who was concerned with the hazards on the streets around the sports fields. He advised that the Police Department is not notified when the games are scheduled. He patrolled the streets when the games are in progress and had not seen any problems.

The Police Department was involved with the Little League Parade.

Applied for a grant for spike strips, he was given two sets. All the cars now have them.

Attended the STOP DWI Meeting. They have been awarded \$1,500.00 for 2027.

New police car will be delivered soon. The graphics are complete.

One of the cars had a failed transmission, the repair work was covered because it had a full warranty.

The Quads have been serviced and can be used, especially on the Rail Trail.

Towing Policy is in place. The Ulster County Sheriff will document who was called and responded. The Town of Shawangunk will be kept separate.

He will schedule interviews for Police Officers and Dog Control.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Supervisor Ronk advised that the Town Board will go into an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. The Police Chief has been requested to attend the Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to enter into Executive Session to discuss the legal matter. **VOTE: Councilman Voss, aye, Councilman LoCicero, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilman Danon was absent.**

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Meeting by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman LoCicero. **VOTE: Councilman Voss, aye, Councilman LoCicero, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilman Danon was absent.**

The Executive Session started at 8:00 p.m. and ended at 8:30 p.m. No action was taken.

#### **TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **HIGHWAY**

No report.

##### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

No report.

##### **WATER & SEWER**

Following a discussion on the Transfer Switch at the Sewer District, Resolution #7-2026 was read. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve Resolution #7. (Resolution attached)

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

##### **PARKS/REC**

Supervisor Ronk reported that Camp Director Gillian Batchsingh, will hold interviews for counselors. Jessica Bedell will return as the Assistant Camp Director, with the rate of pay to be determined. A

motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to authorize the hiring of up to eight counselors with a starting salary of \$16.60 per hour.

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

Supervisor Ronk reported that Trevor Hunt has been doing a lot of work at the park. Plans were discussed on how to proceed with the Verkeerderkill Park renovations and new playground equipment.

**SIDEWALK/LIGHTING**

No report.

**TRANSFER STATION/RRA**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, May 23, 2026, due to staffing issues.

**PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES**

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to hire Megan Morrissey as the part-time Court Clerk to replace Risa Siper. The rate of pay is \$22.25 per hour.

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

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to hire John Lelleck as a part-time Court Bailiff, starting on June 1, 2026, at the rate of \$21.75 per hour.

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

**BUILDINGS**

**Town Hall**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the heat exchanger unit for the Court Office needs to be replaced. He is in the process of obtaining a price from MDS Heating.

**Police Station**

Police Chief Marlatt reported that there is a leak on the north side of the roof at the station.

**INSURANCE/PURCHASING**

No report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Pine Bush Area Chamber of Commerce Breakfast held in the Community Room went very well. Mr. Ronk stated that the Chamber would like to expand into Shawangunk.

**COMPUTERS**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Town is currently looking into a new timecard system.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Home Rule Legislation – Resolution No. 8**

Supervisor Ronk explained it was necessary to approve the Home Rule Legislation for Officer Rafferty so it could be processed in the State Legislature. It will be known as Senate Bill 9836 and Assembly Bill 10941. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve Resolution No 8.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

A Resolution was offered by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss for the following Budget Transfer:

INCREASE A599 TO INCREASE A6510.400 \$60.61

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

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

The following claims were audited.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>VOUCHERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	10	358-410	\$ 95,206.98
HIGHWAY	10	146-174	\$ 93,806.87
WATER	10	42-47	\$ 6,728.99

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SEWER	10	62-72	\$ 37,818.99
TRUST & AGENCY	9	63-73	\$ 2,998.45
LIGHT	5	5	\$ 2,158.58

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

**VOTE: Councilman Voss, aye, Councilman LoCicero, aye, Councilman Amthor, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilman Danon 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 9:05 p.m.

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Dale M. Weed, Deputy Town Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MAY 21, 2026**

**INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2026  
AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING LAW, CODE SECTION 177**

MINUTES of a Public Hearing held by the Town Board of the Town of Shawangunk, County of Ulster, State of New York, at the Town Office Building, 14 Central Avenue, Wallkill, NY on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2026, on Amending provisions of Section 177 of the Zoning Law. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:20 p.m.

PRESENT were Supervisor Ken Ronk, Councilman, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Joe LoCicero, Councilman Michael Voss, and Deputy Town Clerk Dale Weed. Councilman Alex Danon was absent.

Supervisor Ronk opened the Public Hearing up for comments or questions.

Mr. Glen Garrison spoke about his concerns regarding having a camper on his property while renovations were done on his house. According to the revisions, this would not be allowed. He requested that the verbiage be reconsidered in the new revision. Supervisor Ronk said he will discuss this with the rezoning committee.

Mr. Steve Landsman, who is on Environmental Management Council, stated that they discussed the changes for battery storage in this revision. The committee would like to allow the storage systems because they have improved. Batteries have a lot less chance for fire. Mr. Landsman explained that advances in technology have made batteries less prone to fires. He requested the Town Board consider amendments for battery storage.

Mr. Joe Betras inquired why this was taken out of the law. Councilman LoCicero stated that no fire company in the Town of Shawangunk have the resources to handle these types of fires effectively.

Supervisor Ronk discussed the various zoning amendments and stated the Public Hearing will remain open until the next Town Board meeting to give residents another opportunity to submit their questions or comments.

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Dale M. Weed  
Deputy Town Clerk

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD

#7-2026

Town of Shawangunk  
Ulster County, New York  
May 21, 2026

At a regular duly noticed meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Shawangunk held at the town Hall, 14 Central Avenue, Wallkill, NY on May 21, 2026, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Wallkill Sewer District operates a wastewater facility on Hoffman Road in the Town of Shawangunk; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility is required to have and maintain an emergency power supply in the event of an interruption in electric service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Automatic Transfer Switch at the facility is broken and not functioning; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility is only manned 8 hours/day so a manual transfer of power cannot be performed in a timely manner during 16 hours of each day; and

**WHEREAS**, interruption in power causes sewer overflows at the facility that can endanger public health, safety and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Normal procurement policies would delay the delivery and installation of the new Automatic Transfer Switch into the fall of 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received a quote from Gentech LTD of New Windsor in the amount of \$45,590.00.

**Therefore Be It Resolved** by the Town Board, Pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103(4), that an emergency exists and all work related to the replacement of the Emergency Generator Automatic Transfer Switch at the Wallkill Sewer District treatment facility be done under emergency procurement and that the Supervisor is authorized to contract for this work.

		Yes		No
Kenneth Ronk, Jr., Supervisor		X		—
Alex Danon, Councilman	**	ABSENT	**	—
Brian Amthor, Councilman		X		—
Joe LoCicero, Councilman		X		—
Michael Voss, Councilman		X		—

Dated: May 21, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SHAWANGUNK

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JANE P. RASCOE, TOWN CLERK