

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 18, 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 **18th day of June 2026, at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Alex Danon, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Joe LoCicero, Councilman Michael Voss, and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Also present were 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 Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 4, 2026.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Ronk acknowledged correspondence from Toni Gagan on 6/11/26 regarding Verkeerderkill Park, and Dave Haldeman on 6/7/26 regarding Battery Storage Systems.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Camille Reid addressed the Town Board regarding the Highway Department. Mrs. Reid stated this past winter was rough; she would like to give credit to the Highway Department. They did an excellent job plowing the snow and filling the potholes.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Supervisor Ronk advised that Highway Superintendent Blazeski was not present tonight. On his behalf, Mr. Ronk reported that they are working on the 284 Agreement.

There was a super conciliatory hearing held today. Mr. Ronk advised that it will be necessary to go into Executive Session later on in the meeting.

The crew has done patch paving on Old Fort Road. They have dug out portions of the old pavement on Westview Drive. They have brought in stone and graded it. They plan on paving the entire road at a cost of \$30,000-40,000 for the material.

The drainage basin on C.E. Penney Drive and Lincoln Circle has been fixed. They built it up and have done a good job with the repair.

POLICE CHIEF

There was no one present to give a report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman LoCicero reported that he is in contact with the County Emergency Management representative. They will be working on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Ronk discussed the recent change order for the Sewer South project. He explained Tyler M is having difficulty locating the eight-inch sewer line where it crosses the road. Town Engineer Dennis Larios has given a quote of \$6,700.00 for GPS Mapping. All board members agreed that the line needs to be located and should proceed.

Supervisor Ronk reported that the 2025 Water Quality Report has been filed and posted.

Supervisor Ronk reported that there was a sewer back up on Cottage Street. JPT came in with a camera and located the section that caused the back up. The sewer line is fifteen feet deep. The bill for this repair will be submitted.

PARKS/REC**Summer Camp**

Councilman Danon reported that there are thirty-six campers registered. Camp will be closed on July 3rd. Mr. Danon is proposing to hire David Haskin as a Lead Counselor at \$19.00 per hour, and Hayden Morgenson as a Junior Counselor at the rate of \$16.50 per hour, if needed. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to hire the counselors if needed.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Councilman Danon reported that Director Gillian Batchsingh is finalizing details for three trips. He thanked Gillian for all her work in setting up and taking care of all the details for camp.

Camp Director Gillian Batchsingh advised the Town Board that Trevor Hunt is doing an amazing job at Verkeerderkill Park. Supervisor Ronk reported that Trevor has been dividing his time up between all the parks. Mr. Ronk stated that he continually gets praise from residents with all Trevor is doing.

Popp Park

Councilman Danon reported that the Wallkill River Watershed Alliance sent a notice of reports associated with harmful algal bloom in the Wallkill River. Mr. Danon stated the public should be aware of the possible risks to humans and pets.

Garrison Park

Supervisor Ronk reported that Trevor Hunt has brought in topsoil to level out the ground around the playground border. He also has repaired the wooden tables and benches. He will be re-setting them to a level spot at the park.

Supervisor Ronk discussed the need to schedule a workday to install the ninja warrior equipment as soon as possible. He would like to get this completed prior to starting the project at Verkeerderkill Park when camp is finished.

SIDEWALK/LIGHTING

Supervisor Ronk advised that he has not put this out to bid yet. He would like to inquire if Algarin Paving would be interested in conjunction with the bid they submitted for the highway paving.

TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor Ronk reported that Trevor Hunt took the backhoe down to the Transfer Station and pushed back the brush pile. He reported that there were many plastic bags that needed to be emptied prior to pushing the pile back. Mr. Ronk stated that the rules against plastic need to be enforced. He reported that he has plans on how to proceed with a cleanup and is proposing a work party on July 1st and 2nd. He asked members and volunteers to check their schedules and get back to him.

PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES

Supervisor Ronk advised there was a discussion tabled from the last meeting regarding raising the salaries of clerical staff. Mr. Ronk explained that a seventy-five cent per hour raise was included in the budget for clerical staff currently at the rate of \$22.25 per hour. This raise would bring all clerical staff up to \$23.00 per hour. A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to approve the seventy-five-cent raise, which would begin with the first pay period after July first.

VOTE: ALL AYE.**BUILDINGS****Town Hall Annex/Former Firehouse**

Supervisor Ronk discussed getting the Town Engineer to work up a price quote/estimate for the old firehouse to determine the future course of action with the building. Councilman Danon agreed and stated that this information is needed to make a decision. All members agreed to proceed with getting a

determination from the Town Engineer. Supervisor Ronk reported that the roof on the Police Department is leaking and needs to be dealt with.

Town Hall Steps

Supervisor Ronk discussed getting an evaluation from the Town Engineer about what can be done with the disintegrating bricks on the steps to Town Hall. There was a discussion on viable solutions. All members agreed to have the Town Engineer provide an evaluation.

Town Hall Rooftop HVAC Unit

Supervisor Ronk reported that the rooftop unit needs to be replaced. He reviewed the scope of the work with the Town Board and is requesting approval to solicit sealed proposals so the work can be completed prior to the heating season. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to authorize Supervisor Ronk to solicit proposals for the rooftop HVAC unit.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Walker Valley Schoolhouse

Supervisor Ronk discussed the repair or replacement for the doors at the Schoolhouse. He reported that the front door needs new locks. The back door has the emergency bar and needs the locks replaced. He advised that he would call in a locksmith to get the locks replaced.

INSURANCE/PURCHASING

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING**Chamber**

Councilman Amthor reported that he will be meeting with the Pine Bush Chamber who may be interested in joining forces. It appears that the Gardiner Chamber is not currently an option.

Grandview Estates

Supervisor Ronk reported that John Leonette purchased property in this five-lot subdivision. The Town owns a piece of property in between Sloan Court and lot number six. Mr. Leonette desires to purchase the sixth lot that was deeded when the project was approved, as a possible connection with Sloan Court. The Town is trying to resolve the issue, Mr. Leonette has spoken to the neighbors who expected this portion to be a town road. Mr. Leonette is offering to build the road to town specifications and dedicate it to the Town, which will grant him access to lot number six. Councilman Danon stated that he was on the Planning Board at that time and this should have been done at that time. Following a discussion, a

motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Voss to approve the road being built to Town specifications by Mr. Leonette and deed over to the Town.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Zoning Board

Supervisor Ronk reported that he received an e-mail from a Zoning Board applicant who applied for a variance and was appreciative of the assistance he received from Janice Stryker.

COMPUTERS**Computers**

Supervisor Ronk reported that two new computers are needed for the Assessor's Office and one for the Building Department. They will be ordering from Dell through the state contract.

Time Keeping System

Supervisor Ronk reported that he and Councilman Amthor continue to research various options for electronic time keeping. They are researching several companies.

IT Assistance

Kathy Ebbrell inquired if any progress has been made about IT services for the Town. Councilman LoCicero stated that an RFP will be posted at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Grants**

Supervisor Ronk reported that he is in the process of processing four grants that the Town received.

Public Hearing – LL Law #1 Zoning Changes

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Town has not received comments from Ulster County Planning Board and will continue to hold the hearing open.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Ronk announced that the July Town Board meeting will be held on July 9th. There will be one meeting only in July.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited.

ACCOUNT	WARRANT	VOUCHERS	AMOUNT
GENERAL	12	460-498	\$ 38,572.90
HIGHWAY	12	195-214	\$ 70,073.91
WATER	12	50-53	\$ 52,627.20
SEWER	12	79-87	\$ 29,833.15
TRUST & AGENCY	11	82-85	\$ 755.88

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

VOTE: ALL AYE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Town Board will go into an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations involving the Highway Department. 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 7:40 p.m. and ended at 8:23 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: ALL AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk