

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 9, 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 **9th day of July 2026, at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT were Supervisor Kenneth Ronk, Councilman Joe LoCicero, Councilman Michael Voss, and Town Clerk Jane Rascoe. Councilmen Danon and Amthor were absent. Also present were Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, 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 June 18, 2026.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Dan Grove and Mr. Craig Ross addressed the Town Board regarding holding the Annual Park View Car Show on August 8, 2026. Mr. Grove explained that this year's show will be run the same as in previous years. They will work with the Police Chief in shutting off Main Street & Park Avenue. Mr. Grove agreed he will provide the insurance and add the Town as additional insured, as he does each year. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to approve the Car Show as proposed on August 8, 2026.

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

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICES

TOWN SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Report for June 2026 for \$53,419.80 was submitted and on file.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

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

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**284 Agreement**

Highway Superintendent Blazeski distributed copies of the 2026-27, Phase 1, 284 Highway Agreement. Mr. Blazeski reviewed the preliminary plan with the Town Board. He explained that the prices may change because the oil index changes monthly. Mr. Blazeski reported in addition to work on Strawridge, Arcadia and Grandview, he hopes to be able to work on Beech Lane, Westview, Sunset Trail, Sloan and Jill Marie Circle, as the budget allows. Councilman LoCicero suggested the Highway Superintendent check into whether CHIPS money was used within the last ten years on Arcadia and Grandview. The estimated sub total for the planned work is \$570,142.00. The estimated available funding from CHIPS is \$484,563.62.

Conference

Highway Superintendent Blazeski submitted information for the Annual Highway Superintendent Conference. The three-day conference will be held in Saratoga September 29th through October 2nd. The cost is \$700.00 per day, including meals. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to approve the attendance of the Highway Superintendent at the Annual Conference.

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

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt did not have anything to report except the Humane Society and an alternative placement for dogs after hours. He stated the contract was not clear. Supervisor Ronk explained that there was a recent incident where the Police Department did not accept a dog and the Sheriff's Department took the dog and eventually found the owner. Mr. Ronk stated that the Town needs to have come up with a plan for after hours. Chief Marlatt stated that the Humane Society is full and there is no room even during business hours. There was a discussion on the requirements for kennels that could be used off hours. They must be climate controlled and manned twenty-four hours.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Ronk advised that it is necessary to have an Executive Session with the Police Chief regarding

a personnel issue. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session. **VOTE: Councilman Voss, aye, Councilman LoCicero, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilmen Amthor and Danon were absent.** A motion was made by Councilman Voss and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to enter back into the Regular Meeting. **VOTE: Councilman Voss, aye, Councilman LoCicero, aye, Supervisor Ronk, aye. Councilmen Amthor and Danon were absent.**

The Executive Session started at 7:09 p.m. and ended at 7:31 p.m. No action was taken.

HIGHWAY

Tree Services – Paving Bids

Supervisor Ronk reported that bids were received for paving and tree services. The bids were reviewed and discussed. Bids received for paving were from J. Algarin Paving Inc. for \$5,500.00, Ron DeGroodt Paving for \$16,600.00, and Jorrey Excavating Inc. for \$7,455.00. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to accept the bid from J. Algarin Paving Inc., for \$5,500.00.

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

Bids received for tree service from Zach's Tree Service for \$3,600.00 and The Davey Tree Expert Company for \$4,700.00. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to accept the bid from Zach's Tree Service for \$3,600.00.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

WATER & SEWER

Sewer South Project

Supervisor Ronk reported that he and Councilman LoCicero will attend an on-site meeting in the morning with Contractor Green Meadows, the Water Department, and the Town Engineer regarding the Sewer South project on Route 208. The project is at a standstill while trying to locate a curb box for the Sunoco property.

Pump Station

Supervisor Ronk reported that he is putting together information for a grant application for next year for the Pump Station. The requirements are extensive.

PARKS/REC**250 Celebration**

Supervisor Ronk announced that the 250th celebration of America will be held Saturday, July 11th at Popp Park.

Summer Camp

Supervisor Ronk reported that a Recreation Aide needs to be hired for camp. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to hire Hayden Mortenson at a rate of \$16.50 per hour, starting July 6, 2026.

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

Supervisor Ronk reported that Assistant Director, Jessica Bedell, will be filling in for Director Gillian Batchesingh when she is out of town for the week. As a back-up, Ellie Taylor, will be filling in as the Assistant Director. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to approve this appointment in the absence of the Camp Director.

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

Galeville Park

Supervisor Ronk reported that he is working on applying for a CFA Grant for Pickleball Courts at Galeville Park. Councilman LoCicero reported that he has met with Pat Mercurio, who has volunteered to provide services to the Town to build Pickleball Courts. He will be providing free labor, and the Town will supply the stone and fencing. The courts will be built closer to the pavilion than originally planned. Mr. LoCicero reported that he will have an estimated cost shortly.

Verkeerderkill Park

Supervisor Ronk reported that Trevor Hunt has cleaned out the barbeque pit and sink area. The grates have been pressured washed, and he continues to improve things at the park.

Garrison Park

Supervisor Ronk reported that new garbage cans have been installed at the park. A new Pickleball Court is under consideration.

Popp Park

Supervisor Ronk reported that the holding tank will be pumped out tomorrow. He is hopeful that this will be the last time it will need to be pumped once the new sewer line is completed.

SIDEWALK/LIGHTING

Supervisor Ronk advised that he will be speaking to J. Algarin Paving with regard to paving services for some of the sidewalks.

TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency will be removing the wood chips from the Transfer Station. The Town will be providing an operator and loader. Mr. Ronk reported that a few people have applied to work at the Transfer Station.

PERSONNEL/PROCEDURES

No report.

BUILDINGS

Supervisor Ronk reported that he had a meeting with the Town Engineer discussing three projects that need to be addressed. The projects include getting a cost estimate for the former firehouse, the façade for the front of the Town Hall steps, and the MS4 Mapping Grant. He reported that it was a productive meeting and moving in a positive direction.

INSURANCE/PURCHASING

Supervisor Ronk reported that the lawsuit that was filed against the Town has been sent to the Insurance Company.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING

Supervisor Ronk reported that the changes made with the Town Planning Board have been positive and working well.

COMPUTERS**Computers**

Supervisor Ronk reported that new computers have been ordered for the Assessor's Office. Councilman LoCicero discussed the need for IT services, and feels the Town needs to move forward to putting these services out for an RFP.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Public Hearing – LL Law #1 Zoning Changes**

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Public Hearing remains open and inquired if there were any comments or questions from the public. There were none. Mr. Ronk explained that the time has elapsed for the comments from the Ulster County Planning Board, and he expects to vote on the local law in August.

NEW BUSINESS**Highway Truck Financing**

Supervisor Ronk discussed options for bonding the Tandem Axle Western Star that was ordered and will be available shortly. He is getting quotes for the \$363,000.00 purchase. There was a discussion on the previous bonded loader and truck that will be paid off. Mr. Ronk is waiting for the application from Greene County Bank who has a rate of 3.75%. The annual payment would be \$82,000.00 for five years.

Walker Valley Speed Limit

Councilman Voss discussed a reduced speed limit for Route 52 in Walker Valley. He has been in touch with New York State Department of Transportation and will be providing documentation to justify a traffic study and possible speed zone adjustments.

The following claims were audited.

ACCOUNT	WARRANT	VOUCHERS	AMOUNT
GENERAL	13	499-558	\$ 64,362.19
HIGHWAY	13	215-242	\$169,396.76
WATER	13	54-56	\$ 1,876.75
SEWER	13	88-94	\$ 18,432.88
LIGHT	7	7	\$ 2,029.79
TRUST & AGENCY	12	86-98	\$ 6,036.25

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, Supervisor Ronk, aye, Councilmen Amthor and Danon were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: ALL AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk