

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 6, 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 **6th day of August 6, 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 Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Anne Barnhart, Kathy Ebbrell, Gillian Batchasingh, 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 July 9, 2026.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Ronk acknowledged correspondence from Town of Shawangunk Planning Board regarding U.S. Light Energy on 7/20/26; Lara Monroe, PE, regarding the Grove subdivision on 7/29/26; Brenda Dorman regarding signs on 7/20/26.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Summer Camp

Summer Camp Director Gillian Batchasingh presented the Town Board with a thank you poster from the attendees at camp. Gillian reported that there were forty-seven campers this year with no complaints. She thanked Councilman Danon and Trevor Hunt for all their work in making this year a successful camp season. Gillian acknowledged the police department and all the other presenters who helped make this year another successful camp season. Gillian reported that the final field trip to Splashdown was Friday. Councilman Danon thanked Gillian for her hard work and dedication in running another summer camp program.

Grove Subdivision

Lara Monroe from Engineering & Surveying Properties, representing Daniel Grove, spoke to the Town Board about the twenty-seven-lot subdivision proposed by Mr. Grove located on CE Penney Drive.

Ms. Monroe explained that the application went before the Planning Board in April of 2026. The project is 27 residential lots and one commercial lot, which is located in the Small Business Zone. She explained that the property is located outside the Wallkill Water District. The applicant wishes to petition the Town for a water district extension. The maps were reviewed and discussed. Supervisor Ronk advised that he passed on the information to our Town Engineer and asked him to review the proposal. He is waiting for his comments. Supervisor Ronk spoke of concerns he has with water and storm water currently on CE Penney Drive. Mr. Ronk explained that it would be difficult for the Town Board to give answers without being further along in the SEQRA process. Councilman Danon reviewed the map for both the cluster plan and the conventional plan. Councilman LoCicero inquired what would be the option if the water extension wasn't approved. Ms. Monroe stated that they would have to drill wells which may reduce the number of lots. Supervisor Ronk stated that the Eagles Roost project is in the water district. Brinnier & Larios need to run the numbers on usage. Ms. Monroe shared that the usage for this project is 12,800 gallons. Mr. Ronk stated that SEQRA needs to be finished before the Town Board can move forward. The Town Board members agreed that they would be open to this plan if the Town Engineer says there is enough capacity.

WORK SESSION

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Marlatt reported that he was present to discuss a personnel issue with the Town Board. Supervisor Ronk stated that it would be necessary to go into executive Session. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue regarding a specific employee. **VOTE: ALL AYE.** A motion was made to come out of Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Meeting by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Amthor. **VOTE: ALL AYE.**

The Executive Session started at 7:23 p.m. and ended at 8:51 p.m. No action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Ronk reported that the Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2026 Zoning Changes will remain open.

NEW BUSINESS

RFP'S

Supervisor Ronk reported that the RFP's for the Roof Top HVAC Replacement came in. C.R. Wolfe came in at \$23,300.00 and MDS came in at \$18,275.00. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to accept the bid from MDS at \$18,275.00.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

U.S. Light Energy

Supervisor Ronk reviewed a memo from the Town of Shawangunk Planning Board dated 7/20/26 with the Town Board. The Planning Board is recommending a bond amount of \$366,800.00 be posted for a Decommissioning Plan for this solar project on Bruynswick Road. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to set the Decommissioning Bond at \$366,800.00 for U.S. Light Energy.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

PERSONNEL**Building Department**

Councilman LoCicero discussed the hiring of a Part Time Fire & Code Enforcement Officer for the Building Department. Mr. LoCicero is recommending hiring Ronald Svrcek for this position. Councilman LoCicero stated that he is cleared through Civil Service. He is proposing a start date the week of August 9, 2026, pending the submittal of the I-9 form. The rate of pay will be \$35.00 per hour.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Transfer Station

Supervisor Ronk reported that he and Councilman Danon interviewed potential candidates to work at the Transfer Station. They are recommending hiring Daniel Davis as a Part Time Transfer Station Attendant at the rate of \$19.50 per hour. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman LoCicero to hire Mr. Davis, starting the week of August 9, 2026.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Solar Systems

A discussion took place on tree clearing farmland and solar farms. It was agreed that it may be in the best interest of the town to place a moratorium on solar farms until agreement is reached with these issues regarding solar applications. A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Voss to authorize the Town Attorney to research a moratorium.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

Budget

Supervisor Ronk reviewed a schedule for work sessions on the 2027 budget. It was agreed to schedule a work session on the General Fund, after the Town Board meeting, on October 1, 2026. The second work session will be scheduled at the Walker Valley Schoolhouse on October 8, 2026, for the Walker Valley Fire Protection District and the Highway budgets. The third work session scheduled is on October 22,

2026 for the Water & Sewer District budgets. The Public Hearing on the 2027 Budget will be scheduled on October 29, 2026.

Park Build

Supervisor Ronk discussed starting the work on the playground at Verkeerderkill Park. Councilman Voss stated he was ready to start with the stump pulling. Councilman Danon will try to get equipment on site to assist.

Association of Towns

Supervisor Ronk discussed the two-day legislative conference scheduled in September. He requested to be contacted if any board members were interested in attending.

Buildings

Supervisor Ronk discussed the absence of the cleaning company at Town Hall, due to an injury. An employee volunteered to fill in during their absence, in exchange for compensation time. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and second by Councilman Amthor to approve this arrangement on a temporary basis.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited.

ACCOUNT	WARRANT	VOUCHERS	AMOUNT
GENERAL	14	559-728	\$ 62,979.44
HIGHWAY	14	243-265	\$ 46,976.68
WATER	14	57-63	\$ 15,133.02
SEWER	14	95-106	\$ 30,069.44
TRUST & AGENCY	13	99-114	\$ 3,515.18
LIGHT	8	8	\$ 2,182.82

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

VOTE: ALL AYE.

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: ALL AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk