

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3, 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 **3rd day of September 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 Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Police Chief Gerry Marlatt, Anne Barnhart, and Kathy Ebbrell.

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 August 20, 2026.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There was no one present to address the Town Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Ronk advised that it was necessary to go into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter about a specific individual. A motion was made by Councilman Danon and seconded by Councilman Amthor to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session. **VOTE: ALL AYE.** A motion was made to come out of Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Meeting by Councilman Voss and seconded by Councilman Danon. **VOTE: ALL AYE.**

The Executive Session started at 7:02 p.m. and ended at 7:50 p.m. No action was taken.

WORK SESSION**POLICE CHIEF****Monthly Report**

Police Chief Marlatt submitted a Monthly Report for June, July & August 2026. There was a discussion with the areas that had an increase in traffic stops listed on the report.

Law Enforcement Grant

Chief Marlatt submitted a budget detail of the NY LETECH grant application that he has submitted. The contract period for the grant runs from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2028. The total amount he submitted is \$100,000.00.

Chief Marlatt reported that there is \$80,000.00 left from the last LETECH Grant. He is proposing to purchase a new copier for the police station. Chief Marlatt explained that the copier they presently have is over ten years old. The copier that he would like to purchase is a cost of \$3,500.00-4,000.00. There was discussion on service contracts and quotes. Supervisor Ronk will get a quote from National Technologies, which is the company that services the Town Hall equipment.

Resignation

Chief Marlatt submitted a resignation letter from Officer Nicole Brooks. Chief Marlatt reported that Officer Brooks does not have the time to fulfill the tours required with the demands of her new position. A motion as made by Councilman Amthor and seconded by Councilman Danon to accept the resignation of Officer Brooks as of September 3, 2026.

ALL AYE.**Miscellaneous**

Chief Marlatt reported that he has advised the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office that Valk's Towing will be closed from September 10th to 14th for towing purposes.

Supervisor Ronk inquired the status of the Dog Control Officer car. Chief Marlatt reported that the officers start and run the car every week.

Supervisor Ronk inquired if there was anything available to put out to surplus. Chief Marlatt advised that there is a lot of smaller items along with Car 584. He agreed to put together a list. There was a discussion on the flatbed. Mr. Ronk discussed doing a sealed bid for the flatbed.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**Budget**

Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski advised that he met with Supervisor Ronk today. They reviewed the vehicles and purchases for the department. Mr. Blazeski reported that if they stick to the replacement program, they would be replacing four pickup trucks. There was a discussion on which trucks would be replaced.

Bid

Highway Superintendent Blazeski advised that he would like to advertise the bid specifications for a tandem Western Star. Supervisor Ronk inquired about what the Tandem would be replacing. There was

a discussion on the truck and the ten-year forecast plan previously discussed. Mr. Ronk clarified that of the four tandems ordered, the Town has taken delivery of two. Another was ordered in June of 2025 and the fourth, ordered in March of 2026. Mr. Ronk stated that the plan is to space these out so one is purchased each year. The re-sale value of the pickup trucks was discussed. Councilman Amthor discussed the EPA emission mandates with the Town Board.

St. Elmo Bridge

Mr. Blazeski reported re-opening the insurance claim and has submitted information for review. He advised that there is a three-year statute of limitations with the insurance company.

Wildrick Road Extension

Mr. Blazeski discussed the Brander subdivision at the end of Wildrick Road. He explained that he approved the binder and will pursue the developer to finish with the topcoat. This applies to the portion that was extended and will be accepted by the Town.

Highway Complex

Councilman Voss reported that he met with Engineer Herb Litts from GPI Engineering and discussed the possible options for the highway garage property. He submitted a possible rendering and reported that disturbance of the land where the building presently sits is a big issue. One of the options presented is to re-skin the steel structure and use it for cold storage. It could be used for the equipment that currently is exposed. The salt shed would remain. Councilman Voss discussed options for combining the Police Department at the complex.

Signage & Guiderails

Councilman Danon inquired the progress of the four-way stop at Panther Lane now that school is back in session. Supervisor Ronk clarified that there was a three-way stop discussed at C.E. Penney and Panther in the past. Supervisor Ronk advised that Algarin Paving will be repairing the various holes in the streets and will repair some sidewalk areas with blacktop including the location of DuBois Street and Wallkill Avenue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Park Build**

Supervisor Ronk inquired about the status of the stump removal and ground preparation at Verkeerderkill Park for the new playground equipment. Mr. Ronk advised that the project needs to be completed by the end of November or the Town is at risk at losing the \$15,000.00 County Grant. Mr. Ronk reported that he obtained quotes for a twelve-ton excavator and forty-yard dumpster. There was a discussion with having Trevor Hunt start this work, or with Councilman Voss and Highway Superintendent Blazeski being able to do the work. Mr. Blazeski will contact Walker Valley Fire Company to move the wooden fire truck prior to the work being done. Supervisor Ronk advised that the wooden firetruck would be moved and re-furbished to another location in the park if they decided not to take possession of it. There were possible dates discussed to do the park build. Mr. Ronk stated that there are volunteers in Walker Valley willing to assist.

Route 208 Sewer Project

Supervisor Ronk reported that the water line to Sunoco has been located. All properties are now hooked up to the eight-inch line. Left to finish is the drilling and making the final connection.

NEW BUSINESS**Water leak**

Supervisor Ronk reported that there is a curb box leaking at Bona Ventura and Second Street. The box is located in the sidewalk. Since the Town owns part of the lawn, it needs to be investigated who is responsible for the repairs. He has spoken to the property owner. When the repairs are complete, the sidewalk will need to be repaired.

911 Ceremony

Supervisor Ronk reported that Wallkill Fire Chief Gary Specht has invited the Town Board to attend the 911 ceremony at the Wallkill Firehouse. The ceremony will start at 8:46 on Friday, September 11, 2026.

Alarm Law

Councilman LoCicero reported that the Wallkill Fire Commissioners and Chief would like to have a discussion on a nuisance/false alarm law. Supervisor Ronk advised that the Town and Ulster County have a law that is not being enforced. There was a discussion on the demands that Hudson Valley Apartments are having on the fire company. Councilman LoCicero reported that there are two to three calls a day at the apartments that the fire company has to respond to. He reported that by this time the fire company has an average of 180 calls, which they are now over that, and 43% of them are at the Brookfield Road Apartments. There was a discussion on the deficiencies at the apartment complex and the various departments that would have to be involved with violations and compensation. Supervisor Ronk advised that he has a meeting scheduled with Fire Chief Specht tomorrow. Councilman LoCicero advised he has another meeting with the police department regarding stolen property. He will attend the meeting with the Fire Chief and Supervisor, if time allows.

Planning Board

Supervisor Ronk reported that he received compliments on how the Planning Board is handling the Blue Chip project with respect and doing their due diligence.

Personnel**Building Department**

Supervisor Ronk reported that Amilia Lisiecki went part time this week. She will be participating in COBRA for her health insurance. The Town will be looking for a part-time Code/Fire Enforcement Officer at some point.

Police Chief

Supervisor Ronk reported that the County Personnel Department will be sending out the canvas letter for those on the Police Chief Civil Service List. Interviews will be scheduled.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

The following claims were audited.

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>VOUCHERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
GENERAL	16	766-804	\$ 37,979.45
HIGHWAY	16	274-292	\$ 166,213.09
WATER	16	69-70	\$ 1288.38
SEWER	16	114-122	\$ 19,023.63
LIGHT	9	9	\$ 2,226.75

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 Amthor to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk