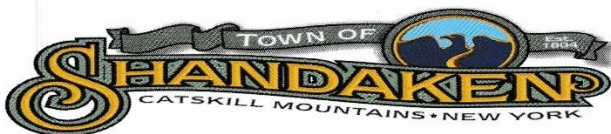




**Town of Shandaken Town Board
Monthly Meeting Agenda
Monday, May 1, 2023 - 7pm**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of previous T/B Meeting minutes**
- 5. Supervisor's Financial Report**
- 6. Communications**
 - a. MARK Project – Peg Ellsworth**
 - b. MTC Cable Jacob Johnson – Community Wi-Fi**
- 7. Committee Reports:**
 - a. Ambulance*
 - b. Building/Zoning*
 - c. Police*
 - d. Phoenicia Water*
 - e. Pine Hill Water*
 - f. Museum*
 - g. Recreation*
- 8. Public Comments on Resolutions**
- 9. Motions:**
- 10. Resolutions:**
 - 65- Pay All Bills**
 - 66- Shandaken Septic**
 - 67- Summer Rec – Adv. Director & Asst. Director**
 - 68- Housing Smart Committee Members**
 - 69- Purchase Deer Lane Property 12.18-2-5**
 - 70- Amend Local Laws #2 Senior & #3 Disabled Citizens**
 - 71- ESTABLISH MT. TREMPER PARK COMMITTEE**
- 11. Open Public Comment**
- 12. Meeting Adjournment - *IN MEMORY OF – Ed Ryder, Maureen Boland, Judith Shiner, Diane Kowalchyk, Cal Smith.***



SUPERVISOR'S NOTES - MAY 2023

This month we will have a presentation by Peg Ellsworth about housing and community revitalization.

We are working with CWC to add our Ambulance facility into the Town Hall relocation study. We are still Having studies done at the Bridge Street bridge in Phoenicia, they will be doing some soil borings in the next month, so don't panic if you feel the earth shake a little.

We will be discussing a housing smart committee and coordinator.

Shandaken septic district pump-outs.

A public hearing for amending our senior and persons with disabilities exemptions from 24- month residency requirement to 12 month.

We will talk about summer rec. RE: bussing

Also, purchasing a piece of property from the county for a snow plow turn-around and

We will create a Mt. Tremper park committee.

Our next meeting is June 5th

Peter DiSclafani

Supervisor Report May 2022
Revenues

Rental Cell/MAHV	\$	700.00
Parks & Recreation	\$	50.00
Vital Statistics	\$	654.00
Ambulance Fees	\$	7,881.40
Town Clerk Fees/EZ Pass	\$	177.50
Planning Board	\$	200.00
Police Fees	\$	30.00
Building Permit Fees	\$	3,906.00
Dog Licenses	\$	25.00
Zoning Fees	\$	350.00
ADP Reimbursement	\$	2,818.00
Justice Fees	\$	6,861.00
Ambulance Donation	\$	300.00
Totals	\$	23,952.90



SHANDAKEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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APRIL 2023 Monthly Report

INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER
911 Misdeal/No Voice/Abandoned	2
Accident PIAA/PDAA	6
Abandoned Vehicle	
Alarm Burglary/Panic/Robbery	7
Animal Complaint/Investigation	3
Assist EMS/Fire	10
Criminal Mischief	1
Disorderly Conduct	
Encon Violation	
Larceny	3
Community Oriented Policing Project	2
Custody Dispute	
Civil	3
Disabled Vehicle	2
Dispute	1
Domestic Dispute	2
Erratic Vehicle	2
Foot Patrol	1
Fraud/Larceny	
Mental Health Law	3

INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER
Harassment	1
Local Law	1
Lock Out	3
Lost/Missing Person	1
Noise	
Property Retrieval/Lost/Found	2
Public Service	
Open Door	
Property Check	380
Road Hazard	6
School Check	32
Shots Fired	
Suspicious Activity	8
Traffic Stop	89
Trespass	1
Vehicle and Traffic Complaint	1
Welfare Check	15
Warrant	1
Total	209

Property Checks 380
Total w/property checks 589

SUMMONS ISSUED	59
ARRESTS	12

COMMUNICATIONS

PEG ELLSWORTH – MARK Project spoke about Grant Opportunities for Rural Hamlets Revitalization projects.

JACOB JOHNSON – MTC Cable Offering Community Wi-Fi. 1 yr. trial basis. They will install 3 Hot Spots – Genbrook Park, Pine Hill Community Center & Simpson Mini Park.

Motion by Kneissl, seconded by Drake – carried. To send Letter to Onteora School board to keep the Phoenicia School open.

Shandaken Historical museum – Report - April 2023

With 54 visitors the museum is reaching more & more people. On social media group pages we continue to share history resulting in invitations to share on more group pages, I'm sharing around 7 posts a day, on various pages that are Shandaken based. We've also been invited to have a booth at the Phoenicia's Farmer's Market on Sundays.

Many of our visitors were taking the Poetry Path through Pine Hill, the event went on through April with Pamela Martin as their guide, Thank You Pamela it's always a pleasure working with you, Thanks also to Morton Memorial Library for having such a fun event.

We enjoyed being the Business of the Month at the Ulster Savings Bank in Phoenicia and received positive feedback from many.

We've also been working with local author Cesi Davidson she's been researching the "Underground Railroad" and will be giving a talk on June 9th at the Catskill Center.

We've shared property research via email with our metal detection group the "Nor'Easters" and liaison John Michelotti. Our event is the weekend of June 24th & 25th. We could always use more historic property owners to participate in our event so please give us a call at 845-254-4460 or email us at

shandakenmuseum@gmail.com Thank you to the families that have signed up for our event, they are Elizabeth Kneissl, Karen Lee, Nick Alba, Chandra Valianti, Izaak Schweiger, the Cruickshank families & Karen Goertzel.

Diane Galusha has been a visitor a few times she is researching D.F. Hasbrouck an artist born in Pine Hill, as well as Anton Otto Fischer another local artist and author.

Donations include a few Crystal Spring Water Co. bottles, a family Bible and Stephen Lamarca wants to donate the cash register from Aley's General store. We're sharing history on the phone, in emails & snail mail, on Face book and Instagram and giving tours in the museum. We are keeping very busy. Much like Vinnie Sorbelinni I guess. He messaged me and said that I'd see him in April and here comes May. We still have our unfinished list from last year and now there are a few more repairs to add on.

The museum is always looking for volunteers. There is only one person on staff here, with so much to do. Come on in, learn history while you help in the preservation of history.

Thank you to our Town Council for your continued support,
Kathleen Myers\Director\Historian

April 2023 Monthly Activity Report Building Department Donna LeMoine

Building Permits 15

Demolition Permits 1

Building Inspections 16

Certificate of Occupancies 2
Certificate of Compliance 14

Fire Inspections: 7

Building Dept. Fees: \$5,294.20

Zoning Fees \$525.00

Planning Bd Fees \$475



Town of Shandaken
Ambulance Service
"Committed to Care In the Heart of the Catskills"

April 2023 Report

TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED - 27

MUTUAL AID GIVEN/ RECIEVED – 4 (Town of Olive) / 0

With the busy Winter season now behind us, the Ambulance Service has found time to catch our breath, and catch up on some training and much needed housekeeping. Payroll orientations, credential recertifications, equipment checks and upkeep, and facilities maintenance take up the balance of time when our responders aren't out helping those in need. One thing is for certain though; the operation has outgrown our current infrastructure. The Town Ambulance is the only 24/7 staffed Municipal service within the Town of Shandaken. The sheer size of ambulances alone (and believe me, we don't buy big fancy ambulances) have increased to the point that our vehicle housed out of the Route 42 municipal building cannot fit into the Fire Department owned and Town rented bay in the Village of Phoenicia. That's right; we pay monthly rent To the Fire District for a garage that is too small for our operation and is landlocked during floods.

The aforementioned doesn't even scratch the surface of the issues with our buildings. The staff housing building (medic building) located adjacent to the medical arts building on Ava Maria Dr. is extremely small, landlocked during flooding, and at most times is occupied by three individuals 24/7. The approx. 400 square foot building provides a double occupancy bunkroom, a single occupancy bunkroom, kitchenette, common area, and one common bathroom which must be used by all employees- which doubles as our decontamination area following calls involving bloodborne pathogens, and most recently, deadly pandemics. Every time an employee needs to decontaminate following a call, they must walk through the main common area of the building- potentially exposing other crewmembers to pathogens. It is the only area the Ambulance employees can use for these purposes. It's a miracle we didn't have more COVID cases amongst Ambulance employees at the height of the pandemic. In addition, staff must go outside and continually clean snow off of the \$65,000 Paramedic car as there are no garage facilities at the staff housing, and Ambulance Technicians must drive their personal vehicles to the ambulance bays.

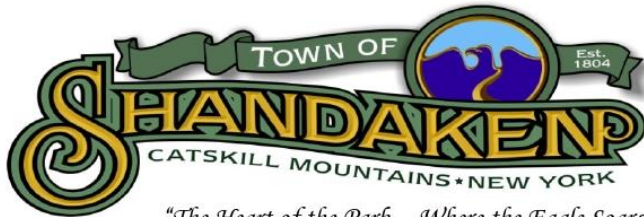
Yet another major challenge is that both the Ambulance and Police share the building on Route 42. The Police Department should be a secure and independent facility. There is no reason why a Police officer should have to walk someone incarcerated around an ambulance smack dab in the middle of their facility stocked with narcotics, and conversely the Police Department should not have to worry about Ambulance employees opening bay doors during the course of an interview, investigation, or while detaining an individual. Additionally, the existing office and storage space is not adequate for the Ambulance Service.

While these issues only scratch the surface of our equipment and housing woes, the solution would be one dedicated Ambulance building with adequate indoor space for all equipment, staff, and storage. Fortunately, there seems to be great interest in potentially funding this project, and at little to no cost to taxpayers through grant funding. This would not only solve issues for the Ambulance service, alleviate rental payments, and alleviate longstanding logistical issues for the Police Department; it would allow our responders a safe and secure quarters from which to work from. Stay tuned.. and support your local Ambulance Service!

Stay safe out there!

Richard Muellerleile

Chief of Department, Shandaken Ambulance



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To:

Emily Sherry, President – Onteora School Board
Victoria McLaren, Superintendent of Schools
Amanda Gates, District Clerk
Onteora Central District Trustees

Dear Trustees,

The Shandaken Town Board has been following the district's long-range planning and public conversations around potentially closing one or more of our local schools. Schools are, of course, true anchor institutions for a community and the closing of any facility can and will have an obvious impact on a town and its residents.

We both acknowledge and appreciate the challenges the District and the Board of Education face with a shrinking student body. As a town, we have faced similar challenges – a smaller and aging workforce, fewer full-time residents, and a diminished pool of volunteers.

We are, however, greatly encouraged by the recent influx of residents over the last several years. Many of these families are new arrivals; others had been part-time residents who now reside here permanently. COVID was, of course, largely the impetus for this move, but the greatly expanded capacity for many individuals to work remotely is now allowing people to consider living in our area permanently who never could before.

It goes without saying that many of these new arrivals have children or intend to. In some cases, it's why they moved here.

As you surely know, Phoenicia Elementary is at the heart of our community. It is the starting point for our parades. It is where our children safely Trunk-Or-Treat. It is home to our community garden and where clothing swaps take place and cake walks and barn dances happen. A centralized campus may have financial benefits and be easier to administer, but if we lose the sense of community that makes people fall in love with our town, we can only expect student enrollments to decline further.

As a town, we applaud the efforts the School District has taken to involve the community as much as possible. We hope those efforts continue, and that all consideration will be given to the role these schools play in shaping not just their students but the places those students live both now and into the future.

Respectfully yours,
Town Board Shandaken, New York

Peter DiSciafani, Supervisor, Kevin Van Blarcum Deputy Supervisor, Robert Drake, Elizabeth Kneissl
Kyle Steen

RESOLUTION TO PAY ALL BILLS

WHEREAS, The Department of Audit and Control require Town Boards to sign and inspect all vouchers coming into the town for payment, to number and total amounts from each fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the following vouchers paid:

General	\$ 152,606.90
Highway	154,248.83
Phoenicia Water	4,357.02
Pine Hill Water	264.04
Phoenicia Lights	783.45
Chichester Lights	100.98
Pine Hill Lights	448.77
Shandaken Septic	00.00

	\$ 312,809.99

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: KNEISSL

ROLL CALL

	AYES	NAYS
BOARD MEMBER DRAKE	<u> X </u>	_____
BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL	<u> X </u>	_____
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	<u> X </u>	_____
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	<u> X </u>	_____
SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI	<u> X </u>	_____

Septic Pumping Services for the Shandaken Septic Maintenance District

WHEREAS The Town of Shandaken formed the Shandaken Septic Maintenance District and intends to maintain and improve said septic systems; and

WHEREAS the Town of Shandaken Town Board accepts the bid on May 1, 2023, to Pump-out the fifty-three (53) septic systems during the summer of 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Shandaken Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute an agreement/ contract and coordinate with Hunter Environment and CWC to provide said septic pumping services for the Shandaken Septic Maintenance District in 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$ 17,225.00. (53 pumpouts).

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: DISCLAFANI

ROLL CALL

AYES NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

RESOLUTION #67-23

OFFERED BY: DISCLAFANI

ADVERTISE FOR TOWN SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken operates a recreational summer day camp (Camp) for six weeks on ++3 Days a Week++ starting Wednesday July 5th through Friday August 18th and

WHEREAS, the Town Board; under § 20, Notes of Decision 9 of the Town Law, the Town Board shall appoint all employees of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to explore available options for a Director and Assistant Director for the Camp for the 2023 season; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Shandaken will advertise for the two positions immediately with interviews to be conducted before the end of the month and personnel to be hired at our next regularly scheduled Town Board meeting; and

Be It Further Resolved – The Town Board will advertise to hire Camp Counselors for the 2023 Summer Rec Season.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: DRAKE

ROLL CALL

AYES NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

ESTABLISH SHANDAKEN HOUSING SMART COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, under §20 of the Town Law, the Town Board shall designate all appointed officers and employees of the Town;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following personnel be appointed to the Shandaken HOUSING SMART COMMITTEE – At No Compensation.

Sophie Grant, Phillip Mones, Gisi Vella, Rosalind Stengle, Sara Bayer.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, Sophie Grant be ULSTER COUNTY HOUSING SMART COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE Coordinator.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: STEEN

ROLL CALL

	AYES	NAYS
BOARD MEMBER DRAKE	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

PURCHASE .24 ACRE DEER LANE PROPERTY, OLIVEREA 12.18-2-5 FOR PLOW TURN-AROUND

WHEREAS, Deer Lane is a dead-end road and the use of this property would be beneficial as a seasonal plow turn-around;

WHEREAS, the transfer of ownership to the Town of Shandaken is in the interest of public safety; as the parcel is entirely within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area and the majority within the floodway, this proposed use would ensure the property remain predominantly undeveloped;

WHEREAS, due to the town’s Flood Damage Prevention laws, development of the property is significantly restricted;

WHEREAS, according to Office of the Ulster County Assessor the parcel is currently assessed for \$500.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the town offers to purchase the parcel from Ulster County for \$100.00

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: VANBLARCUM

ROLL CALL
AYES NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE	__X__	_____
BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL	__X__	_____
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	__X__	_____
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	__X__	_____
SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI	__X__	_____

RESOLUTION #70-23

OFFERED BY VANBLARCUM

Amend Local Laws #2 Senior & #3 Disabled Citizens

Whereas, on February 22, 2023 The Shandaken Town Board passed Local Law #2 & Local Law #3 - to extend the income limit for tax exemptions for Senior & Disabled Citizens.

Whereas, The Town Board would like to amend these two laws to change ownership the requirement from 24 months to 12 months.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Shandaken Town Board hereby call for a public hearing to amend Local Law #2 & #3 of 2023, to be held on Monday June 5, 2023 at 6:45 before the next regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: KNEISSL

ROLL CALL
AYES NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE	__X__	_____
BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL	__X__	_____
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	__X__	_____
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	__X__	_____
SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI	__X__	_____

ESTABLISH MT. TREMPER PARK COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Town of Shandaken has plans to develop a town park at “Rock cut” (Former SBL: 25.3-1-3), and

WHEREAS, Said parcel was acquired by the NYS DOT via eminent domain for flood mitigation purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to form a Mt. Tremper Park Committee for the purpose of providing and action plan for the NYS DOT, and

WHEREAS, the Town has received requests from the public and certain Boards for representation on this committee; and this board will work with NYSDOT to develop a park for use by public.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Shandaken Town Board hereby appoints the following residents to the Mt. Tremper Park Committee – Kevin VanBlarcum, Allen Vella, Mark Loete, Brooke Baxter-Bailey, Aaron Bennett, James Amenta, Tim Malloy.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: STEEN

ROLL CALL

AYES **NAYS**

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE X _____

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL X _____

BOARD MEMBER STEEN X _____

BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM X _____

SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI X _____

All business having been discussed. Town Bd. Adjourned at 8:18 on a Vanblarcum/Kneissl motion.

Signed this 4th day of May, 2023

Joyce Grant, Town Clerk