



Town of Shandaken Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda
Monday April 1, 2024 – 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**
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Ambulance**
 - b. **Building/Zoning**
 - c. **Police**
 - d. **Phoenicia Water**
 - e. **Pine Hill Water**
 - f. **Museum**
 - g. **Parks & Recreation**
 - h. **Housing Smart**
 - i. **Conservation Advisory Council**
 - j. **Comprehensive Plan**
8. **Public Comments on Resolutions**
9. **Motions:**
10. **Resolutions:**
 64. **Pay All Bills**
 65. **Accept Audit of Town Court**
 66. **Support Manitou's Revenge Race**
 67. **Conservation Advisory Council Members**
 68. **Request to Ulster County Reduce Road Speed Limit**
 69. **Extending Town Supervisor and Highway Supt. Terms to Four Years**
 70. **Shandaken Septic SMD – Inspection Services**
11. **Open Public Comment**

Meeting Adjournment – IN MEMORY OF – *Jean Druffner, Kevin Frasier, Jon Rowe, Marguarite Cross*



SUPERVISOR'S NOTES – APRIL 2024

Happy April!

We have a few resolutions tonight. The one of interest is extending the terms of Highway Superintendent and Town Supervisor. Several Towns have extended terms for those offices and until 1999 Shandaken also used the 4-year term but the out-going Supervisor changed the term back to default, which, we can do anytime, without a town-wide referendum extending requires. With the upcoming local election term changing to even-year elections, Highway Superintendent and Town Supervisor will only get a 1 year term.

**Supervisor Report April 2024
Revenues**

Justice Fees	\$5,584.00
Earth Day	\$1,990.00
Interest Earned	\$105.25
Ambulance Fees	\$12,491.17
Town Clerk Fees/EZ Pass	\$260.00
Planning	\$273.80
Zoning Fees	\$375.00
Building Permit Fees	\$5,197.50
Dog Licenses	\$98.00
Police Fees	\$45.00
MAHV Rent	\$700.00
Energy Grant	\$2,837.00
ORDA	\$3,000.00
Peck Hollow Bridge - Close/State Aid	\$27,462.06
SBA/Rental Cell	\$2,526.62
STR Receivables	\$10,479.80
Highway	\$244,918.51
Reimb. From HWY - Credit Card	\$454.80
Registrar	\$66.00
Pine Hill Water Rents	\$10,000.00
Interest Earned-Lighting District	\$6.11
Interest Earned-Heritage	\$503.80
Totals	\$329,374.42



SHANDAKEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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March 2024 Monthly Report

INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER	INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER
911 Misdeal/No Voice/Abandoned	3	Harassment	
Accident PIAA/PDAA	12	Local Law	1
Abandoned Vehicle		Lock Out	4
Alarm Burglary/Panic/Robbery	3	Lost/Missing Person	
Animal Complaint/Investigation	4	Noise	
Assist EMS/Fire	17	Property Retrieval/Lost/Found	3
Criminal Mischief		Public Service	1
Disorderly Conduct	3	Open Door	1
Encon Violation		Property Check	492
Larceny	3	Road Hazard	4
Community Oriented Policing Project	3	School Check	27
Custody Dispute		Shots Fired	
Civil	1	Suspicious Activity	8
Disabled Vehicle	4	Traffic Stop	109
Dispute	5	Trespass	
Domestic Dispute	5	Vehicle and Traffic Complaint	
Erratic Vehicle	1	Welfare Check	9
Foot Patrol	4	Field Interview	
Fraud/Larceny		Warrant	1
Mental Health Law	1	Total	237

Property Checks 492
Total w/property checks 729

SUMMONS ISSUED	45
ARRESTS	7

The Town of Shandaken Historical Museum Monthly Report for March 2024

The museum is open three days a week: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

On March 8th the Museum hosted a drum circle event led by noted author Evan Pritchard along with a group of members from the Big Indian Native American Cultural Center who joined in with drumming and singing. It was attended by over twenty-five visitors.

On March 12th and 13th, museum staff volunteer clean-up day were held to reorganize and sort through the Museum office, basement storeroom and three outside storage sheds.

On March 19 an Inventory training day was held using new inventory software called CatalogIt. The staff found it to be an improvement from other software we tested. CatalogIt was more robust, easier to use, more versatile and efficient than the software we were testing for inventory.

On March 23rd, the museum continued its lecture series with a presentation by Glenn Kreisberg – an author, outdoor guide, and radio engineer, who researches archeoastronomy and landscape archaeology in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains of New York. Attended by a dozen people who were very pleased with the fascinating presentation.

New Projects:

A Shandaken Historical Museum YouTube Channel has been established offering two home videos from the museum's collection. Also on YouTube is "Vacation Valley in Big Indian and Olivearea" produced by Christopher Van Kleek with the help of Kathleen Meyers. The Museum is planning to continue working with Mr. Van Kleek on similar videos promoting Shandaken's other hamlets.

The Museum Store area was updated and improved upon in the main museum gallery. We are moving to sell these items on our website.

Hamlet news will soon be added to the Museum website.

A Museum table is being prepared for The Catskills Great Outdoor Expo on Saturday June 8th.

There were 32 visitors to the Museum in February from local hamlets, New York City and New Jersey. Many left donations as they signed out. – Joseph Prieboy, Museum Director



March 2024 Report

TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED- 35

MUTUAL AID GIVEN- 2- Olive First Aid Unit

MUTUAL AID RECEIVED- 0

TOTAL JANUARY REPORTS- 35

TOTAL TRANSPORTS- 27

TOTAL NO TRANSPORT/ STANDBY/ RELOCATIONS – 8

April 1st is a date circled on calendars owned by many near and far. The traditional date of the opening day of trout season is upon us, and it is without doubt that many may find themselves "playing hooky" this week. Ironically, our home streams are open for fishing year round under DEC special regulations- however water and weather conditions can sometimes make fishing our streams difficult without the right gear in the off season. So the time honored Spring tradition of anglers flocking to our waters in search of some luck begins again.

If you find yourself and/ or a colleague trying your luck on our amazing trout streams in Town please be mindful of certain challenges you may encounter while fishing during the early season. This always starts with dressing warm and in layers. Always make sure to check weather reports and prepare for abrupt changes in weather conditions (it could be raining in Mt. Tremper, and a blizzard in Highmount). Although we haven't had a large amount of rain or snowfall, the larger flows in the off season can change the streambed and undercut stream banks making them unstable. When in doubt please utilize a wading staff or walking stick to sound the ground you are walking on in and around the stream. This particularly applies if the water is off color and you are wading. Speaking of wading, if you are wearing waders please wear a wading belt. Waders can fill quickly with water if you are unfortunate enough to fall in and can become VERY heavy quickly. A tight wading belt curtails this.

If you do fall into the water, position yourself so that your feet are in front of you and you paddle with your hands to an eddy or streambank. If you allow your feet to drop and become caught in rocks often it can become unrecoverable. Much like hiking, always tell someone where you are headed, and an estimated time you will be home for added safety. Its always better to fish with a buddy- and if you need help its good to have one there, so even if they outfish you or keep you honest about your catch, it will be a great memory! Good Luck!

Stay Safe Out There,

*Richard Muellenteile, EMT-P
Chief of Department, Town of Shandaken Ambulance Service*

Local Events can be see on the first page of our website www.shandaken.us

Next Parks & Rec Meeting will be Monday April 8th @ Glenbrook Park. 6pm

Comments on Resolutions – Andrew Messinger on #69

Mike Lopez American Legion Post #950 spoke about fundraising for 'Wreaths Across America.

RESOLUTION #64-24

OFFERED BY: VANBLARCUM

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	\$ 257,508.44
Highway	126,097.78
Phoenicia Water	7,626.07
Pine Hill Water	3,162.65
Phoenicia Lights	Bi Monthly
Chichester Lights	Bi Monthly
Pine Hill Lights sign	65.44
Shandaken Septic SMD	345.00

	\$ 394,805.38

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: KNEISSL

ROLL CALL

AYES	NAYS
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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>	_____

RESOLUTION #65-24

OFFERED BY: KNEISSL

Resolution to Accept Audit of Town Court

Whereas, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town and village justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective town and village auditing boards, and that such records then be examined or audited and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board's proceedings, and

Whereas, the NYS Office of Court Administration has requested that the Town of Shandaken provide a copy of our most recent audit or examination of our local court's records and a copy of the board resolution acknowledging that the required examination or audit was conducted, and

Whereas, such examination or audit was conducted on March 3, 2024 by Supervisor DiSclafani.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Town Board acknowledge that the examination or audit was conducted.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: DISCLAFANI

ROLL CALL

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

RESOLUTION #66-24

OFFERED BY: DISCLAFANI

A RESOLUTION BY THE Town of Shandaken GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE **Run Wild, Inc.** TO CONDUCT THE **Manitou's Revenge Ultramarathon** WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL JURISDICTION OF THE Town of Shandaken

WHEREAS, the Run Wild, Inc. proposes conducting the Manitou's Revenge Ultramarathon within State ROW, on or along County Rt. 40 Plank Road, located in the Hamlet of Phoenicia, Town of Shandaken, Ulster County, on Saturday June 22, 2024 to Sunday June 23, 2024. The race will travel for 1.2 miles along Plank Rd and end at the Parish Field.

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken and the Run Wild, Inc. are desirous to have such above-mentioned event conducted within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality, and

WHEREAS, the Run Wild, Inc. will meet all the requirements of the Municipality during the above-mentioned event, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken reserves the rights to monitor the above mentioned event within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality, and

WHEREAS, the Run Wild, Inc. will conduct the above-mentioned event, as shown on the plans/maps and other documents related to the above-mentioned event and at no cost to the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Shandaken, by means of this Resolution, grants permission to the Run Wild, Inc. to conduct the above-mentioned event within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality and Run Wild, Inc. shall maintain or cause to be maintained, at its own expense the premises of the event and shall cover any expenses that may arise from the conducting of the above-mentioned event, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Peter DiSclafani, the Town of Shandaken Supervisor, has the authority to sign, with the concurrence of the Town Legal Counsel and by the Town Board, any and all documentation with the Run Wild, Inc. that may be necessary as a result of the above-mentioned event as it relates to the Town of Shandaken, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Town of Shandaken, is hereby directed to electronically transmit signed, sealed, notarized, stamped, and certified copy of the foregoing resolution to the Run Wild, Inc.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately, **AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: DRAKE

ROLL CALL

	AYES	NAYS
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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>	_____

RESOLUTION #67 -24

OFFERED BY DRAKE

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

WHEREAS, under Local Law 1 of 2022, CAC Board Members are appointed every two years, now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following personnel be appointed and added to the Town of Shandaken Conservation Advisory Council; Maya Lilly and Karen Lee, At no compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Shandaken with gratitude and thanks for service given, accept the resignation of Mary Herrmann and MJ Reiss.

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 _____

RESOLUTION #68 -24

OFFERED BY STEEN

Request to Ulster County Reduce Road Speed Limit

WHEREAS, it is the duty and obligation of the Shandaken Town Board to safeguard and ensure the safety and well-being of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to reduce the speed limit in certain sections of the Town of Shandaken,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of New York State, the Town Board to petition the Ulster County Department of Public Works and Ulster County Planning Department for an extension of speed limit of 30 miles per hour from Main Street, Phoenicia, .5 miles into Plank Road.

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 #69 -24

OFFERED BY VANBLARCUM

Extending Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent Terms to Four Years

Whereas, pursuant to Town Law 24-a, a Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent may extend terms from two year to four year with a mandatory referendum, and

Whereas, the town board must adopt a resolution to extend term at least 150 days before a biennial election, now

Therefore, be it Resolved; this resolution is subject to a mandatory referendum Under 24-a the mandatory referendum must take place at the next biennial election but take effect the following term.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: KNEISSL

	ROLL CALL	
	AYES	NAYS
BOARD MEMBER DRAKE	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
BOARD MEMBER VANBLARCUM	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI	<u> </u>	RECUSE

RESOLUTION # 70 -24

OFFERED BY KNEISSL

Septic Inspection 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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Shandaken Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute an agreement/ contract and coordinate with CWC to provide septic inspection services for the Shandaken Septic Maintenance District in 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00

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>

On a Drake/Steen motion, the Town Board adjourned at 7:46

Joyce Grant – Town Clerk