

**Town of Shandaken
County of Ulster
State of New York
Monday, December 3, 2012**

The Town of Shandaken Town Board conducted their Regular Monthly meeting as per Resolution #2. Minutes of the Monthly Regular Town Board Meeting held in Shandaken on Monday December 3, 2012 at 7pm at the Town Meeting Hall Rt. 28, Shandaken NY.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

**Members Present Robert Stanley, Supervisor
 Doris Bartlett, Board Member
 Vincent Bernstein, Board Member
 Alfred Higley, Jr., Board Member
 Jack Jordan, Board Member**

Recording Secretary Joyce Grant, Town Clerk

On a Stanley/Jordan motion the town Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk



**Town of Shandaken Town Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, December 3, 2012**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING @ 7PM

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of previous T/B Meeting minutes**
- 4. Supervisor's Financial Report**
- 5. Communications**
- 6. Committee Reports:**
 - a. Ambulance*
 - b. Police*
 - c. Phoenicia Water*
 - d. Pine Hill Water*
 - e. Museum*
 - f. Recreation*
- 7. Public Comments on Resolutions**

8. Motions:

9. Resolutions:

177) *Pay all Bills*

178) *Town Board* – Set End of Year Meeting

a. *Fri., Dec. 28, 2012 @ 1pm*

179) *Town Board* – Set Annual Re-Organizational Meeting

a. *Mon., Jan. 7, 2012 @ 6pm*

180) *Ambulance* - Special Meeting for Ambulance Billing RFP

a. *Mon., Dec. 17, 2012 @ 1pm*

181) *Town Board* – Liquor Lic. Notification Waiver

a. *The Phoenician (formerly Al's)*

10. Open Public Comment

11. Meeting Adjournment

IN MEMORY OF:

Filomena Sisca Clorinda Stettine Lorilee Herdman

Supervisor Report November 2012

Ambulance Fees	\$	8,290.06
Library Rent		\$200.00
Police Fees		\$30.00
Justice Fees	\$	12,095.00
Time Warner	\$	740.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$	75.94
Zoning	\$	690.00
Building Permit Fees	\$	1,720.00
Planning		
Dog Licenses	\$	145.00
Registrar	\$	10.00
Reimb. For Health		
Fuel Reimbursement	\$	445.27
Cell Tower Rental	\$	740.00
Supervisor Interest		
NYS Tax & Finance-(assess reimb)	\$	182.79
STEP	\$	1,431.88
Total	\$	26,795.94



Town of Shandaken

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"The Heart of the Park...Where the Eagle Soars"

Supervisor: (845) 688-7165

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Town Clerk: (845) 688-5004

Justice Court: (845) 688-5005

Assessor: (845) 688-5003

ZBA/ZEO/Planning: (845) 688-5008

Highway: (845) 688-9901

Fax: (845) 688-2041

Upcoming Town Board Topics & Activity

Month OF 12/3/12

Scenic Byway: We were to consider a resolution adopting the Scenic Byway Draft Management Plan as proposed by the Catskill Collaborative Committee. Last week, following a meeting with Carol O'Beirne from the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce, the Town has decided to withhold the resolution for consideration at a later date. Please note that the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development has requested that its role in this be diminished to an advisory role. We respect that decision as this project should be primarily driven by the Municipalities involved in the Collaborative. I have asked for a meeting of the leaders of Towns along the Rte. 28 corridor and it looks like we may meet in Mid-December to discuss this and other issues facing our Mountain Towns. This will not be a formal meeting, but something similar to the monthly Ulster County Supervisor's meetings that take place over a breakfast. We are certain that this initiative will be up for consideration prior to the Spring season. We will notify the public when this is due to come before our Town Board again.

Belleayre: Belleayre is now open and running under the management of the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), we certainly hope they have a successful winter season and provide a similar, if not better, experience for all the visitors to the area.

On another note, the Town of Shandaken will NOT be sponsoring a ski program through Belleayre Mountain for the coming season. ORDA management has provided to us a program that is drastically reduced from previous years. This year's program is for children ages 8-18, is only six (non-Holiday) Sundays long and must be paid up front for the season. They do allow for one adult Chaperone, free, for every ten children that sign up for the program. Upon inquiries to management, the answer was that this is a similar program offered to the local communities surrounding their other mountains (Whiteface & Gore) in the Adirondacks. Following discussions with the Town Parks and Recreation Board, we felt best to ask if the Onteora School District wanted to be the primary agency

responsible for administering the program as it is mostly suited to school-age children. After a conversation with School Superintendant McGill, there were concerns about the school holding checks payable to Belleayre and administrative duties which make it infeasible for both Onteora and the Town to continue the program. We appreciate the offer to promote youth skiing and snowboarding, we also can respect the financial restraints that we all are facing in these difficult times. As someone who learned to ski 30 years ago under the program, I am disheartened to announce that, at this time, there will be no local Ski program at Belleayre Mountain. If you have any concerns or complaints, please direct your calls and e-mails to Belleayre Mountain or ORDA.

Meetings : We have resolutions tonight to set up our annual End-of Year meeting in order to balance budget lines, and our Re-Organizational meeting in January. We also will be setting up for a Special Meeting concerning the RFP we advertised last month for Ambulance Billing Services.

Turkey Trot: Although a bitter wind blew all morning, 398 participants showed up to work off their Thanksgiving Turkey. This is becoming yet another in the litany of local events that is community-based and family friendly. Many of the participants and their families also spent time in and around Phoenicia gobbling up breakfast and taking part in Shop Local Saturday. I'd like to extend a special "Thank you" to both Heather Roberts and Patti Rudge who coordinated this year's Turkey Trot in Phoenicia. - On a side note: I'd like to congratulate our Ambulance Chief Rich Muellerleile on a good showing at the Turkey Trot despite his publicly televised challenge to me at last month's board meeting, which I gladly accepted. It is my hope, that as this year's ninth place finisher, he can be a bit more competitive next year and place better than 53rd. I should also note that due to a severe cowlick that had developed the night before and calculating the amount of wind drag that would have developed, I was unable to run that morning and wish to thank Julian Palmer for standing in, in my stead, and giving the respectable showing I had anticipated for myself. Better luck, next year, Rich.

CIC : On Nov. 28th last week many enjoyed the presentations from the architectural students of SUNY Delhi. It was exciting to see the different conceptual plans and models as each student expressed what made their respective project unique. The Town has received a copy of all of the presentations and will be posting it online for all, as well as rerunning the meeting itself on the local channel. It is great to see such a worthwhile project starting to come to fruition and we thank and congratulate all the volunteers that have helped progress this project. They are due to meet again at 3pm on Friday, December 14 here at the Town Hall to discuss the options and possibly select one.

Holidays: Christmas, Hannukah and Kwanzaa are all around the corner and we wish all of you the Happiest of Holidays. There are plenty of events planned throughout the area and we ask that you remember your local merchants as you prepare your gifts and remember to shop local, whenever possible. It is these local merchants who most times make it possible for us to hold these wonderful events and brighten even the darkest of spirits during this time of year.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for
Monday, January 7, 2013 at 6pm.

TOWN OF SHANDAKEN AMBULANCE SERVICE



PO BOX 91 PHOENICIA, NY 12464

November 2012 Report

Total calls received- 28

Total calls Belleayre - 1

Mutual aid given- 0

Mutual aid received- 0

The time is now upon us that those of us whom enjoy skiing or riding the slopes get extremely excited. With Belleayre Mountain and other surrounding ski areas opening it is without doubt that many of us will be out there with smiles on our faces. Not to sound like a broken record every December- but PLEASE ski and ride responsibly. Utilize the proper equipment including warm layered clothing and a helmet and be sure to get your equipment checked and tuned at your local ski shops. Most importantly please ski or ride within your limits as the balance of our many calls to the mountain involve individuals overestimating their abilities. When in doubt, take a lesson or stick to the bunnies for a day more.

Within tonight's resolutions is one specifying the date and time for a special Town Board meeting to discuss and/or award the bids received from the November RFP for Ambulance billing. This is important and exciting news, as this bid includes the transition to electronic reporting and billing. This will expedite and streamline revenue recovery processes, as well as provide many advantages for the patient, the EMS agency, the individual EMS provider, and hospital personnel.

- More extensive and detailed documentation. (Required and prompts assure that specific information is included, this will be a plus for revenue recovery.)
- Automatic auditable records for vehicle usage, mileage, and equipment restock.
- Automatic electronic documentation of procedures performed.
- Automatic submission of required report data to the Regional Program Agency and an automatic secured archiving system.
- The database compiled is quickly available and readily usable by the EMS agency for internal quality assurance/ improvement audits, and by the REMAC for Region-wide studies. Both will lead to an even better, more effective EMS system.

It is without a doubt that the movement towards electronic reporting will benefit the Town of Shandaken, its citizens, and its commitment to a gold standard of prehospital care. Stay tuned, and stay safe out there!

Richard Muellerleile
Captain/ Administrator, Shandaken Ambulance

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Committee Reports:

Phoenicia Library will have their Annual Open House on Saturday Dec. 15th 10-2:00 pm. Uncle Rock will be there – Children’s Activities & Good Food.

Phoenicia Water – Al Peavey & Rick Ricciardella: Generator Radiator has sprung a leak – Cost would be \$2,900 to replace. We are looking into just repairing at a lower cost. We think it is just a seam that needs to be repaired. Due to flood damage on houses – that were condemned, we need to find out from lawyers – to obtain easements to turn off the water to these empty or missing homes to prevent water from freezing & causing damage to the water system this winter. Bernstein supported repairing radiator, Stanley suggested sending letters to owners of these condemned homes asking for easement to turn off water supply. *Next meeting Wed. Dec. 5th @ Phoenicia Library.

Recreation – Heathers Roberts - Turkey Trot was a huge success with 400 participants.. raised over \$3,500 for Shandaken Food Pantry. Really was a great community event. Thanked the local businesses, police dept, highway dept., Town Board & Town Clerks office for all their help with the event. Also, they are continuing to work on their Master Plan. Felt it was very unfortunate that there will be no ski program this year at Belleayre.

A comment was made that the offer that the new ORDA made was not feasible for families in our town to use.

Town Clerk Notes:

Leaping Trout Art Project **Live** Auction will be Saturday December 8th, 4-7pm. At the ART UPSTAIRS GALLERY – 60 Main Street, Phoenicia.

HEAP – Home Energy Assistance Program – If you wish to apply or need help with application: We will have help here Friday December 7th at the Town Hall from 10am – Noon.

Public Comment:

Rick Ricciardella – Turbidity is very high @ water plant & he received a Violation for turbidity. Eric Hanson – Shandaken – Inquired when Verizon will be on our cell tower.. Supervisor Stanley informed him that they are private companies and we are “way down” on their list of priorities... they would need to go through Mariner Tower to sign onto our Glenbrook Tower.

Rick Ricciardella – Counted 9 trees down on telephone lines from Mt. Tremper to Phoenicia, they have been there since Irene.
Supervisor- I will call Verizon about the trees.

Carol Urban – Phoenicia Wesleyan Church will be sponsoring the Annual Phoenicia Christmas Caroling throughout the town. ALL Welcome. Meet at Mama’s Boy Café – Saturday Dec. 22nd @ 5:30. Following the caroling, there will be a choral concert at the Wesleyan Church – Main St. Phoenicia. 7:00ish. Call Carol for more info: 688-2169.

Also, Our thanks to Heidi & Don Clark, from Family Christmas Tree in Big Indian, who donated the Christmas Tree we now have at the entrance to Big Indian/Olivera.

Dec. 3, 2012 RM

All business pertinent having been discussed the Town Board adjourned at 7:45 on a Stanley/Bernstein motion.

**Signed this 4th day of December, 2012
Joyce Grant, Town Clerk**