

**Town of Shandaken  
County of Ulster  
State of New York**

**The Town of Shandaken Town Board conducted a Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday  
Shandaken Town Hall. 7209 Rt. 28 Shandaken, NY**

**Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call**

**Members Present**  
**Robert A. Stanley – Supervisor**  
**Kyle R. Steen - Board Member**  
**Peter DiSclafani – Board Member**  
**Kevin VanBlarcum – Board Member**  
**Faye Storms – Board Member**

**Recording Secretary**                      **Joyce Grant - Town Clerk**

**On a Stanley/Storms motion the Town Board unanimously approved the minutes of the  
previous meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.**



**Town of Shandaken Town Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda  
Monday, February 3, 2020**

- 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. USPS – Presentation Regarding Possible Mt Tremper Post Office Relocation
- 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:

50. Pay All Bills

51. Town Board – Appoint Catskill Collaborative Representative

a. Amy Bristol

52. Town Board – Request for Verizon Wireless Cellular Service

11. Open Public Comment

12. Meeting Adjournment - *IN MEMORY OF:*

*Bruce Curtis – Andrew Poncic, Sr.*

On a Stanley/Disclafani motion, the Town Board voted to support the American Legion Post #950, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, to be held in Phoenicia on said date, as requested by Vincent Bernstein.



### January 2020 Report

TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED - 48

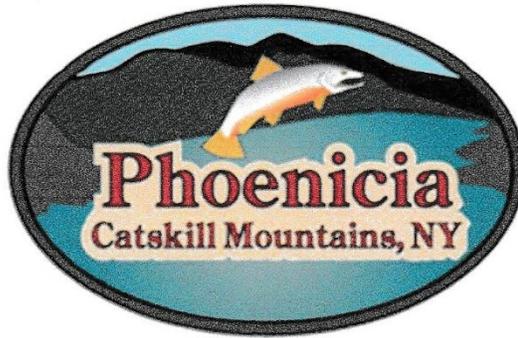
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RECEIVED – 3

We have reached our busiest part of the year and call totals reflect that. Of our 48 calls to service, 22 were to the ski center. That said; please make sure that if you take to the slopes you are wearing proper protective equipment including a properly fitted helmet. An extremely common theme we hear is that patients were just plain out-skiing or out-riding their abilities- so please take a lesson or two if you choose to take to anything other than the bunnies.

Unfortunately, over these next few months one could mistake the Pine Hill Firehouse as an airport on the weekends, as medevac helicopters transport the very injured to Level One trauma centers in both Albany, and Valhalla. Lately we have seen an increasing numbers of spectators- and understandably so. Please respect the patient, as well as the hard working men and women of the Emergency Services in our Town and keep a safe distance away from the Firehouse (or any landing zone for that matter) when the time comes. We undoubtedly have our hands full if a helicopter is transporting someone, and we want to make sure no one else gets injured. Thank you in advance.

Vehicle	Beginning	Ending	Total
7850	11425	12781	1356
7851	100812	101211	399
625	86122	86510	388
626	52614	53677	1063



**Phoenicia Business Association**  
P.O.Box 391 Phoenicia NY 12464  
phoeniciany.com

January 31, 2020

To Whom It May Concern;

The Phoenicia Business Association applauds the efforts of the Shandaken Town Board to direct Verizon Wireless to take action and make its cellular service available to our community.

Lack of cell service has, for too long, hampered business development and created unnecessary safety risks for our residents and visitors. Once perhaps considered a luxury, cellular service is now a critical necessity to any vibrant community. The people of Shandaken deserve it.

The Phoenicia Business Association fully supports the installation of cellular service in our area. Thank you members of our Town Board!

Sincerely

Samantha Awand-Gortel

PBA President

David Pillard

Full Board Member



# POTENTIAL RELOCATION OF POST OFFICE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## AND COMMENT PERIOD

The US Postal Service is proposing a new Mount Tremper, NY Post Office project.

A copy of our letter to the Town Supervisor Robert A. Stanley, which contains additional project information, is posted next to this notice.

The Postal Service invites you to learn more about this project at a public meeting to be held Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall 7029 Route 28 Shandaken, NY 12480. Additionally, for 30 days after the public meeting, anyone may submit written comments to the address below for the Postal Service’s consideration prior to its final decision:

Kurtis Bullard  
Real Estate Specialist  
United States Postal Service  
PO Box 27497  
Greensboro, NC 27498-1103  
336-544-3823  
Michael.k.bullard@usps.gov

**RESOLUTION #50-20**

**OFFERED BY: DISCLAFANI**

### **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:

<b>General</b>	<b>\$ 450,734.44</b>
<b>Highway</b>	<b>356,309.73</b>
<b>Phoenicia Water</b>	<b>11,904.63</b>
<b>Pine Hill Water</b>	<b>1,939.09</b>

Phoenicia Lights	1,022.27
Chichester Lights	154.53
Pine Hill Lights	600.63
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	\$ 822,665.32

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: STORMS

	ROLL CALL	
	AYES	NAYS
BOARD MEMBER DISCLAFANI	<u>  X  </u>	_____
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	<u>  X  </u>	_____
BOARD MEMBER STORMS	<u>  X  </u>	_____
BOARD MEMBER VANBLARCUM	<u>  X  </u>	_____
SUPERVISOR STANLEY	<u>  X  </u>	_____

**RESOLUTION # 51-20**

**OFFERED BY: VANBLARCUM**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING CATSKILL COLLABORATIVE MEMBER**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Shandaken is a member community of the Central Catskills Collaborative which includes the municipalities of Andes, Fleischmanns, Margaretville, Middletown, and Olive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is requested to annually appoint standing members to the Collaborative;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Shandaken Town Board hereby appoints Town resident **Amy Bristol** as the second standing representative for the Town of Shandaken on the Catskill Collaborative Committee for the year 2020

**AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: STANLEY

	ROLL CALL	
	AYES	NAYS
BOARD MEMBER DISCLAFANI	<u>  X  </u>	_____
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	<u>  X  </u>	_____
BOARD MEMBER STORMS	<u>  X  </u>	_____
BOARD MEMBER VANBLARCUM	<u>  X  </u>	_____
SUPERVISOR STANLEY	<u>  X  </u>	_____

**RESOLUTION # 52-20**

**OFFERED BY: STANLEY**

**REQUEST TO DIRECT VERIZON WIRELESS TO PROVIDE CELLULAR SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF SHANDAKEN**

WHEREAS, reliable, affordable, cellular communication is a necessity, especially in an emergency for travelers into the Central Catskills; and

WHEREAS, the lack of cellular access required by local residents and visitors is discouraging many from residing or visiting in the Town of Shandaken; and

WHEREAS, all residents, businesses and visitors in the Town should not be denied the same access and services that are readily available to consumers across the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless is either ignoring requests or blatantly refusing to expand the installation of its cellular network into the Town of Shandaken after several attempts at requesting they place equipment on an existing Town-owned tower at Glenbrook Park and placement of any new equipment into other Hamlets; and

WHEREAS, the State has designated the Route 28 Corridor as a Critical Corridor, especially during natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken remains the ONLY Town along the Route 28 Corridor in the Catskills without cellular service and is centrally located with over 16 miles of interrupted service for all travelers including the nearly 160,000 annual visitors to the State-Owned Belleayre Mountain Ski Center in Highmount; and

WHEREAS, it would not be a large investment and good business sense by Verizon Wireless to interconnect its existing networks currently operating on each border of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission has the regulatory authority to demand that Verizon Wireless act if it fails to do so; and

WHEREAS, Legislative and public pressure upon Verizon Wireless would raise the likelihood of it yielding to the demand the installation of cellular communications equipment, thereby favoring and benefiting the interests of its consumers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Shandaken Town Board hereby requests the Public Service Commission to use their regulatory authority and direct Verizon Wireless to immediately take all action necessary to deliver and make available to our community cellular communications; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Shandaken Town Board hereby encourages all residents to contact the Public Service Commission, request the voice mail of the Commissioners, and leave a detailed message (telephone number (518) 474-6530) demanding that Verizon Wireless make available cellular communications to all users all along the Route 28 Corridor in the Town of Shandaken; and

**BE IT YET FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Shandaken Town Board, on behalf of the residents of the Town requests that the Ulster County Executive, Ulster County Legislature, Ulster County Department of Emergency Management, Ulster County Sheriff’s Office, and the NYS Assembly and Senate support this action on behalf of their constituents.

**AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: STORMS

ROLL CALL

AYES                      NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DISCLAFANI      X                        \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD MEMBER STEEN              X                        \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD MEMBER STORMS             X                        \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD MEMBER VANBLARCUM      X                        \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERVISOR STANLEY                X                        \_\_\_\_\_

**On a Vanblarcum/Disclafani motion, the Town Board adjourned at 7:33 pm**

**Joyce Grant – Town Clerk**