

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

The Town of Shandaken Town Board conducted a Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday May 6th, 2024 – 7pm. Shandaken Town Hall. 7209 Rt. 28 Shandaken, NY

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

Members Present **Peter DiSclafani – Supervisor
Kevin VanBlarcum - Board Member
Kyle Steen – Board Member
Robert Drake – Board Member**

Members Absent **Elizabeth Kneissl – Board Member**

Recording Secretary **Joyce Grant - Town Clerk**

On a Disclafani/Vanblarcum motion the Town Board unanimously approved the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

**Speakers: Onteora Central Schools Budget – Victoria McLaren Supt & Monica LaClair
Benedictine Health Fund – Bernadette Rexford. Benefits for Cancer Patients**



**Town of Shandaken Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda
Monday May 6, 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: 1- Benedictine Health Foundation. B. Rexford
2- Onteora Central School Budget Presentation.**
- 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:**
 - 71. Pay All Bills**

- 72. Summer Rec – Advertise Director & Asst. Director, Counselors**
- 73. Public Hearing Restore NY Funding 310 Main Pine Hill**
- 74. Housing Smart Committee Member**
- 75. Board of Assessment Review Member**
- 76. Town Investment Policy**
- 77. Coalition Of Watershed Towns– Executive Members**
- 78. Contract MARK Project Grant – Pine Hill**
- 79. Hire Planning firm – Town Comprehensive Plan**
- 80. Ambulance – Hire Driver – Jason Kreisberg**

11. Open Public Comment

Meeting Adjournment – IN MEMORY OF *Patricia Eignor, Gary Curtis, Jared Persons*

SUPERVISOR'S NOTES – MAY 2024

Certainly, the big news is and because of all the help we received from Robert and our Park Manager Babs Mansfield and from Jan Jaffe sparking the interest from Pattern for Progress and a previous grant application, we received 2 grant awards. \$125,000. for Glenbrook Park and \$80,000. for a Comprehensive Plan update/ revision. - also helping us with the comp. plan application was Mary Herrmann, Leah Perloff, and Sophie Grant.

Reported from Hudson Valley 1; Our friends at Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP) have awarded \$297,230 in local flood analysis implementation grants to the Town of Shandaken for projects to improve community flood resilience. The grants will advance engineering design of flood mitigation projects in the hamlets of Phoenicia and Pine Hill. The Town of Shandaken will work with SLR Consulting in New Paltz to conduct engineering studies in both hamlets. The town identified the need for flood mitigation projects during local flood analyses completed in 2016 for Phoenicia and 2023 for Pine Hill. A local flood analysis uses computer models of riverine flows to test a range of flood mitigation actions and ranks them according to feasibility and cost-effectiveness. The AWSMP funded both studies.

A grant of \$233,190 was awarded to advance several projects on Bonnie View Avenue in Pine Hill near the intersection with Station Road. Four crossings there overtop in the modeled ten-year flood event. The channel is also undersized in this area. Bonnie View Avenue provides the only access to a water treatment plant and no detours are available for residents during flooding.

The project will explore removal of unnecessary road crossings, channel and floodplain work and enlargement of road crossings to improve flood conveyance and reduce erosion risk. Final project designs are expected by early 2025.

A grant of \$65,040 was awarded to advance flood project designs in Phoenicia. The hamlet experiences flooding due to its location at the confluence of two creeks, the Esopus Creek and its tributary Stony Clove Creek. Additional modeling will examine how water over- flows the Stony Clove Creek to cut across downtown Phoenicia before entering the Esopus Creek. Some of these flood flows effectively bypass the Bridge Street Bridge. An initial flood analysis completed in 2016 indicated that deepening floodplains and resizing road crossings over both rivers could reduce flood frequency and elevations in Phoenicia.

The current project will model various combinations of flood solutions, reassess their feasibility, and advance specific designs. The town should have initial results by fall 2024. The Phoenicia design study will also assist the Ulster County Department of Public Works with a project to replace Phoenicia's Bridge Street Bridge. The study will provide information on changes in the size and timing of Esopus Creek flows passing under the bridge if flood mitigation solutions were implemented in Phoenicia.

Let's not forget our Earth Day celebration! Both the morning session at Pine Hill Community Center with Farmers Market and afternoon event at the Phoenicia Playhouse were very well attended, fun and informative.

Our next regular meeting is June 3rd.

Peter DiSclafani

**Supervisor Report May 2024
Revenues**

Rental Cell/MAHV	\$	3,326.00
Registrar/Vital Statistics	\$	220.00
Dog Licenses	\$	31.50
Ambulance Fees	\$	26,422.05
Town Clerk Fees/EZ Pass	\$	92.50
Planning Board	\$	52.14
Police Fees	\$	60.00
Building Permit Fees	\$	3,799.00
STR Receivables	\$	7,984.76
Earth Day Donation	\$	200.00
Zoning Fees	\$	125.00
Time Warner Franchise	\$	17,229.97
Community Bank-Reimb. Bond	\$	20.85
Paraco Reimburse - Phoenicia Water	\$	549.58
Higley	\$	208.66
Paraco Reimburse-General	\$	130.67
Justice Fees	\$	6,164.00
Quill Reimbursement	\$	203.74
Medical-Patricia Miranda	\$	245.68
Bank Interest	\$	10,618.12
AWSMP Remibursement	\$	5,072.50

Totals **\$ 82,756.72**



April 2024 Report

TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED- 32

MUTUAL AID GIVEN- 3- (2) Olive First Aid Unit (1) Tn/ Lexington

MUTUAL AID RECEIVED- 1- Olive First Aid

TOTAL JANUARY REPORTS- 32

TOTAL TRANSPORTS- 20

TOTAL NO TRANSPORT/ STANDBY/ RELOCATIONS – 12

April has been very productive for the Town Ambulance. Outside of answering our regular call volume, crews have been dilligently completing “Spring Cleaning” of our facilities and apparatus. A huge thanks to those crews going out of their way to make sure everything is looking very clean and neat.

We are still desparately looking for additional Full time/ Part Time Paramedics and EMTs. If anyone in Town happens to know a Paramedic or EMT that may want a little extra money at a great place to work- PLEASE let them know about our agency. Unlike many other Commercial EMS Services, we as a municipal EMS service provide additional options such as State retirement enrollment, a deferred compensation plan, and many other valuable benefits. Please refer them to the Town website, or call the Town Hall at (845) 688-7165 to inquire further regarding initial steps for employment.

Stay Safe Out There,

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



SHANDAKEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Post Office Box 134
 Shandaken, New York 12480
 845-688-9902 . 845-688-9748(b) . 845-688-5332(f)
 CHIEF OF POLICE CHAD STOREY chief@shandakenpolice.org

April 2024 Monthly Report

INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER	INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER
911 Misdia/No Voice/Abandoned	1	Harassment	1
Accident PIAA/PDAA	9	Local Law	2
Abandoned Vehicle		Lock Out	5
Alarm Burglary/Panic/Robbery	5	Lost/Missing Person	
Animal Complaint/Investigation	2	Noise	4
Assist EMS/Fire	11	Property Retrieval/Lost/Found	2
Criminal Mischief		Public Service	
Disorderly Conduct	1	Open Door	
Encon Violation	2	Property Check	450
Larceny	2	Road Hazard	5
Community Oriented Policing Project	5	School Check	21
Custody Dispute		Shots Fired	
Civil	3	Suspicious Activity	1
Disabled Vehicle	3	Traffic Stop	74
Dispute		Trespass	1
Domestic Dispute	3	Vehicle and Traffic Complaint	2
Erratic Vehicle	4	Welfare Check	11
Foot Patrol	4	Field Interview	
Fraud/Larceny	3	Warrant	1
Mental Health Law	1	Total	189

Property Checks 450
 Total w/property checks 639

SUMMONS ISSUED	38
ARRESTS	4

MUSEUM Monthly Report for April 2024

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

On April 1st the Museum staff met with Town Board Members Kyle Steen and Robert Drake to discuss the types of state and national grants available to the Museum for various museum projects. The meeting was extremely informative and helpful for shaping the future direction of the museum.

The Museum is continuing with its cleanup, reorganization, and inventory projects.

On April 10th the Museum held a dinner for special guests and friends of the Museum at the Eastwind Hotel – Oliverea Valley Restaurant. A certificate of appreciation was given to Town Board member Kyle Steen by the museum for his selfless contribution to the museum and a special honorary plaque was presented to former Shandaken Historical Museum president and board member Bob Kalb for his long and loyal service to the Museum. There were about two dozen guests. A splendid time was had by all.

On April 12th 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 festive drumming and singing. It was attended by over twenty-five visitors.

As the museum is preparing to improve and enhance its display of Dr Henry Morton;s books. We are currently meeting with the Morton Memorial Library to discuss some recently discovered artifacts and historical papers related to the founding of the Morton Memorial Library.

On April 26^h the Museum participated in the Pine Hill Poetry Walk organized by the Morton Memorial Library in Pine Hill. The Museum intends to work closer with the Pine Hill Community Center and the Morton Memorial Library going forward.

By request, the Museum is currently producing a display for the Phoenicia Elementary School which will be closing in June. There will also be a Museum table at the Catskills Great Outdoor Expo in June as well.

There were 32 visitors in April visiting the Museum from the West Coast, New York City, New Jersey, and Europe - many leaving donations and grateful messages when they sign the registry. Respectfully submitted, Joseph Prieboy Museum Director

Samantha Awand-Gortel: Next Parks & Rec meeting is at Glenbrook Park April 7th @ 6:30. The parish field lease issue has been resolved!

Jan Jaffe – Next PH2 Meeting at Phoenicia Methodist Church May 21st 5-7pm Pot Luck Dinner.

Molly Holm Mt. Tremper. Rail Explorers has scheduled night runs. Feels they should notify the Town of their plans for the summer.

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	\$ 381,869.15
Highway	149,359.81
Phoenicia Water	13,698.71
Pine Hill Water	2,364.33
Phoenicia Lights	1,807.59
Chichester Lights	91.45
Pine Hill Lights	1,380.38
Pine Hill Lights Sign	93.25
Heritage Acct.	568.87

	\$ 552,233.54

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: DISCLAFANI

ROLL CALL

AYES NAYS

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

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 10th through Friday August 16th 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 2024 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 2024 Summer Rec Season.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: DRAKE

ROLL CALL

AYES **NAYS**

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE X _____

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL ABSENT _____

BOARD MEMBER STEEN X _____

BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM X _____

SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI X _____

RESOLUTION #73-24

OFFERED BY: DRAKE

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SHANDAKEN – PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION TO THE EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION RESTORE NEW YORK COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE ROUND EIGHT GRANT FUNDING FOR REHABILITATION OF AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

WHEREAS the County of Ulster is eligible for grant funding under the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program; and

WHEREAS the County of Ulster has considered proposals that qualify for funding under the program and selected one Project to be included in an application to Empire State Development Corporation: The Wellington Restoration, 310 Main Street, Pine Hill, NY 12465, rehabilitation of an 11,000 square foot historic hotel property that is vacant and deteriorated, into a commercial property including retail on the first floor and 10 affordable workforce residential units; and

WHEREAS the grant application requires approval and endorsement of the Project by the local governing body of the municipality in which the project is located as a condition of application approval;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Town Board of the Town of Shandaken hereby calls for a Public Hearing on seeking funding for the Wellington Project, on Thursday, May 16th at 6:30pm. At Shandaken Town Hall – 7209 State Rt. 28.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: STEEN

ROLL CALL

AYES **NAYS**

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE X _____

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL ABSENT _____

BOARD MEMBER STEEN X _____

BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM X _____

SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI X _____

RESOLUTION #74-24

OFFERED BY: STEEN

HOUSING SMART COMMITTEE MEMBER

ROLL CALL
 AYES NAYS

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

RESOLUTION # 77-24

OFFERED BY: DRAKE

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COALITION OF WATERSHED TOWNS

WHEREAS, the town of Shandaken is located within that portion of the New York City Watershed that lies west of the Hudson River (the “Watershed”); and

WHEREAS, Shandaken is affected by the New York City Watershed rules and Regulations, the New York City Land Acquisition Program and other regulations and program which may be proposed in the Watershed; and

WHEREAS, Shandaken is a signatory to the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”), which created legally enforceable commitments on issues related to New York City’s watershed protection program, including the Watershed Rules and Regulations, the Land Acquisition Program, and the Watershed Partnership and Protection Programs; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County member-towns each vote for two regular and two alternate Executive Committee members for two-year terms, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the town board of the town of Shandaken vote for Greg Vurckio from the town of Denning and David Edinger from the town of Olive as regular members and Mary Ann Van Benschoten from the town of Marbletown and Peter DiSclafani from the Town of Shandaken as alternate members.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: STEEN

ROLL CALL
 AYES NAYS

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

RESOLUTION #78-24

OFFERED BY STEEN

**Town of Shandaken to Contract with MARK Project Inc. to administer NYS
 Homes and Community Renewal Grant for the NY Main Street Technical Assistance
 Program**

SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI X _____

RESOLUTION # 80-24

OFFERED BY: DISCLAFANI

TOWN AMBULANCE – DRIVER

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO §20 OF THE TOWN LAW, THE TOWN BOARD SHOULD DESIGNATE ALL APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN, AND

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT JASON KREISBERG, IS APPOINTED TO SHANDAKEN AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT AS A DRIVER, AT \$15.17 PER HR.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: DRAKE

ROLL CALL

AYES NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE X _____

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL ABSENT _____

BOARD MEMBER STEEN X _____

BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM X _____

SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI X _____

SIGNED THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2024

_____ JOYCE GRANT, TOWN CLERK.