

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

**The Town of Shandaken Town Board conducted a Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday
February 4, 2019. 7pm Shandaken Town Hall. 7209 Rt. 28 Shandaken, NY**

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

Members Present **Robert Stanley – Supervisor
Gael Alba - Board Member
Peter DiSclafani – Board Member
Kevin VanBlarcum – Board Member**

Members Absent **Faye Storms – Board Member**

Recording Secretary **Joyce Grant - Town Clerk**

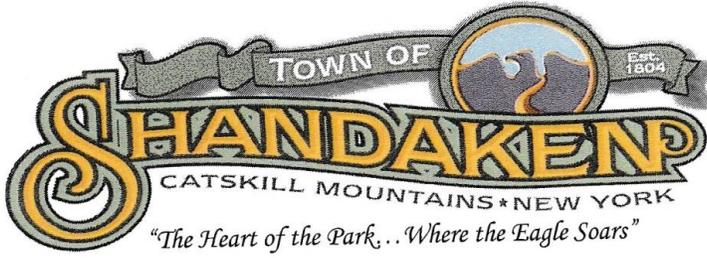
**On a Stanley/Storms motion the Town Board unanimously approved the minutes of the
previous meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.**



**Town of Shandaken Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 4, 2019**

- 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. Recreation*
- 8. Public Comments on Resolutions**
- 9. Motions:**
- 10. Resolutions:**
 - 53. Pay All Bills**
 - 54. Highway – Approve Bond Anticipation Note**
 - a. Balance of previous note - \$1M (FEMA funds)
 - 55. Town Board – Transfer Historic Donation Funds to Museum**
 - a. 501©3 status granted
 - 56. Ambulance – Increase Starting Rate for EMT-P**
 - a. Increase from \$17.80 to \$19.30 per hour
 - 57. Ambulance – Approve \$X,XXX for Ambulance Housing Improvements**
 - a. Good Neighbor Funds
 - 58. Highway – Adv. For Gravel Crushing Bids**
- 11. Open Public Comment**
- 12. Meeting Adjournment -** **IN MEMORY OF:**

Ralph "Chip" Gallagher *Diana Mae Munch*



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Police: (845) 688-9902
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Justice Court: (845) 688-5005
Assessor: (845) 688-5003
ZBA/ZEO/Planning: (845) 688-5008
Highway: (845) 688-9901
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Upcoming Town Board Topics & Activity MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019

AMBULANCE: We have two resolutions tonight regarding the Ambulance Department. We have had some difficulty attracting new in part due to the rate of pay we offer which is considerably lower than neighboring municipalities and private agencies. We are well aware that we have a rural ambulance service that will probably never pay as much as surrounding services, but it has forced to pay current employees an inordinate amount of Overtime pay, especially at the Paramedic level. Chief Muellerleile has made the argument that increasing the pay rate would dramatically help attract previous and new employees. Currently the base rate is set at \$17.80 per hour, in relation Town of Woodstock had recently placed an ad for the same position offering in excess of \$25 per hour. Doing the math and even adding an allowance for two new full time employees we could still be within budget by raising the base pay rate by \$1.50 to \$19.30 per hour.

Additionally, there have been some complaints and comments from current and past ambulance employees regarding the condition of the housing unit in Phoenicia. Taking a tour there is an obvious need for some repairs to the building and updates to the furnishings. The Chief has recruited a number of current employees who are willing to donate their time in order to complete the work (such as painting, paneling, etc.) and help remove and replace some of the furnishings (beds, couches, desks, etc.). We have a resolution to request use of the Good Neighbor Funds to help in these efforts. Some items may have to wait for spring to be remedied, such as a generator for the building in case of power loss, but at least we can improve the current conditions which we hope will also impact our ability to attract new employees.

HIGHWAY: The Town has for the past few years, been forced to float what is referred to as a Revenue Anticipation Note, in order to pay contractors working on FEMA related jobs while we await reimbursement for the work. We have received some of the monies and repaid a portion but will again have to renew that note in while we await further funds. We started by borrowing a total of \$2.5 Million. We have been able to repay \$1.5 Million. So tonight we will Bond for the remaining \$1 Million. We have already received word that an expenditure of approximately \$570,000 has been approved for release from FEMA for another project and we hope to have the remaining monies before the end of the year so we can finally get the Town out of this Bond Cycle.

We also are going out to bid again for a company to perform gravel crushing at OUR Gravel pit on Route 42. We will most likely award that bid at our next meeting.

MUSEUM: The Town Historic Museum Board has established its own 501©3 Corporation status. As such it can now legally collect their own donations and provide benefactors with a tax deduction. The Town has in the past been the proprietor of a bank account for any donation funds that were received by the Museum. The Museum Board has requested that those funds be released to them for their sole discretion.

There is a resolution tonight to transfer those funds to the museum account and to allow the Town close the current account it has been managing.

DOT: The NYS DOT will be holding a Public Informational Meeting here at Town Hall on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 pm. The meeting is directly related to the upcoming Mt. Tremper Bridge replacement due for next year. I would advise neighboring property owners or anyone with any questions regarding the project to attend the meeting as this may be your last opportunity to learn of the proposed schedule as the project is due to go out for bid this fall and be awarded in early spring of next year. If you are unable to attend the meeting and have any questions feel free to send them to my office at Shandakensupervisor@yahoo.com so we may pass them along the appropriate personnel.

**Our next regular meeting is scheduled for
Monday, March 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**



Town of Shandaken Ambulance Service

"Committed to Care In the Heart of the Catskills"

January 2019 Report

TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED- 44

MUTUAL AID GIVEN- 1 (Town of Olive)

MUTUAL AID RECEIVED- 1 (Second call in the District)

January certainly didn't disappoint in regards to call volume -as it is usually one of our highest months for calls to service. Calls To the mountain have been steady, and these coupled with my regular call volume certainly takes it's toll on our vehicles. Scheduled for replacement already, our first line fly car- unit 7850- answered its final alarm, having suffered a catastrophic engine failure ironically coming back from the dealership. Fortunately, work is nearing completion on the new fly car, and it should be in service by this time next month.

Tonight you will see two resolutions regarding the ambulance department – one brings our paramedic rate of pay to a more competitive rate. Still abysmally low as compared to surrounding agencies, this is one of the first steps to attract new employees to our agency, and in turn decrease our crippling overtime costs attributed to staff shortage. As you may not know, a paramedic Certification is a two-year college degree encompassing thousands of hours of initial and continuing education training, and is the highest level of education required by any emergency responder- police, fire, or EMS.

The second resolution is regarding our staff housing at Ava Maria drive. As you are all very well aware, our staff housing is in desperate need of improvements. The balance of our staff travels to Shandaken to work, and they need adequate workplace accommodations. Granted now the building has a new heater (which is electric dependent), there is a desperate need for other improvements for our 24/7 staff.

My recommendation is to address this in phases due to costs associated with them. The first phase we are addressing tonight- making interior improvements to better utilize space and making the necessary purchase of a standby generator and transfer switch, and a new stove. Ultimately, the addition of garage space commensurate to the size of space rented yearly at the Phoenicia Fire house is my full recommendation for the complex and is long overdue. This would add equity to a Town building, protect the extremely expensive vehicles, and volatile lifesaving medications stored within them.

I am aware that this is a lot to take in, but we must take steps to ensure that the only semblance of medical care we have in the Town of Shandaken, and the only true 24/7 service the Town provides is logistically supported. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Vehicle	Ending	Beginning	Total
7850	105205	105200	5- DOA
7851	96623	97256	633
625	80045	78407	1638
626	41820	40535	1285

Public Comment.

NYSDOT will hold a public meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30, this will be an informational meeting pertaining to the replacement of the Mt. Tremper bridge on rt. 28 – scheduled for next year.

Museum- Shandaken Historical Museum has achieved 501c3 status.

Rick Ricciardella asked that all Phoenicia Water District Users check their basements for leaks or any noise that could be a leak.

RESOLUTION #53-19

OFFERED BY:

Resolution Tabled until next month. New bookkeeping software, not ready for totals yet.

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	\$
Highway	
Phoenicia Water	
Pine Hill Water	
Phoenicia Lights	
Chichester Lights	
Pine Hill Lights	

	\$

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

	ROLL CALL	
	AYES	NAYS
BOARD MEMBER ALBA	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER DISCLAFANI	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER STORMS	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER VANBLARCUM	_____	_____
SUPERVISOR STANLEY	_____	_____

RESOLUTION #: 54-19

OFFERED BY: VANBLARCUM

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF SHANDAKEN, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken, Ulster County, New York (the “Town”) as follows:

SECTION 1. The revenue anticipation notes of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 are hereby authorized to be issued in anticipation of the collection by the Town of moneys from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) to finance the cost of **BRIDGES LOCATED ON PECK HOLLOW, LITTLE PECK HOLLOW, LOWER BIRCH CREEK AND MUELLER ROADS.** Such moneys are due and payable in fiscal year 2019 and are revenues other than real estate taxes or assessments.

SECTION 2. The amount of moneys to be collected from FEMA against which said revenue anticipation notes are authorized to be issued is \$1,000,000.

SECTION 3. Said revenue anticipation notes shall mature on February 7, 2020.

SECTION 4. Each of the notes authorized by this resolution shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said revenue anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable.

SECTION 5. Subject to the terms and contents of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to authorize the issuance of the revenue anticipation notes authorized by this resolution and the renewals of said notes (including, without limitation, dates, denominations, maturities, interest payment dates, consolidation with other issues, manner of execution and redemption rights), and the power to sell and deliver said revenue anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the revenue anticipation notes issued pursuant to this resolution, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the Town to said revenue anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

SECTION 6. The Town Supervisor is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the revenue anticipation notes authorized by this resolution as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the revenue anticipation notes authorized by this resolution as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: STANLEY

	ROLL CALL	
	AYES	NAYS
BOARD MEMBER ALBA	__X__	_____
BOARD MEMBER DISCLAFANI	__X__	_____
BOARD MEMBER STORMS	ABSENT	
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	__X__	_____
SUPERVISOR STANLEY	__X__	_____

RESOLUTION #55 - 19

OFFERED BY STANLEY

TRANSFER HISTORIC DONATION ACCOUNT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken, on behalf of the Town of Shandaken Historic Museum (hereinafter "MUSEUM"), had been the management entity for the "Historic Donation Account" established on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, the MUSEUM has established its own 501©3 Corporation and is requesting the funds currently held in the donation account be transferred to its own account no longer making it necessary for the Town to keep the account open.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Shandaken wishes to transfer wholly all current funds available in said "Historic Donation Account" be transferred to the MUSEUM for their use and benefit and that the Town hereby closes the said account.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: VANBLARCUM

	ROLL CALL	
	AYES	NAYS
BOARD MEMBER ALBA	__X__	_____
BOARD MEMBER DISCLAFANI	__X__	_____
BOARD MEMBER STORMS	ABSENT	
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	__X__	_____
SUPERVISOR STANLEY	__X__	_____

CHANGE IN AMBULANCE EMPLOYEE PAY RATES

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

WHEREAS, in order to address a need to attract more EMT-P personnel by making the pay rate closer to other neighboring agencies and helping to reduce overtime expenditures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this resolution repeals the previous pay rate established on Resolution 24-19 revising the base pay rate for Ambulance Paramedic to \$19.30 per hour plus longevity pay for the remainder of FY 2019

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: STANLEY

ROLL CALL

	AYES	NAYS
BOARD MEMBER ALBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER DISCLAFANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER STORMS	ABSENT	
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
SUPERVISOR STANLEY	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF GOOD NEIGHBOR FUNDS FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO AMBULANCE PERSONNEL HOUSING BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken owns and operates a Town Ambulance Service and housing for Ambulance Personnel located at 9 AVA Maria Dr., Phoenicia, NY 12464; and

WHEREAS, the existing building and furnishings have become old, outdated or need replacement; and

THEREFORE, BE IT NOW RESOLVED the Town of Shandaken Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to request the use of existing Good Neighbor Funds in order to replace furnishings, make repairs and purchase other necessary items so as to improve the condition of the building not to exceed \$5,000.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: VANBLARCUM

ROLL CALL

	AYES	NAYS
BOARD MEMBER ALBA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER DISCLAFANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOARD MEMBER STORMS	ABSENT	
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
SUPERVISOR STANLEY	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

