

**Town of Shandaken  
County of Ulster  
State of New York  
November 14, 2012**

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON 2013 TOWN BUDGET**

**November 14, 2012 6:30 PM**

**The Town Board met this date per Resolution 156-12 and notice in the Official Town Newspaper (Daily Freeman), with the following members present: Supervisor Stanley, Board Member Bartlett, Board Member Bernstein, Board Member Higley, Board Member Jordan.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

### **NOTICE OF HEARING – SHANDAKEN’S PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

**NOTICE** is hereby given pursuant to Resolution #156-12 adopted by the Shandaken Town Board on Oct. 1, 2012. A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 6:30 pm prior to our Regular Monthly Meeting at the Shandaken Town Hall Rt. 28, Shandaken, NY, to hear all those present in favor or against the adoption of the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Shandaken as the Annual Budget.

By Order of the Shandaken Town Board, Joyce A. Grant – Town Clerk

## Supervisor Comments

**Budget :** Eric (Hwy), Board Member Bernstein and I met with the Town

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## Presentation by Linley Churchill – Town's Accountant

### TOWN OF SHANDAKEN BUDGET NOTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 14, 2012

#### UNDER THE CALCULATED 2% TAX CAP

- \$ 3,321,483
- Based on 2012 tax plus inflation factors supplied by NY State.

#### NOT CONTROLLED BY THE TOWN BOARD

- Fire Districts – Phoenicia, Big Indian
- Library Districts – Phoenicia, Pine Hill

#### FUND BALANCE APPLIED TO 2013 BUDGET

- General Fund – Less than 2012. Reason: There is less in the fund balance to use for this purpose. (\$130,000 – LY \$175,000)

#### SOME OF CONSIDERATIONS IN DRAFTING THE BUDGET

- Town met with health insurance representatives to determine estimated 2013 cost.
- Retirement figures are supplied by NYS, then allocated between funds based on which fund the covered employees work for.
- Safety Net (Social Assistance Program): Estimates supplied by County.
- Highway – Difficult to project due to the costs of repairing Irene damage and the ongoing uncertainty of whether FEMA will reimburse the Town for all of the costs.

#### TAX RATES NOT THE SAME FOR EVERYONE IN THE TOWN

- Changes depending on where people live – Water Districts, Fire Districts

**Board Member Jack Jordan** – You should all be commended for a great job on the budget.

**Board member Higley** – I second that.

**There was no public comments or questions.**

**On a Stanley/Jordan motion the Town Board voted to close the Public Hearing at 6:45**

**THE TOWN OF SHANDAKEN** conducted their Regular Monthly Meeting as per Resolution #2. Minutes of the Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting held in Town Hall, Shandaken NY Wednesday November 14, 2012 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: Robert Stanley, Supervisor



Doris Bartlett, 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 October Meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Presentation** – The Phoenicia VFW Post #950 presented the Town Board with a plaque: “For Meritorious and Distinguished Service in Furthering of the Aims & Ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States – VFW Post 2837.”



**Town of Shandaken Town Board Meeting Agenda**  
**2013 Budget Hearing & Regular Monthly Meeting**  
Wednesday, November 14, 2012

**ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING @ 6:30PM**

1. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call - Notice of Public Hearing
3. Supervisor's Remarks
4. Accountant Remarks - Lindley Churchill of Churchill, Torchia & Allen
5. Public Comments on Budget
6. Public Hearing Adjournment

**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
  - a. Veterans of Foreign Wars - Presentation
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:
  - 165) *Pay all Bills*
  - 166) *Budget* – Adopt 2013 Town Budget
  - 167) *Highway* – Authorize Shared Service Agreement with Ulster County
  - 168) *Court* – Authorize Justice Court Assistance Program Grant for Equipment
  - 169) *Museum* – Appoint Kathleen Myers as Museum Director
  - 170) *Town Board* – Designate Allan M. Harris as Marriage Officer
  - 171) *Town Board* – Support The Catskill Interpretive Center
  - 172) *Planning* – Accept M. Millar Resignation
  - 173) *Planning* – Appoint B. Kalb as Ulster County Planning Board Alternate
  - 174) *Building/Zoning* – Appoint Building Inspector
  - 175) *Building/Zoning* – Appoint Zoning Enforcement Officer/Flood Plain Administrator
  - 176) *Ambulance* – Advertise RFP for Ambulance Billing Service
    - a. Addendum Bid for E- Billing with Software & Training
    - b. Addendum Bid for E- Billing with Equipment, Software & Training
10. Open Public Comment
11. Meeting Adjournment - **IN MEMORY OF:**  
Lorenzo "Lonnie" Gale Drayton Grant Nellie Holgate Myron Parslow Henry Rank

**Supervisor Report October 2012**

C.H.I.P.S. 2nd quarter	\$ 29,733.84
F.E.M.A Reimbursement	\$ 688,161.24
Ambulance Fees	\$ 14,435.41
Justice Fees	\$ 15,007.50
Time Warner	\$ 15,959.93
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 390.18
Zoning	\$ 455.00
Building Permit Fees	\$ 1,001.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 91.00
Registrar	\$ 80.00
Phoenicia Library Rent	\$ 200.00
Fuel Reimbursement	\$ 9,234.66
Cell Tower Rental	\$ 740.00
Supervisor Interest	\$ 205.94
NYS Tax & Fin-(assess reimb)	\$ 105.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 775,801.00</b>



## Town of Shandaken

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

Supervisor: (845) 688-7165

Police: (845) 688-9902

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 11/14/12**

**Hurricane Sandy:** On Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> the Town of Shandaken declared a State of Emergency in preparation for Hurricane Sandy. Thankfully we were spared for the most part outside of Town-wide power outages. I'd like to again thank our Highway and Emergency Services personnel for being well prepared and working well into the night on Monday before we had to send them home due to safety concerns for our response teams. They were back to work early the next morning just before the winds subsided. There were several transformer fires and multiple lines down throughout the Town. NYSEG was responsive to our requests and restoration was done through process of elimination trying to provide power to the populated areas and then subsequently into the hollows. Information was posted again on our website and facebook page and we provided announcements on local radio stations as well as flyers posted at the Fire Houses and Post Offices throughout the town. FEMA has declared Ulster County eligible for assistance and any individuals who may have sustained damages from the storm should contact them directly at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). Special thanks again to the operators and employees of Belleayre for allowing us the use of their lodge as an emergency shelter and Mulligan Bus Company for offering the Town shuttles for transport to the shelter, luckily we had minimal residents requiring the shelter and it was closed two days after the event. The Town itself sustained minimal damage but we will be applying again to help offset personnel and equipment that were called in to prepare and assist with recovery efforts. The Town had a small generator that we used to maintain power along with internet, phone, cellular service (for Verizon users) and cable. There is a Shandaken Guest wireless connection for those who wish to work or contact others through email with their own laptops. Thank you to all the employees and volunteers for your time and commitment to our community. Due to the storm response we were unable to complete some tasks in time for the planned Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and had to move it to this evening.



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**Hwy :** The Town will again be signing into the Shared Service agreement with Ulster County for Highway Services offered by the Town on County owned roads.



**Court:** The Town of Shandaken will be applying for Grant funding to provide new equipment for our court room. This is a non-matching grant and may save the Town some costs associated with the Justice Court.

**CIC :** We have a resolution tonight supporting the long-awaited Catskill Interpretive Center which will be presenting some materials at two meetings slated for later this month and early December. They have contacted students from the SUNY Delhi Architectural Class to help them design and construct a structure on the site over the coming months. We certainly wish them well in furthering this endeavor.

**Planning/Building/Zoning:** Maureen Millar has submitted her resignation to the Town as a Planning Board member. We'd like to thank her for her service to the Town and wish her well in the future. The Planning Board has scheduled interviews for both her vacated seat and a possible upcoming opening for a full term seat. We will be appointing following their recommendations. The Town Planning Board has recommended that we appoint Bob Kalb as alternate representative on the Ulster County Planning Board. A scheduling conflict exists between our Planning Board and the County's which makes it virtually impossible for one of our members to attend and we are heading into the winter which sometimes makes it difficult for our current representative to make the County meetings. Also, tonight we will be appointing a Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer/Flood Plain Administrator. Board Member Bartlett and I conducted interviews with applicants yesterday with questions provided by the entire Town Board. There were quite a few qualified applicants and the Town Board tonight just prior to those resolutions will convene to Executive Session to review the responses and will reconvene here tonight to make our selection or selections.

**Misc.:** We have two other resolutions appointing a gentleman the right to perform the duties of Marriage Officer for his niece's wedding to take place at the Full Moon Resort in Oliverea. We also have a recommendation from the Museum Board to hire Kathleen Myers as Museum Director and we wish her the best of luck.

**Ambulance:** Earlier this year the Comptroller pointed out some issues regarding timing of Ambulance billing; being the fact that we currently bill through a manual reporting system which delays billing. So we will generate an RFP for billing as it stands with one addendum bid for Electronic Equipment, Software and Training for our employees and another addendum bid for just the Software and Training. Rich has been able to procure two Toughbooks (Heavy-Duty Laptops) for a relatively low amount of money (\$400/ea) - consider they cost more than \$2000 NEW. So we feel confident that



we could outfit the vehicles with these at low cost from the Ambulance Budget and then look primarily at just software and training. The % rate of Billing Costs could increase dramatically with the equipment bids, but Software and Training alone will help whatever company is awarded the billing service, to bill more efficiently, so we anticipate a level billing cost or only slight increase with just Software and Training. We are currently paying 8.5% of ambulance revenues to ARS for the billing service. We hope to select a service before the first of the year.

**Holidays:** Holidays are around the corner, although there are many people full of good cheer, there are others who are not feeling their best. Please do your part to stop by and pay a visit to someone you may not have seen much of these past few months, sometimes a kind word or gesture can brighten their spirits.

We'd also like to stress the importance of shopping locally during this season, it helps all of us as a community when you purchase products from local retailers or give gift certificates to some of the wonderful eateries located throughout the Town things really kick off on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> which is gaining recognition as "Shop Local Saturday." Of course, "Shop Local Saturday" kicks off with the Second Annual Turkey Trot which we will hear more about in a moment. Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

**Our next regular meeting is scheduled for  
Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7pm.**

SHANDAKEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT			
Month of October 2012			
CHIEF W. JAMES MCGRATH			
Abandoned Vehicle	0	Mental Health Law	0
Abandoned 911's	5	Motorist Assistants	3
Aggravated Harassments	2	Neighbor Disputes	1
Animal Complaints	4	Noise Complaints	1
Assaults	0	Parking Complaints	0
Assist Other Police Agency's	16	Property Disputes	0
Assist Town Ambulance	7	Property Damage Accidents	5
Assist Fire Department	3	Involving DEER	2
Automatic Alarms	16	Involving BEAR	2
Bad Checks	0	Personal Injury Accidents	0
Burglaries	0	Plates Lost M.V.	0
Criminal Mischief's	2	Public Lewdness	0
Criminal Possession Weapons	0	Reckless Endangerments	0
Check the Welfare	8	Robbery	0
Civil Matters	1	Suspicious Persons	7
Drug Possessions	0	Suspicious Vehicles	3
Drug Overdoses	0	Security Checks	6
Disorderly Subjects	1	Shots Fired Complaints	1
Domestic Disputes	5	Suicides Attempted	1
Driving While Intoxicated	0	Suicides	0
Larcenies	0	Traffic Details	9
Fights in Progress	0	Trespassing Complaints	1
General Town Complaints	11	Theft of Service Complaints	0
Grand Larcenies	1	Unattended Deaths	0
Harassment Complaints	3	V&T Complaints	10
Lock-out Assistants	6	Water Rescues	0
Land-lord/Tenant disputes	1	Missing Persons	0
Littering/Dumping Complaints	0	Marijuana Possessions	2
Juvenile Complaints	0	Identity Theft	2
Endangering Welfare Complaints	0	<b>TOTAL CALLS HANDLED</b>	<b>148</b>
Violations	4	Uniform Traffic Tickets	23
Misdemeanors	2	Parking Tickets	1
Felonies	1	Warrants	0
Appearance Tickets	5	<b>TOTAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>7</b>
*****POLICE VEHICLE REPORT*****			
83 Patrol Miles	1959	83 Odometer Reading	77734
84 Patrol Miles	5333	84 Odometer Reading	162380
85 Patrol Miles	285	85 Odometer Reading	61572
86 Patrol Miles	797	86 Odometer Reading	86273
87 Patrol Miles	519	87 Odometer Reading	143769
<b>TOTAL MILES PATROLLED</b>	<b>8889</b>		

## TOWN OF SHANDAKEN AMBULANCE SERVICE



PO BOX 91 PHOENICIA, NY 12464  
WWW.SHANDAKENAMBULANCE.ORG

### October 2012 Report

Total calls received- 31

Mutual aid given- 2 (Town of Olive)

Mutual aid received- 0

The term "dodging the bullet" comes to mind as albeit the Town endured ferocious winds and a bit of rain from "Superstorm" Sandy, overall loss of life, injury, and property damage was slight as compared to our neighbors to the South. At the height of the storm your Police, Fire, and EMS responders, as well as elected and appointed officials were staffing locations around the clock to ensure public safety and proper information dissemination. Early storm notification and preparedness instructions were placed around the Town stressing evacuation points and Town shelter locations.

If we take any bit of preparedness information away from the extreme situations our Town has faced in the past few years let it be that your local Fire Station is your safe haven. These locations are staffed during storms and their dedicated responders are generally privy to any information you need to know during an event.

From time to time we must bid farewell to one of our dedicated employees and unfortunately this month is one of those times. James Baker is officially resigning from the Town of Shandaken Ambulance Service following four years of service as a Paramedic in the Town. James played an instrumental role in the filling of the Paramedic schedule during a period of extreme staffing shortage and has since fielded countless medical calls in the Town resulting in the lives saved. A huge thanks to James and we wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

Stay safe out there!

  
Richard Muellerleile  
Captain/ Administrator  
Town of Shandaken Ambulance Service

*Committed To Care In The Heart Of The Catskills*

## **Committee Reports**

**Doris Bartlett:** There will be a **Catskill Interpretive Center** meeting here at the town hall Wed. November 28<sup>th</sup> 2-6pm.

**Flu Shots** will be available at the Town Hall Friday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 10-11 am. For Adults & Seniors. \$20 – plus they accept Medicare. Give by NYS Health Dept.

**Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner** is Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>. At Parish Hall, Phoenicia. By St. Francis De Sales Church & Rotary. Dinner is free but you may bring a dessert to share. 2-4pm. All Welcome!

**Alfie Higley – Mae Guttman is 101 yrs. old next Monday.**

**Scenic Byway Committee** has submitted to us the final draft for their plan. The Town Board will be looking at this at the next meeting.

Vinny Bernstein won best costume at the Annual Halloween Dance at the Parish Hall.

## **Recreation:**

**Belleayre Ski Program** will start up again this year through ORDA. But will be different than previous yrs. It will be a 6 week program for ages 8-18. No Adults. More info will be forthcoming next week. There are positions open for Chaperones.

**Turkey Trot** – Patty Rudge urges all to participate in the Turkey Trot Saturday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. \$10 per person \$20 family. Fund Raiser for Shandaken Food Pantry. 2 mile walk, run, wobble. Register at Parish Hall day of event 8:15 am. This year they will be honoring Lonnie & Peggy Gale. Other surprises. Please support this event!

**Phoenicia Water District.** George Blank will be joining committee. Next meeting Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. 6:30 at the Library. Supervisor Stanley: We heard from Chazen Co.



about the Loop Project, we will be reviewing 7 issues they want to discuss. We are moving forward.

**Shandaken Museum** – Bob Kalb – Rusty Moore is our new member on the Committee. Entire Museum is now open, both levels. Hoping to move forward with improvements. We have quite a few visitors on weekends. We hope to advertise more.

On a Stanley/Higley motion the Town Board agreed to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter concerning Resolutions 174-175.

**Town Board re-opened Regular Meeting on a Stanley/Jordan motion.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board Member Bernstein- on Resolution #171. Had issue with naming the Interpretative Center after Maurice Hinchey.. he felt that the Kiosk was already named after him and felt that was sufficient. Bernstein also felt that it should be named after a historical figure pertinent to our area. ie: John Burroughs.

Rick Ricciardella – Commented about the streams and needing to clean them up before another flood. Supervisor Stanley commented that they will be starting to clean up again in the Spring.

Kathy Jordan commended the Big Indian/Olivera Beautification Committee for their hard work on the entrance to the valley. It's a wonderful sign of pride & resilience and it just looks beautiful.

Dorothy Flynn – Pine Hill – Brought to the attention of the Town Board an issue she has been having with her water meter at her home. She has received help from Don Clark.. but the problem still exists and wanted to be on record that there is a problem with the reading and will have the system checked out in the spring.

**November 14, 2012**

**RESOLUTION # 165-12**

**OFFERED BY : Bernstein**

## **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 Fund	\$ 49,826.37
Highway Fund	\$ 213,841.95
Phoenicia Water District	\$ 8,873.83
Pine Hill Water District	\$ 314.25
Phoenicia Lighting District	\$ 961.22
Chichester Lighting District	\$ 138.40
Pine Hill Lighting District	\$ 551.69

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: Bartlett

**ROLL CALL: 5 AYES**

**RESOLUTION # 166-12**

**OFFERED BY JORDAN**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS 2013 TOWN BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Shandaken has prepared a 2013 Preliminary Budget for review;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken following a Public Hearing held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 hereby adopts the 2013 Preliminary Budget as amended as the **2013 Town Budget** for the Town of Shandaken

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: HIGLEY

**ROLL CALL: 5 AYES**

**RESOLUTION # 167-12**

**OFFERED BY: STANLEY**

**RESOLUTION RENEWING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT**  
**WITH ULSTER COUNTY D.P.W.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Shandaken last year entered into a shared service agreement with the Ulster County Department of Public Works, for certain winter maintenance of specific roads in Shandaken and



WHEREAS, said agreement has to be renewed annually

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Shandaken Town Board approves the Town Supervisor, with the approval of the Town Highway Superintendent, entering into an agreement with Ulster County D.P.W. for the coming 2012-2013 winter season

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: JORDAN

**ROLL CALL: 5 AYES**

**RESOLUTION # 168-12**

**OFFERED BY HIGLEY**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR JCAP GRANT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Shandaken Justice Court is in need of several pieces of office equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State, through the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP), offers municipalities grant funding for the purchase of such equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no fiscal burden to the Town for this grant

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken authorize the Supervisor to apply for said JCAP funding for the purpose of providing the equipment for the Town of Shandaken Justice Court,

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: BARTLETT

**ROLL CALL: 5 AYES**

**RESOLUTION #169-12**

**OFFERED BY: BARTLETT**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOWN MUSEUM DIRECTOR**

**WHEREAS**, under § 20, Notes of Decision 9 of the Town Law, the Town Board shall appoint all employees of the Town,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Town of Shandaken Museum Committee that **KATHLEEN MYERS** be hired as Town of Shandaken Museum Director at a rate of \$10 per hour.

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: JORDAN

**ROLL CALL: 5 AYES**

**RESOLUTION # 170-12**  
**BERNSTEIN**

**OFFERED BY**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING Allan M. Harris AS MARRIAGE OFFICER**

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Article 3 Section 11 of the New York State Domestic Relations Law, the governing body of any village, town, or city may appoint one or more marriage officers who shall have the authority to solemnize a marriage and which marriage shall be valid if performed in accordance with other provisions of law., and

**WHEREAS** Allan M. Harris has requested the Town Board to appoint him to perform the marriage of his niece, Mindy Groseclose of West Amherst, NY to Adrian Vanleuven of Chichester, NY on March 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Full Moon Resort in Shandaken, NY.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board appoint **Allan M. Harris** as a temporary Marriage Officer, and that he may perform marriages within the jurisdictional bounds of the Town of Shandaken.

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: STANLEY

**ROLL CALL: 5 AYES**

**RESOLUTION # 171-12**

**OFFERED BY JORDAN**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
THE CATSKILL INTERPRETIVE CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, Over twenty years ago, the New York State Legislature set aside funding for the planning and execution of a **Catskill Interpretive Center (CIC)** in the Town of Shandaken in order to attract visitors to the area, provide information regarding history and ecology of the Catskill State Forest Preserve and the Catskill State Park, spur tourism and foster economic revival in the Central Catskills, and

**WHEREAS**, a 62 acre parcel of land has been acquired by the **Catskill Center for Conservation and Development (CCCD)** and the **Trust for Public Land (TPL)** and leased to the **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)**; and

**WHEREAS**, initial site preparation with roads, a bridge, two short (0.5 mile) loop trails and multiple parking areas has been completed, representing an investment of approximately \$1.5 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the site is currently being managed as a **DEC Day Use Area** in close proximity to the Esopus Creek and NYS Wilderness and Wild Forest Areas, and The Friends of The Catskill Interpretive



Center led a private/public partnership that built on that site a Kiosk with information about the Catskill Park and Forest Preserve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ulster County Legislature, in its meeting on January 3, 2007 went on record as being in unanimous support of the building of the **CIC** at the **DEC** Day Use Area in Mount Tremper, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, the neighboring towns of Woodstock and Olive and numerous planning bodies have long supported the notion of a **CIC** at the site mentioned above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Catskill State Park and Forest Preserve are valuable assets for the people of the State of New York providing outdoor recreational opportunities, preserving wilderness and benefiting water and air quality, wildlife habitat and a sustainable environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Catskill State Park and Forest Preserve contribute to the nature-based tourism economy, as well as benefiting the scenery and quality of life in the Town of Shandaken; and

**WHEREAS**, The Friends of the **CIC** are leading the formation of a public/private partnership with the State of New York, local governments, local universities, private organizations and individuals to build the Maurice Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center at the designated Day Use Area in Mount Tremper as a gateway to the Catskill State Park and Forest Preserve and the region to be:

- The focus for information about the Catskill State Park and Forest Preserve Region and recreational opportunities therein;
- A learning center about the Catskill Region
- A center of information for visitors and residents about museums, businesses, amenities and facilities throughout the Catskill Region
- A center for the stimulation of tourism to the Catskill Park Region while preserving the natural beauty and wilderness character of the surrounding area; and

**WHEREAS**, The Maurice Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center promises direct, tangible benefits specifically for the Town of Shandaken in the form of increased visitors, spending and employment,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken hereby goes on record as endorsing the construction of the Maurice Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center at the **DEC** Day Use Area in Mount Tremper, NY and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to the Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, US Congressman Maurice Hinchey, US Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer, US Congressman Chris Gibson, New York State Senators John Bonacic and James Seward, New York State Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Ulster County Executive Michael Hein, Ulster County Legislative Chair Terry Bernardo and Ulster County Legislator John Parete

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: STANLEY

**ROLL CALL: 5 AYES**

**RESOLUTION # 172-12**

**OFFERED BY STANLEY**

**ACCEPT PLANNING BOARD RESIGNATION**

**WHEREAS**, Maureen Millar, has submitted a resignation letter to the Town of Shandaken for his position with Town of Shandaken Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town would like to advertise for the opening Planning Board Member.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Shandaken hereby accepts Maureen Millar's resignation from the Town of Shandaken Planning Board and the Town will immediately advertise for the vacant position.

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: JORDAN

**ROLL CALL: 5 AYES**

**RESOLUTION # 173-12**

**OFFERED BY HIGLEY**

**UC PLANNING BOARD MEMBER**

**WHEREAS** pursuant to section 20 of the Town Law it is the duty of the Town Board to appoint all Boards and Commissions

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that **Bob Kalb** be appointed to the Ulster County Planning Board Alternate

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: JORDAN

**ROLL CALL: 5 AYES**

**RESOLUTION # 174-12**

**OFFERED BY: STANLEY**

**APPOINTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR**

**WHEREAS**, under § 20 of the Town Law, the Town Board should designate all appointed officers and employees of the Town; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that **ALBERT FRIENDA** be appointed as Building Inspector for the Town of Shandaken to be paid an hourly rate of \$12.80, not to exceed \$9,318.40 and mileage while on Town Business.

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: JORDAN

**ROLL CALL: 4 AYES, 1 NAY (BERNSTEIN)**

\*Board Member Bernstein felt the two positions should be held by two different people.

**RESOLUTION # 175-12**

**OFFERED BY: STANLEY**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ FLOOD PLAIN ADMINSTRATOR**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Town Law §138 and pursuant to §'s 116\_63, 116\_64 and 77\_11 of the Code of the Town of Shandaken, Zoning Officer in the Town is responsible for the enforcement of Zoning Ordinances and rules and regulations; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that **ALBERT FRIENDA** be appointed as Zoning Enforcement Officer & Flood Plain Administrator to be paid an hourly rate of \$12.80, not to exceed \$9,318.40 and mileage while on Town Business.

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: JORDAN

**ROLL CALL: 5 AYES**

**RESOLUTION # 176-12**

**OFFERED BY BARTLETT**

**RESOLUTION ADVERTISING RFP (Request For Proposals)  
FOR AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Shandaken runs a Town-wide Ambulance Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Shandaken Ambulance Service and many of its staff have been recognized in the past by Ulster County, Regional and New York State entities for the efficient, courteous and highly qualified service it provides to the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town in an effort to provide equally efficient, courteous and high quality billing services for the Town of Shandaken Ambulance in order to minimize billing response times in a fiscally responsible manner;



**WHEREAS**, the Town has used outside services for these billings;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken hereby wishes to advertise through a Request For Proposal (RFP) process for the following services:

- **Primary Bid** to include the **amount charged to the Town for such services**, along with a description of the company, references, services offered, familiarity with all local/regional/state/federal medical insurance carriers and their billing practices
- **Addendum Bid #1** to include cost of providing the Town with **Electronic Software** compatible with existing Town-owned and yet to be purchased Electronic Hardware (Computers) **and Training** for Ambulance Staff in order to provide billing services through electronic submission of Patient Care Reports (PCR's)
- **Addendum Bid #2** to include cost of providing the Town with all **Electronic Hardware, compatible Software and Training** for Ambulance Staff in order to provide billing services through electronic submission of Patient Care Reports (PCR's)

**AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION**

Seconded by: HIGLEY

**ROLL CALL: 5 AYES**

All business pertinent having been discussed, the Town Board adjourned at 8:15 on a Stanley/Bernstein motion.

Joyce Grant, Town Clerk