



**Town of Shandaken Town Board
Monthly Meeting
Monday May 4, 2026 – 7pm**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of previous T/B Meeting minutes**
- 5. Supervisor's Report & Financial Report**
- 6. Communications – OCS Budget Review**
- 7. Committee Reports:**
 - a. Ambulance*
 - b. Building/Zoning*
 - c. Police*
 - d. Phoenicia Water*
 - e. Pine Hill Water*
 - f. Museum*
 - g. Recreation*
 - h. Housing*
 - i. Conservation Advisory Council*
 - j. Comprehensive Plan*
 - k. Board Conversation*
- 8. Public Comments on Resolutions**
- 9. Motions:**
- 10. Resolutions:**
 - 68. Pay All Bills**
 - 69. Re-Appointing Marriage Officer – Ricarda O'Connor**
 - 70. Accept Addendum to LFA Shandaken/Allaben**
 - 71. Authorize Supr. to Acquire Loan from Rural Water – Pine Hill**
 - 72. Ambulance – Appoint Technicians**
 - 73. Advertise For Municipal Worker**
- 11. Open Public Comment**
- 12. Meeting Adjournment *In Memory of Shirley O'Donnell, Doug Kadow, Jonathan Baldwin, Gloria Braman***

RESOLUTION #68-26

OFFERED BY:

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 DRAKE	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	_____	_____
SUPERVISOR MANSFIELD	_____	_____

APPOINTING MARRIAGE OFFICER – RICARDA O’CONNOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Domestic Relations Law, the Governing Body of a municipality has the right to appoint Marriage Officer who shall have the authority to solemnize a marriage within the territorial jurisdiction of such municipality, and which marriage shall be valid if performed in accordance with other provisions of law, and

WHEREAS, according to said Law, the Marriage Officer appointment is valid for a period of four (4) years, and Officer shall receive no salary or wage, and is authorized to accept and keep up to seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars for each marriage that he or she officiates, to be paid by or on behalf of the persons married.

WHEREAS, RICARDA O’CONNOR, a resident of the Town of Shandaken, has requested the Town Board to re-appoint her to the position of Marriage Officer for the period of four (4) years or until such time as her appointment is withdrawn pursuant to Domestic Relations Law 11-c, whichever comes first.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that **RICARDA O’CONNOR** be appointed Town of Shandaken Marriage Officer – This resolution shall take effect immediately. Appointment Expires May 1, 2030.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL
AYES NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE _____ _____

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL _____ _____

BOARD MEMBER STEEN _____ _____

BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM _____ _____

SUPERVISOR MANSFIELD _____ _____

**ACCEPTING ADDENDUM TO THE LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS REPORT
FOR HAMLETS OF SHANDAKEN AND ALLABEN**

WHEREAS, the town of Shandaken in 2017 enlisted the services of the Town Engineering Firm, then Milone and MacBroom, Inc. (MMI) to conduct a Local Flood Analysis (LFA) for the Hamlets of Shandaken and Allaben to investigate multiple options for flood reduction and resiliency projects within the study area in order to qualify for design and implementation funding through certain programs; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2017 MMI made a presentation of findings at a public meeting with the Town Board, including feasibility of the options investigated and determined the most economically viable options using a Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA); and

WHEREAS, the Shandaken Town Board members and the Shandaken Area Flood Assessment and Remediation Initiative (SAFARI) held a public comment period with no comments issued; and

WHEREAS, the LFA for the Hamlets of Shandaken and Allaben was accepted by the Town Board on February 6, 2018 by Resolution No. 50-18; and

WHEREAS, the accepted LFA report designates seven (7) facilities as critical facilities, and

WHEREAS, in 2020 New York State published the Community Risk and Resiliency Act (CRRRA) Flood Risk Management Guidance, which encourages that locations of critical facilities avoid **the 0.2% annual chance (500-year) floodplain when alternatives are available, or that construction of critical facilities is to include 3 feet of freeboard above base flood elevation**, and

WHEREAS, in March of 2026, SAFARI prepared an amendment to the accepted LFA report so that recommendations for critical facilities would be consistent with NYS CRRRA guidelines, with support from the committee's technical advisors including the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the opportunity to relocate its own critical facilities and co-locate facilities with Ulster County on land outside of FEMA-designated flood zones, including the 0.2% annual chance flood zone (Zone X-shaded) for the protection of government assets and continuity of operations during natural hazard or other events to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents and businesses;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Shandaken Board hereby accepts the Addendum to

the LFA Report, prepared by SAFARI in March 2026, and that the Town Board seek funding for any such feasible projects and report back to the public on any progress towards actions recommended in the LFA and Addendum.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL
AYES NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE _____ _____

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL _____ _____

BOARD MEMBER STEEN _____ _____

BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM _____ _____

SUPERVISOR MANSFIELD _____ _____

**AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO ACQUIRE LOAN FROM
RURAL WATER FOR URGENT PINE HILL WATER DISTRICT WORK**

WHEREAS, a bid from Evergreen Mountain Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$95,425.00 was accepted as the lowest qualified bid on April 20, 2026 for replacement of the water main on Mill Street in Pine Hill; and

WHEREAS, urgent replacement of pressure reducing valves are also needed in Pine Hill Water District; and

WHEREAS, the repair amount of the total loan cannot exceed \$200,000;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Shandaken Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Mansfield to apply for a 10-year loan at 3.125% from the Rural Water Revolving Loan Fund.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL
AYES NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE _____ _____

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL _____ _____

BOARD MEMBER STEEN _____ _____

BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM _____ _____

SUPERVISOR MANSFIELD _____ _____

RESOLUTION #72-26

OFFERED BY:

APPOINTING POLICE OFFICERS

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personnel be hired within the Town of Shandaken Police Department at rates not to exceed the following for the remainder of the Fiscal Year 2026:

Officer Jordan Berryann, Part Time @ \$29.20 per hour

Officer Michael Holland, Part Time @ \$29.200 per hour

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL
AYES NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	_____	_____
SUPERVISOR MANSFIELD	_____	_____

Resolution #73-26

Offered By:

ADVERTISING FOR MUNICIPAL WORKER

Whereas, Pursuant to §20 of the Town Law it is the duty of the Town Board to appoint all employees of the Town; and

Whereas, The Town is in need of a cleaner and light maintenance for Town Hall and several other town locations.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Town of Shandaken will advertise for a Municipal Worker for the Town Hall 4 days a week, 2-3 hours per day at \$16.78: schedule TBD. Position effective immediately.

Interested individuals should complete employment application at Town Hall Monday-Friday, between 9:00 and 4:00.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL
AYES NAYS

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BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL _____ _____

BOARD MEMBER STEEN _____ _____

BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM _____ _____

SUPERVISOR MANSFIELD _____ _____