

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

**The Town of Shandaken Town Board conducted a Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday
May 4, 2026 @ 7pm. Shandaken Town Hall. 7209 Rt. 28 Shandaken, NY**

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

All Members Present **Barbara Mansfield – Supervisor
Kevin VanBlarcum - Board Member
Kyle Steen – Board Member
Elizabeth Kneissl – Board Member
Robert Drake – Board Member**

Recording Secretary **Joyce Grant - Town Clerk**

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



**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 – Kyle Steen*
 - e. *Pine Hill Water – Kyle Steen*
 - f. *Museum – Joseph Prieboy*
 - g. *Recreation – Samantha Awand Gortel*
 - h. *Housing – Vickie Starr*
 - i. *Conservation Advisory Council – Beth Waterman*
 - 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. Police – Hire Officers
 73. Town Hall – Adv. For Municipal Worker

74. Highway – Financing & Replacement of Vehicle
 11. Open Public Comment
 12. Meeting Adjournment *In Memory of Shirley O'Donnell, Doug Kadow, Jonathan Baldwin, Gloria Braman*

Supervisor Report May 2026
 Revenues For April, 2026

Registrar/Vital Statistics	\$	210.00
Dog Licenses	\$	37.50
Ambulance Fees	\$	17,830.99
Town Clerk Fees/EZ Pass	\$	272.22
Planning Board	\$	150.00
Building Permit Fees	\$	6,314.75
Justice Fees	\$	3,957.00
Zoning Fees	\$	100.00
MAHV/April, 2026	\$	1,000.00
MTC Franchise	\$	1,936.64
Time Warner Franchise Fee	\$	13,106.57
ORDA	\$	3,000.00
Higley	\$	239.88
Oliverea Cemetery-Donation	\$	100.00
Police Fees	\$	180.00
Cornell Cooperative	\$	1,362.05
Medical-Miranda/DiSclafani	\$	1,134.78
SBA	\$	3,617.86
Hudler Cemetary/Credit on Acct.	\$	11.00
Pitney Bowes/Credit	\$	35.10

Totals \$ 54,596.34



SHANDAKEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 Shandaken, New York 12480
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 CHIEF OF POLICE CHAD STOREY chief@shandakenpolice.org

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INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER	INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER
911 Misdial/No Voice/Abandoned	6	Harassment	
Accident PIAA/PDAA	6	Local Law	
Abandoned Vehicle		Lock Out	
Alarm Burglary/Panic/Robbery	3	Lost/Missing Person	1
Animal Complaint/Investigation	3	Noise Complaint	1
Assist EMS/Fire	17	Property Retrieval/Lost/Found	1
Criminal Mischief	1	Public Service/Special Detail	
Disorderly Conduct	5	Open Door	
Encon Violation		Property Check	408
Larceny	3	Road Hazard	3
Community Oriented Policing Project		School Check	
Custody Dispute		Shots Fired	
Civil	2	Suspicious Activity	7
Disabled Vehicle	12	Traffic Stop	17
Dispute	1	Trespass	
Domestic Dispute		Vehicle and Traffic Complaint	19
Erratic Vehicle	2	Welfare Check	10
Foot Patrol	1	Field Interview	
Fraud		Warrant	
Mental Health Law		Total	112

Property Checks 408
 Total w/property checks 520

SUMMONS ISSUED	4
ARRESTS	1



Town of Shandaken **Ambulance Service**

"Committed to Care In the Heart of the Catskills"

April 2026 Report

TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED- 61

MUTUAL AID GIVEN- 5 (4-Town of Olive, 1- Town of Woodstock)

MUTUAL AID RECEIVED- (2- Olive, 1- Woodstock)

TOTAL TRANSPORTS- 33

TOTAL NO TRANSPORT/ STANDBY/ RELOCATIONS – 28

Between calls for service, the Ambulance service has been extremely busy with the on boarding of new employees, and working with the New York State Department of Health, new Medical Director, and our independent consultant to incorporate the latest best practices into our EMS operation. Many thanks to our existing employees that have gone out of their way to help- particularly Deputy Chief Michael Williams whom has, along with on-duty staff, collectively done their best to show our new talent the ropes.

Of note – May is one of our busier months for mountain rescues. At the sake of sounding like a broken record, please be prepared for your hike, and understand that if we must respond to help you at the top of a mountain it takes finite resources away from our entire area. Most recently we had a hiker that ate a food that they were allergic to on the top of one of our high peaks – don't do that. A little common sense will go a long way- and get you over the mountain successfully.

The Monthly Report for The Shandaken Historical Museum for April 2026

Long time museum board member Jonathan Baldwin, beloved husband of Katherine Ellen Stringer, passed away on April 5th. Jon was a resourceful, and dedicated board member who will be greatly missed. There will be a small memorial service held at the Museum on Saturday, May 9th from 1 to 3pm for family and friends.

On Friday, April 17th, the Museum celebrated National Poetry Month by participating in the 2026 annual Pine Hill Poetry Walk hosted by the Morton Memorial Library. The poetry walk began at the Shandaken Historical Museum and was attended by a half dozen poetry buffs then continued around Pine Hill to end with a final poetry reading at the Morton Library. To honor the work of the library's founder, Professor Henry Morton, I read and displayed a number of his beautifully illustrated books and poems and discussed his illustrious career as it pertained to world culture and the history of Pine Hill.

Shandaken historian Paul Misko will be giving an audio-visual presentation called "The Life of a Revolutionary War Soldier" at the Museum on May 16th from 1-3pm to kick off our initial celebration of the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding. He will discuss local historical events as well as the many of the hardships that most soldiers experienced, along with details of some of the equipment they used. He will also tell accounts of their day-to-day lives, some sad, some disturbing, and some very funny.

Currently the Museum is also working with military historian Larry Maxwell to produce an authentic Revolutionary War reenactment celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. His presentation will include a full-fledged revolutionary war reenactment staged on Saturday, Sept. 26th in Big Indian Park. Stay tuned for big fun!

The Museum will be busy this summer celebrating Shandaken's rich history at a number of exciting local events this summer. – from Pine Hill Pride Day, to the Big Indian Park Music Festival to the Shandaken Eagle Day Celebration and the nation's 250th birthday, the Museum will provide an astute historical perspective to help educate and celebrate Shandaken's history for all residents and tourists.

The museum had over 35 visitors in April. Many leaving generous contributions and messages of thanks and appreciation. Respectfully submitted, Joseph Prieboy Director The Town of Shandaken Historical Museum

April 2026 Building Zoning

Building Permits 14

Certificate of Compliance 13

Demo 3

CO 2

Event Permit 1

Flood Permit 1

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Molly Holm Mt. Pleasant – Andrew Lane Heavy & Speeding traffic due to multiple events at Foxfire Hotel. Requests a speed monitor on the road. Many large trucks, signage for each event, etc.

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	\$ 507,337.72
Highway	116,086.28
Phoenicia Water	91,448.23
Pine Hill Water	21,055.76
Phoenicia Lights	1,705.33
Chichester Lights	246.60
Pine Hill Lights	1,022.24
Pine Hill Sign Light	33.92

	\$ 738,936.08

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL 5 AYES

RESOLUTION #69-26

OFFERED BY VANBLARCUM

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: KNEISSL

ROLL CALL 5 AYES

RESOLUTION #70-26

OFFERED BY KNEISSL

**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: MANSFIELD

ROLL CALL 5 AYES

RESOLUTION #71-26

OFFERED BY MANSFIELD

**AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO ACQUIRE LOAN FROM
RURAL WATER TO REPLACE WATER MAIN IN PINE HILL**

WHEREAS, a bid from Evergreen Mountain Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$95,000.00 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, the repair amount exceeds Pine Hill Water District's repair budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Shandaken Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Mansfield to apply for a [terms]

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: DRAKE

ROLL CALL 5 AYES

RESOLUTION #72-26

OFFERED BY: DRAKE

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 @ \$29.20 per hour

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: STEEN

ROLL CALL 5 AYES

RESOLUTION #73-26

OFFERED BY: STEEN

ADVERTISE FOR TOWN HALL MUNICIPAL WORKER

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

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

THERERFORE, 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 per hr. Schedule TBD. Position effective immediately.

Interested Individuals should complete employment application at Town Hall Monday-Friday between 9-3pm

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION
Seconded by: VANBLARCUM
ROLL CALL 5 AYES

RESOLUTION #74-26

OFFERED BY: VANBLARCUM

RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF REPLACEMENT HIGHWAY VEHICLE

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken Highway Superintendent has identified a vehicle for replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has identified this vehicles available through the Sourcewell Contract as well as available financing for said vehicle costs; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Shandaken Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to approve the purchase of ONE (1) Kenworth HV507 Dump Trucks with dump body including front plow and wing for a price not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00)

Be It Further Resolved that the Town Supervisor be authorized to enter into agreement with Key Government Finance, Inc. located at 726 Exchange St., Suite 900, Buffalo, NY 14210 for One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) for a period not to exceed seven (7) years.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION
Seconded by: KNEISSL
ROLL CALL 5 AYES

ON A DRAKE/VANBLARCUM MOTION THE TOWN BOARD ADJOURNED AT 8:20

JOYCE GRANT – TOWN CLERK