



Town of Shandaken Town Board Monthly Meeting

Monday August 3, 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
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:
 102. Pay All Bills
 103. Amending Summer Rec pay
 104. Hiring Ambulance Officer & pay
 105. Supporting Eagle & Wildlife Health
 106. Set Public Hearing 2026 Comprehensive Master Plan
11. Open Public Comment
12. Meeting Adjournment *In Memory of Larry Brill, Tom O'Brien, Henry Bernstein, Jr., Eliodora Zelaya,*

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 KNESSL	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	_____	_____
SUPERVISOR MANSFIELD	_____	_____

AMENDING SUMMER RECREATION PERSONNEL PAY

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 the Town Board of Shandaken amend the position of Shandaken Summer Recreation personnel, Gemini Palla, from Returning Counselor to First-Year Counselor, at \$16.00 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	_____	_____

HIRING AMBULANCE OFFICER & PAY RATES

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following personnel be appointed to the Shandaken Town Ambulance at rates not to exceed the following:
Paramedic, Part Time – **Tammy Rhinehart** at \$33.00 per hour;
and that as provided under Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) effective January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2026, said employees shall serve at the discretion of the Ambulance Chief and Town Board.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL
AYES NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER VANBLARCUM	_____	_____
SUPERVISOR MANSFIELD	_____	_____

SUPPORTING EAGLE AND WILDLIFE HEALTH

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken recognizes the bald eagle as a symbol of our nation and an important part of the natural beauty, environmental heritage, and ecological health of the Catskill Region; and

WHEREAS, bald eagles and other birds of prey have made a remarkable recovery in New York State and are increasingly observed throughout the Town of Shandaken, including along the Esopus Creek, reservoirs, forests, and waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Town proudly celebrates Eagle Day on August 22, on the 40th Anniversary of the Shandaken Eagle Statue; and

WHEREAS, scientific studies have shown that lead fragments from ammunition and discarded fishing tackle can be ingested by eagles and other wildlife, causing illness or death, and that lead fragments may also remain in game meat intended for human consumption; and

WHEREAS, eagles and other wildlife may also be harmed through secondary poisoning from certain rodenticides consumed by prey animals, and increased public awareness can help reduce these preventable risks; and

WHEREAS, the voluntary use of non-lead ammunition, fishing tackle, and other wildlife-friendly practices can help protect eagles and other wildlife while preserving New York's valued hunting, fishing, and outdoor traditions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken supports educational efforts, including the **#SwapOutTheLead** initiative, and respectfully encourages hunters, anglers, property owners, and outdoor enthusiasts to voluntarily consider non-lead ammunition, non-lead fishing tackle, and other wildlife-friendly practices whenever practical to help protect eagles, wildlife, waterways, and the natural environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town recognizes and appreciates the many hunters, anglers, landowners, conservationists, and outdoor enthusiasts who already practice responsible wildlife stewardship and voluntarily adopt measures that help protect eagles and other native wildlife; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town encourages public education and awareness during the Town's annual Eagle Day celebration and throughout the year to promote wildlife conservation, environmental stewardship, and the protection of our natural resources for future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Ulster County Legislature, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, and other interested conservation organizations and agencies.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL

	AYES	NAYS
BOARD MEMBER DRAKE	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER VANBLARCUM	_____	_____
SUPERVISOR MANSFIELD	_____	_____

Resolution #106-26

Offered By

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF 2026 COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing must be held within 90 days for the purpose of hearing all those in favor or against the adoption of the 2026 Comprehensive Master Plan for the Town of Shandaken; and

WHEREAS, legal notice of any required public hearing must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the community at least 10 calendar days before the hearing date; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Shandaken has scheduled the first two public hearings and at such hearings any person may be heard in favor or against the Comprehensive Master Plan as compiled, or for or against any items or items therein contained.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken will meet and review the 2026 Comprehensive Master Plan and hold a Public Hearings thereon, at the Shandaken Town Hall on Monday, August 17 at 6:00, preceding a Board Workshop, and Monday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m., preceding a Regular Monthly Meeting,

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:	ROLL CALL	
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