

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

**The Town of Shandaken Town Board conducted a Regular Monthly Meeting
on Monday July 6, 2026 at 7pm Shandaken Town Hall. 7209 Rt. 28 Shandaken,
NY**

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

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

Recording Secretary	Joyce Grant - Town Clerk
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On a Mansfield/Drake motion the Town Board unanimously approved the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2026 ENTITLED “FILMING PERMITTING.”

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 6:45. to hear public comments on the proposed LOCAL LAW #1 of 2026 Entitled ‘FILMING PERMITTING. All persons interested shall be heard. Shandaken Town Hall. 7209 State Rt. 28.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken has considered adopting a Local Law pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 20 and Town Law [§ 29-1](#) entitled “Filming Permitting” to the Town Code; and

**WHEREAS, the adoption of the proposed Local Law requires a public hearing; and
WHEREAS, adoption of the proposed Local Law is a Type II action and can be adopted**

without further regard to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken wishes to set a time and place for a public hearing with respect to proposed Local Law #1 of 2026, so that the public may be heard;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Town Board of the Town of

Shandaken with respect to the aforesaid proposed Local Law on July 6 @ 6:45pm and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

One question by Beth Waterman on the Filming fees, if the town incurs the fees for emergency services. Answer, the town Police Dept already charges the film company for any additional services provided.

Motion made at 7pm to close the public hearing, carried.



**Town of Shandaken Town Board
Monthly Meeting**

Monday July 6, 2026 – 7pm

Public Hearing 6:45 LL#1-2026 Filming Permitting

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: 1- To go into Exec Session after meeting 2- Table Resolution 89 by VanBlarcum/Mansfield
10. Resolutions:
 86. Pay All Bills
 87. Adopt Local Law#1-2026 Filming Permitting
 88. Accept Donations Hudler/Oliverea Cemeteries
 89. Appoint TOCCI ENGINEERING Town Engineering Consultant
 90. Hire Part Time STR Short Term Rental Clerk
 91. Ambulance – Hire Stabilization Services
 92. Ambulance – Hire Interim Ambulance Chief of Operations
 93. Summer Rec – Hire Camp Counselors

94. NYCDEP Flood Buyout – 750, 756 & TBD Plank Road Phoenicia
95. Approve MARK Project App – Main Street Program Funding
96. Authorize Black Powder Cannon Demo – Big Indian Park Reenactment
97. Authorize Redemption of Returnable Beverage Containers – Use of Proceeds
98. Authorize OCS – Phoenicia School – Access Agreement
99. Approve Agreement w/ CWC Catskill Watershed & Town for Purchase of Real Property for Relocation of Shandaken Town Hall & Highway Garage.
100. Appointing Floodplain Administrator – Town of Shandaken
101. Appointing ZBA Alternate Member
11. Open Public Comment
12. Meeting Adjournment *In Memory of Oluf Pinks, Dawn Neal Ellsworth, Henry Bernstein, Jr. (Otto)*

Supervisor Report For July 2026
Revenue For June, 2026

Ambulance Fees	\$12,546.46
Cell Tower/Rental	\$7,240.80
Higley	\$119.94
Police Fees	\$15.00
Oliverea Cemetary	\$575.00
Justice Fees	\$7,361.00
MAHV	\$1,000.00
Guardian Reimb. From HWY	\$3,075.92
Sales Tax	\$107,704.99
Ambulance Donation	\$400.00
Dog License	\$93.50
Building Department	\$7,496.00
Town Clerk	\$725.00
Zoning	\$450.00
Planning	\$150.00
Registrar	\$120.00
Interest on Accounts	\$3,810.25
STR Receivables	\$12,800.00
Quill Reimbursement	\$677.86
Soil Reimbursement	\$170.00
Parks/Rec Donation	\$100.00
Summer Rec Trip	\$975.00
Summer Rec Donation	\$700.00
Glenbook Park Donation	\$50.00
Medical/Health	\$630.20
Donation/Mt. Tremper Reformed Church	\$13,420.00
TOTAL	\$182,406.92



Town of Shandaken Ambulance Service

"Committed to Care In the Heart of the Catskills"

June 2026 Report

TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED- 48

MUTUAL AID GIVEN- (3- Town of Olive, 2- Town of Lexington)

MUTUAL AID RECEIVED- - (2- Olive First Aid)

TOTAL TRANSPORTS- 16

TOTAL NO TRANSPORT/ STANDBY/ RELOCATIONS – 32

With both gratitude and a heavy heart, I announce my retirement as Chief of the Town of Shandaken Ambulance Service, effective July 10, 2026. After nearly fifteen years serving as Chief, I have made the difficult decision to step away from the administrative leadership of the department while remaining available to continue serving the Town as a part-time paramedic. Although my professional focus is shifting toward helping guide my family's longtime business into its next chapter, my commitment to helping others remains unchanged. This is not a goodbye to the Town I have been honored to serve, as well as raise an incredible family in—it is simply a new way of serving it.

Looking back, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for what we accomplished together. When I first accepted this appointment, I never imagined that we would build a fully career-staffed municipal Advanced Life Support service employing over 20 dedicated professionals. That achievement belongs to every member of this department, every Town Board member who believed in our mission, every dispatcher, firefighter, law enforcement officer, healthcare professional, mutual aid partner, and every resident who placed their trust in us. I have always believed that leadership is measured not by individual accomplishments, but by the people who stand beside you. I have been incredibly fortunate to stand beside some of the very best.

Public service has never been just my profession—it has been my family's way of life. My wife cared for this community for many years as its local pharmacist, while I cared for many of those same neighbors through emergency medical services. During Hurricane Irene, our professional lives intersected in a way neither of us will ever forget. Together, we helped coordinate & deliver lifesaving medications to residents who had become isolated by floodwaters along with our first responders, ensuring that those most vulnerable continued to receive the care they needed. It remains the only time we truly worked side by side, and it is one of the accomplishments that meant the most to me— as it reflected not only our professions, but our shared commitment to this community. It is with great hopes that the generation of our family we raised right here will do the same! We're sure they will.

As I begin this next chapter, it feels fitting that my focus once again turns toward working alongside family. For more than twenty-five years, I have spent my career caring for the well-being of others. Now, while I will proudly continue serving the Town as a part-time paramedic, I also have the opportunity to devote that same commitment and sense of responsibility to my family's business and its future. To me, that is simply another form of service.

My hope is that those who follow in this position will continue to lead with compassion, integrity, humility, and an unwavering dedication to those they serve. Public service is not defined by a job title. It is found in every act of kindness, every emergency answered, every neighbor helped, and every sacrifice made without expecting recognition. Treat every call like it is a family member in need.

To everyone who allowed me to serve over these past fifteen years, thank you. Thank you to every employee who answered the call beside me, every elected official who supported our mission, every mentor who shaped my career, every mutual aid partner, and every resident who reminded us why this work matters.

Most of all, thank you to my wife and daughters. You sacrificed more than anyone will ever know so that I could answer the call whenever someone else needed help. Everything I have accomplished has only been possible because of your unwavering love and support. Josette, Gianna, and Angelina- You are my world and forever will be. Hey Joan- I guess you're alright too.

This chapter has meant more to me than words can adequately express, and I will carry its memories, friendships, and lessons with me for the rest of my life. I leave this position knowing the department is stronger than when I found it, and I could not ask for a better legacy than that. It has been the honor of my lifetime to serve as your Chief, and I look forward to continuing to serve this remarkable community from the back of the ambulance for years to come.

Stay Safe Out There,



Richard Muellerleile, EMT-P

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Messinger – Pine Hill spoke about road work in Pine Hill.

Shannon Ryan – Big Indian commented on Bear Wise Program – he said it doesn't work and the NYSDEC should enact an early bear hunting season, NRI Natural Resource Inventory – made the problems such as the 'Blue Hole' swimming area. Also the Dog Park should not be right next to the Playground.. due to seepage of dog feces, etc.

The Town Board went into Executive Session on a Vanblarcum/Mansfield motion at 7:57 on a personnel matter to be discussed. The closed the Executive Session at 8:15 & reconvened Regular Meeting.

RESOLUTION #86-26

OFFERED BY: VANBLARCUM

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	\$ 315,411.18
Highway	189,239.29
Phoenicia Water	11,700.62
Pine Hill Water	3,908.87
Phoenicia Lights	0.00
Chichester Lights	0.00
Pine Hill Lights	0.00
Pine Hill Sign	65.91

	\$ 520,325.87

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: KNEISSL

ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

RESOLUTION # 87-26

OFFERED BY: KNEISSL

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026
ENTITLED "FILMING PERMITTING"**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken duly introduced proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 entitled "Filming Permitting"; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly noticed and held on July 6, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. at the Shandaken Town Hall, at which all persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to speak; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed and considered all comments received regarding the proposed Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2026 is a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and requires no further environmental review;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2026 entitled "Filming Permitting," a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file the adopted Local Law with the New York State Department of State and to take all actions necessary to effectuate the provisions of said Local Law.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: MANSFIELD

ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

DRAFT LOCAL LAW #1-2026

§ 43-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

FILMING — The recording on film, videotape, digital or other medium of motion pictures, commercials, television, documentaries, shows, performances, athletic or sports events or other similar events or activities, excluding still photography. As used herein, "filming" shall include the use of public or private property for persons, equipment, vehicles, props, cameras and any other items or materials used in connection with such filming. The filming of home movies or videos intended for the exclusive use of the owner and their immediate family and any filming for a governmental/municipal access broadcast or in connection with a news broadcast or for the purposes of scientific research without intent to publish commercially are exempt from this chapter and are not included within the definition of "filming."

TOWN — The Town of Shandaken

§ 43-2. Permit required.

No person, firm, association or corporation shall commence filming within the Town unless a permit therefore has been issued by the Town Clerk.

43-3. Application for permit; granting of permit.

A. An application for a filming permit shall be made on forms provided by the Town Clerk and shall contain at least the following information:

- (1) Name, address and telephone number of the person or entity making the film.
- (2) Name, address and telephone number of the location coordinator or other contact person.
- (3) Purpose of the filming.
- (4) Specific location of each property to be used in the filming.
- (5) Dates and times of the day that the property will be used.
- (6) Name and address of the property owner.
- (7) Consent of the owner of the property.
- (8) Types of motor vehicles (e.g., sedans, pickup trucks, vans, etc.) to be brought into the Town for purposes of the filming; and where those vehicles are intended to be parked.
- (9) Such other information as may be required by the Town Clerk.

B. The Town Board may grant, deny or grant the permit with restrictions and/or conditions.

C. The Town Board may conditionally approve or deny an application for a filming permit if the Board determines, in writing, that it will create a dangerous condition, interfere with the use of the Town streets or public places, create a nuisance to the Town residents or violate any provisions of the Town Code.

§ 43-4. Permit restrictions.

A. Every permit shall contain a date of commencement and expiration, as well as the specific hours during which filming may occur.

B. The Town Board may place further reasonable limitations on hours of operation based on the needs of the particular neighborhood or the existence of conflicting scheduled events.

§ 43-5. Fees; waiver.

An applicant for a permit under this chapter shall pay an appropriate fee as determined by the Town Board, but not to exceed \$5,000. Such fee shall be paid in cash or check three days prior to the issuance of the permit. This fee, however, may be waived in connection with filming done for a charitable, educational, public service, or other similar nonprofit purpose. Proof of such purpose, in a form satisfactory to the Town Board, must be submitted for a waiver of the permit fee to be considered.

§ 43-6. Incidental costs.

The applicant shall pay the actual cost for the incidental use for Town personnel, services or equipment in connection with filming. If the applicant requires intermittent or full road closures, or working near busy streets that necessitate traffic direction, or using prop weapons, pyrotechnics, or stunts that require supervision, or filming in a location where a police detail is necessary for public safety, the applicant shall pay additional fees as determined by the Shandaken Police Department.

§ 43-7. Insurance and bond.

No permit shall be issued, until the applicant has filed with the Town Clerk a certificate or policy of general liability insurance, including personal injury liability, in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 bodily injury and property damage combined single limit per occurrence and naming the Town as an additional insured, thereby providing a defense for and indemnify the Town from and against any claim, loss or damage resulting from the filming for which the permit is issued.

§ 43-8. Suspension or revocation of permit

- A. The Town Clerk may suspend or revoke a filming permit issued for any of the following reasons:
 - (1) Violation of any law, rule or regulation of the United States, the State of New York, the County of Ulster, the Town or any department or agency thereof
 - (2) Violation of any condition of the permit;
 - (3) Conduct that is detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the public; or
 - (4) Conduct found to be a nuisance or an interference with the activities of residents located within the area of the Town for which the permit has been granted.
- B. A decision of the Town Clerk to suspend or revoke a permit shall be appealable to the Town Board, whose decision thereon shall be final. The decision of the Town Board may be reviewed under the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules by an Article 78 proceeding brought within 30 days of the filing of the Town Board decision in the Clerk's office.
- C. In the event that a permit is suspended or revoked, the fees paid therefor shall be forfeited and shall not be refunded to the applicant.

§ 43-9. Penalties for offenses.

- A. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provision of this chapter or any rule or determination made thereunder, or

who shall undertake filming without a permit therefore, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$3,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation.
B. In addition to the penalties set forth hereinabove, the Town may enforce any provision of this chapter by injunction or by civil action to recover a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for each violation.

RESOLUTION #88-26

OFFERED BY: MANSFIELD

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FOR THE PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF OLIVEREA CEMETERY AND HUDLER CEMETERY

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken has assumed responsibility for the care and maintenance of Oliverrea Cemetery & Hudler Cemetery, both of which serve as important historic and community resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken recognizes the cultural, genealogical, and historical significance of these cemeteries and desires to preserve them for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, volunteers and community members have already contributed time and resources toward the restoration and maintenance of these cemeteries, including surveying, brush clearing, sign replacement, headstone preservation, and other improvements; and

WHEREAS, additional restoration and preservation projects are planned, including improvements to cemetery entrances, grounds maintenance, monument preservation, historical documentation, and related cemetery improvements; and

WHEREAS, New York State law permits municipalities to accept gifts and donations for municipal purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken hereby authorizes the acceptance of voluntary monetary donations, memorial gifts, and other lawful contributions for the preservation, maintenance, restoration, and improvement of Oliverrea Cemetery and Hudler Cemetery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that All donations received shall be deposited into the Town's designated Oliverrea Cemetery or Hudler Cemetery account, as specified by the donor, and shall be accounted for in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and municipal accounting practices. Donations not specifically designated by the donor may be allocated by the Town Board to either cemetery as deemed appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all funds received pursuant to this resolution shall be used solely for cemetery-related purposes, including but not limited to grounds maintenance, restoration projects, monument and headstone preservation, signage, landscaping, historical documentation, entrance improvements, and other related cemetery needs as approved by the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to receive and acknowledge such donations on behalf of the Town and to maintain records of donations received in accordance with applicable law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board gratefully acknowledges the generosity of residents, descendants, community organizations, and friends of the cemeteries whose contributions help preserve these important historic resources.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION
Seconded by: STEEN
ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

RESOLUTION #89-2026 * TABLED*

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TOCCI ENGINEERING AS AN ADDITIONAL TOWN ENGINEERING CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken is responsible for administering and enforcing the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, the New York State Energy Conservation Construction Code, and applicable local laws; and

WHEREAS, building plans submitted to the Town have become increasingly complex in nature and may involve structural, civil, mechanical, electrical, energy code, floodplain, and other technical considerations requiring specialized engineering expertise; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the importance of ensuring that buildings and structures constructed within the Town are reviewed for compliance with applicable codes and standards in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Town residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to make qualified engineering services available to the Building Department on an as-needed basis for the review of building plans, specifications, reports, calculations, and other technical documents submitted in connection with permit applications; and

WHEREAS, Tocci Engineering, located in Rhinebeck, New York, possesses the qualifications and expertise necessary to provide such third-party engineering review services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken hereby appoints Tocci Engineering of Rhinebeck, New York, as an additional Town engineering consultant authorized to provide third-party engineering review services to the Town Building Department on an as-needed basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such services may include the review of building plans, structural designs, engineering reports, calculations, and related technical documents for compliance with applicable codes, regulations, and accepted engineering practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when third-party engineering review services are required in connection with a permit application, site plan review, special permit application, floodplain development permit, or other matter before the Town, the cost of such review shall be borne by the applicant and may be billed directly to the applicant or recovered through an escrow account, reimbursement agreement, fee schedule, or other lawful mechanism established by the Town, and such costs shall be limited to those reasonably necessary to review the application for compliance with applicable laws, codes, regulations, and accepted engineering practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, and Town Supervisor are authorized to engage Tocci Engineering for such reviews when deemed necessary or appropriate to assist the Town in carrying out its code enforcement responsibilities.

RESOLUTION #90-26 **OFFERED BY: STEEN**

HIRING SHORT TERM RENTAL (STR) CLERK

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 appointed as a Town of Shandaken Part-Time STR Clerk, Kayla Sharon at \$21.37 per hour, not to exceed \$12,000 per year.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION
Seconded by: VANBLARCUM
ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

RESOLUTION #91-26 **OFFERED BY: VANBLARCUM**

AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE STABILIZATION SERVICES, PRESERVING INDEPENDENT MONITORING SERVICES, AND APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE SHANDAKEN AMBULANCE SERVICE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 151-25, the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Pamela Finnerty, DBA, MBA, MS, EMT-P, to provide Independent Monitoring Services relating to the Town of Shandaken Ambulance Service; and

WHEREAS, through the Independent Monitoring process, deficiencies, corrective action needs, administrative vulnerabilities, and organizational sustainability concerns were identified requiring implementation support beyond the Agency’s existing administrative capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that recommendations and reporting alone have not consistently resulted in timely implementation, validation, and sustainability of corrective actions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that continuity of emergency medical services requires the development of sustainable administrative systems capable of supporting regulatory readiness, documentation integrity, quality improvement processes, and organizational recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board further finds that preserving the independence of the monitoring function while supplementing it with temporary administrative stabilization support serves the best interests of the Town, the Ambulance Service, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board acknowledges that compliance oversight, corrective action validation, documentation integrity, and continuity planning remain necessary regardless of the Agency's ALS status; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the proposed First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement and finds that the services authorized therein are reasonable, necessary, and in furtherance of the Town's responsibilities as Certificate Holder;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken hereby approves and authorizes execution of the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Pamela Finnerty, DBA, MBA, MS, EMT-P, in substantially the form presented to the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Amendment establishes two separate and distinct scopes of professional services consisting of: (1) Independent Monitoring Services and (2) Administrative Stabilization Services, and the existence of one function shall neither diminish, replace, nor impair the other; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Contractor shall retain independent professional judgment and authority to identify, document, validate, and report deficiencies, implementation failures, unresolved corrective actions, ineffective remediation efforts, and regulatory concerns to the Town Board regardless of participation in Administrative Stabilization Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Administrative Stabilization Services authorized herein are intended as a temporary administrative measure designed to facilitate implementation of corrective actions, support development of sustainable administrative systems, preserve regulatory readiness, improve documentation integrity, strengthen quality improvement infrastructure, and promote continuity of EMS services during a period of organizational transition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrative Stabilization Officer role is administrative, advisory, and facilitative in nature and shall not include operational command authority, supervision of patient care personnel, staffing authority, employee disciplinary authority, Medical Director responsibilities, Certificate Holder responsibilities, authority over billing determinations, custody of controlled substances, or duties not expressly authorized by the Professional Services Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board intends to seek and appoint a permanent ambulance administrator, or establish an equivalent permanent administrative leadership structure, on or before January 1, 2027, in order to support long-term sustainability of the Ambulance Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Independent Monitoring Services shall continue from January 1, 2027, through March 31, 2027, under the same compensation terms and conditions established under the existing Independent Monitoring Agreement for purposes of transition support, orientation, mentorship, knowledge transfer, implementation guidance, and consultation with newly appointed administrative leadership, and such continuation shall not require additional Town Board approval and shall occur subject to the availability of lawfully appropriated funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following March 31, 2027, the Town Board may elect to continue Independent Monitoring Services as deemed necessary to support organizational stability, regulatory readiness, and continuity of administrative functions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Independent Monitoring Services Agreement and Administrative Stabilization Services authorized herein shall remain in full force and effect through December 31, 2026, regardless of the status of the Agency's ALS authority, including limitation, suspension, revocation, voluntary surrender, restoration, or modification of such authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained in this Resolution or the First Amendment shall be construed to transfer the statutory, regulatory, or legal obligations of the Town as Certificate Holder under Article 30 of the Public Health Law, 10 NYCRR Part 800, or any other applicable law to the Contractor, and the Town Board expressly acknowledges that ultimate responsibility for such obligations remains with the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that the services authorized herein are necessary to preserve continuity of operations, support remediation of previously identified deficiencies, facilitate organizational recovery, protect the public interest, and assist the Town in fulfilling its obligations as Certificate Holder during a period of significant transition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, subject to review by the Town Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: KNEISSL

ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

RESOLUTION #92-26

OFFERED BY KNEISSL

APPOINTING INTERIM AMBULANCE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

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 **Mike Williams** be appointed **Interim Chief of Operations** to the Shandaken Town Ambulance at rate not to exceed \$2,700 for the remainder of 2026.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: MANSFIELD

ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

RESOLUTION #93

OFFERED BY MANSFIELD

RESOLUTION HIRING SUMMER CAMP PERSONNEL

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 the Town of Shandaken that, upon the recommendation of the Director of the Town of Shandaken Summer Recreation Program, hire the following individuals as Summer Recreation - Camp Staff.

Senior Counselor @ \$17.00 per hr. – Jacob Storey

Returning Counselors –@ \$16.50 per hr. Julian Morton, Daxhane Guy, Milo Turba, Heather Scism, Gemini Pallas, Alena Grant, Chloe Peters

First-Year Counselors @ \$16.00 per hr., Kevon Matkovich, Foster Knoche, Rebecca Simco

Counselor In Training – Gillianna Griffin – At no compensation

Please be advised that: All paid counselors shall receive 4 hours compensatory pay for mandatory orientation as required under state law

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: STEEN

ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

RESOLUTION #94-26

OFFERED BY STEEN

**SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW YORK CITY FUNDED FLOOD BUYOUT PROGRAM FOR
570, 576 & TBD PLANK ROAD, PHOENICIA, NY 12464**

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken is subject to flooding that can damage property, close roads, disrupt traffic, and present a public health and safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, at the request of local communities, funding from the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is being made available to help property owners who qualify for the NYC Funded Flood Buyout Program (NYCFFBO) based on eligibility criteria in five categories – 1) Hydraulic study properties (recommended by engineering analysis), 2) CWC Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program, 3) Community-approved Stream Management Project, 4) Erosion Hazard, and 5) Inundation Hazard, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken has conducted a Local Flood Analysis (LFA) including a hydraulic analysis of flooding in the hamlets of Phoenicia and Mt Tremper, and the LFA recommends that certain properties that are subject to repetitive flood damage should be considered for flood buyout, and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the 56.94-acre property at **570, 576 & TBD PLANK ROAD, PHOENICIA, NY 12464 (Section-Block-Lots: 25.1-2-25, 26 & 27)**, is within the bounds of the National Flood Insurance Program’s Regulatory Floodway, with the remaining portions of the property in Zones AE and X-Shaded, and therefore susceptible to damaging floods, and

WHEREAS, the flood-vulnerable structures at **570, 576 & TBD PLANK ROAD, PHOENICIA, NY 12464** are recommended to be removed from the floodway in the LFA, “where there is owner interest and programmatic funding available”, and

WHEREAS, the Town has been approached by **ROBERT FRISCH OF FIRELIGHT III LLC**, the owner of all tax lots which comprise the 56.94-acre property, who is requesting to participate in the NYCFFBO program under the Hydraulic study category, and

WHEREAS, the property suffered damages in previous floods, including Tropical Storm Irene, on August 28, 2011, and “The Christmas Flood,” on December 25, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken will choose the option for ownership of the property and understands this property will be managed as open space in accordance with a re-use plan prepared by the Town. All activities are to be subject to and consistent with the restrictions in flood-prone areas identified in the Second Supplemental Agreement Among West of Hudson Watershed Stakeholders Concerning the New York City-Funded Flood Buyout Program, Page 5 (1) a., i., ii., iii., iv.; and v; and

WHEREAS a portion of the property contains Upland Areas, the mapped land lying outside the Special Flood Hazard Area, and

WHEREAS the Town of Shandaken may, but is not required to, grant a conservation easement on such Upland Areas, and

WHEREAS the Town has no intention of developing the Upland Areas, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken intends to grant a conservation easement to the State of New York over the entire parcel, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Town of Shandaken Town Board approves **FIRELIGHT III LLC, PROPERTY OWNER OF 570, 576 & TBD PLANK ROAD, PHOENICIA, NY 12464**, to apply for the NYCFFBO program to permanently remove this flood hazard risk, allowing the DEP to begin assisting in the real estate process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Town of Shandaken Town Board agrees to take title to the property and manage it as open space in accordance with a re-use plan **and conservation easement** and above-acknowledged management conditions.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION
Seconded by: VANBLARCUM
ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

RESOLUTION #95-26 **OFFERED BY VANBLARCUM**

Resolution by the Town of Shandaken approving and endorsing MARK Project, Inc. in its application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the New York Main Street Building Renovation Program.

WHEREAS, the MARK Project, Inc. desires to apply for up to \$500,000 in financial assistance through the 2006 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the New York Main Street Building Renovation Program; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist property owners to complete building renovations to downtown Pine Hill “main street” buildings on Main Street between Pine Hill Road and Alder Lane; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Shandaken approves and endorses the 2026 Main Street Program for assistance prepared and to be submitted by Mark Project, Inc.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Passed by the following vote of all Shandaken Town Board Members voting in favor thereof:

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: KNEISSL

ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

RESOLUTION #96-26

OFFERED BY KNEISSL

**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF BIG INDIAN PARK FOR AN HISTORICAL REENACTMENT
AND BLACK POWDER CANNON DEMONSTRATION**

WHEREAS, the Living History Guild and the Shandaken Museum have requested permission to host a living historical and educational event, including black powder cannon firing demonstration, at Big Indian Park on September 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this event is intended to educate the public about the American Revolution on the occasion of our Nation’s semiquincentennial and promises to be of significant cultural and historical value to the community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed event involves the use of black powder, which necessitates adherence to strict safety protocols and New York State laws governing the handling of antique and black powder weapons in public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the safety plan, insurance documentation, and event layout submitted by the organizers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken hereby grants permission to the Living History Guild and the Shandaken Museum to utilize Big Indian Park on the dates and times specified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this permission is revocable at the discretion of the Town Supervisor or Town Board if safety conditions are not met or if it is deemed in the best interest of public health and safety.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: MANSFIELD

ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

RESOLUTION #97-26

OFFERED BY MANSFIELD

AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF RETURNABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND USE OF PROCEEDS

WHEREAS, residents and visitors may voluntarily deposit redeemable beverage containers at the Town Recycling Center; and

WHEREAS, such containers have a redemption value pursuant to the New York State Returnable Container Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds it to be in the public interest to redeem such containers and use the proceeds to offset municipal costs and support public programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all redeemable beverage containers voluntarily deposited in designated collection receptacles at Town facilities shall become the property of the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town is authorized to redeem such containers and retain all redemption proceeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all monies received shall be deposited into the Town's designated account and used for lawful municipal purposes.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by: STEEN

ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

RESOLUTION #98-26

OFFERED BY STEEN

**AUTHORIZING ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
11 SCHOOL LANE IN PHOENICIA**

WHEREAS, the Onteora Central School District (“Licensor” or “District”), a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, having offices at 4166 State Route 28, Boiceville, New York 12412, owns certain real property and improvements located at 11 School Lane, Phoenicia, New York, formerly known as the Phoenicia Elementary School (the “Premises”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken (“Licensee” or “Town”), a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, having offices at 7209 NY-28, Shandaken, NY 12480 is considering potential municipal use and/or acquisition opportunities relating to the Premises and desires temporary access to the Premises for limited due diligence and investigative purposes, including but not limited to surveying, engineering review, septic testing, site inspections, and related evaluations (“Authorized Purposes”); and

WHEREAS, the Licensor is willing to permit the Licensee and its authorized employees, agents, consultants, contractors, and representatives to enter the Premises for the Authorized Purposes subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, subject to review by the Town Attorney; and

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION
Seconded by: VANBLARCUM
ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)
RESOLUTION #99-26

OFFERED BY VANBLARCUM

**APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION AND TOWN OF SHANDAKEN
FOR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR RELOCATION OF THE
SHANDAKEN TOWN HALL AND HIGHWAY GARAGE**

WHEREAS, The Catskill Watershed Corporation (the "CWC"), is a non-profit local development program corporation established to reduce and relieve adult unemployment in the portion of the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River ("WOH Watershed") and to administer Watershed Protection and Partnership Programs; and

WHEREAS, extensive flooding resulting from tropical storms Irene and Lee in August and September 2011, respectively caused catastrophic losses in certain towns within the WOH Watershed which affected the economic and social character of certain WOH Watershed communities and adversely impacted water quality in the WOH Watershed; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of the 2007 and 2017 Revised Filtration Avoidance Determinations, the City of New York ("City"), through its Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), is funding a Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program in the WOH Watershed to reduce repetitive flood losses that also pose a threat to water quality during storm events; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an agreement with the City dated April 12, 2023, CWC is serving as program manager of the CWC Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program (the "Program") and in this role will identify eligible projects ("Projects") and allocate and disburse Program Funds to such Projects consistent with the terms of CWC's agreement with the City and the criteria set forth in CWC's Program Rules (defined below); and

WHEREAS, CWC has identified the Project described in the Project Sponsor's funding application to CWC, attached hereto as Attachment A ("Scope of Work") and incorporated herein, as satisfying the criteria set forth in CWC's agreement with the City and Program Rules; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken accepted a local flood analysis for the hamlets of Phoenicia and Mount Tremper and such analysis recommended flood mitigation of structures in the one-hundred-year floodplain; and

WHEREAS, Town of Shandaken submitted an application requesting funding not to exceed Two Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$261,400.00) for purchase of real property and associated soft costs to relocate out of the floodplain within the Town of Shandaken; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 6154, the CWC Board approved the application of the Town of Shandaken for the Town of Shandaken Town Hall Complex Relocation Project in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Sixty-

One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$261,400.00) for the purchase of real property and associated soft costs to relocate out of the floodplain within the Town of Shandaken.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the promises and the respective representations and agreements hereinafter contained, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, subject to review by the Town Attorney; and

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION
Seconded by: KNEISSL
ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

Resolution #100-26 **OFFERED BY KNEISSL**

APPOINTING FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWN OF SHANDAKEN

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken participates in the **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)**; and
WHEREAS, the NFIP requires the appointment of a local administrator to enforce local floodplain management laws and coordinate with FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken has determined that the Rob Stanley has the proper training and qualifications to serve in this role;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken hereby appoints Rob Stanley the **Floodplain Administrator (FPA)** for the Town of Shandaken for the year 2026 to carry out all duties assigned by the Town Code and the NFIP regulations, including reviewing development permits, making Substantial Damage determinations, and ensuring all building in flood zones meets required elevation and construction standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **Floodplain Administrator (FPA)** is to be paid \$50.00 per hour not to exceed \$30,000 for 2026, plus mileage while on Town business, while dispensing the duties of said office; and

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION
Seconded by: MANSFIELD
ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

Resolution #101-26 **Offered By MANSFIELD**

APPOINTING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE MEMBER

WHEREAS, pursuant to §20 of the Town Law it is the duty of the Town Board to appoint all Boards and Commissions; and

WHEREAS Shandaken Local Law #1 was duly adopted September 8th, 2025 which established up to two alternate member positions on the Zoning Board of Appeals and two alternate member positions on the Planning Board;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **Donald R. D'Aries** is appointed to the Shandaken Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate member with a term to expire December 31st of 2027.

AND MOVE ITS ADOPTION
Seconded by: STEEN
ROLL CALL 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (DRAKE)

On a Vanblarcum/Kneissl Motion & carried, the Town Bd. Adjourned at 8:17

Joyce Grant – Town Clerk