



Town of Shandaken Town Board Monthly Meeting

Monday October 5, 2026 – 7pm

Public Hearing Tax Levy 6:15

- 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**
Presentation by Kevin O'onnor – RUPCO Wellington in Pine Hill
- 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:**
 - 122. Pay All Bills**
 - 123. Set Public Hearing on 2027 Preliminary Budget**
 - 124. Adopt LL#2 2026 – Override Tax Levy Limit**
 - 125. Supporting Wastewater in Phoenicia**
 - 126. Purchase Replacement Highway Vehicle Ram 5500 Regular Cab**
 - 127. Purchase Replacement Highway Vehicle Ram 5500 Crew Cab**
 - 128. Authorize Retention SLR Consultant – Wellington**
- 11. Open Public Comment**
- 12. Meeting Adjournment *In Memory of***

RESOLUTION #122-26

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	\$ 309,395.74
Highway	504,001.58
Phoenicia Water	8,100.34
Pine Hill Water	3,975.19
Phoenicia Lights	776.86
Chichester Lights	108.64
Pine Hill Lights	452.28
Pine Hill Sign	35.45
State Aid Grant/Funds	137,684.66
	\$ 965,520.74

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 - #123-26

OFFERED BY:

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON 2027 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET

WHEREAS a Public Hearing is held every year for the purpose of hearing all those in favor or against the adoption of the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Shandaken as the Annual Budget

WHEREAS the preliminary budget will be posted every year for the purpose of hearing all those in favor or against the adoption of the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Shandaken as the Annual Budget

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken will meet and review the 2027 Tentative Budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon, at the Shandaken Town Hall on **Wednesday November 4, 2024 at 6:30PM preceding the Regular Monthly Meeting**, and at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled, or for or against any items or items therein contained.

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

OFFERED BY:

SUPERVISOR MANSFIELD

SUPPORTING WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN PHOENICIA

WHEREAS the New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Paragraph 122 (b) indicated that “New Infrastructure Funds may be used to construct new WWTPs (Wastewater Treatment Plant) or community septics, including related sewerage collection systems, or to create and fund septic districts, in the following Identified Communities; and

WHEREAS the Hamlet of Phoenicia is listed as the 6th highest priority district among the Identified Communities and is currently the only location from that list that does not have a wastewater treatment plant or associated septic district; and

WHEREAS the programs outlined in this MOA are critical to both New York City’s Filtration Avoidance Declaration and the protection of water quality throughout the region; and

WHEREAS the implementation of a wastewater treatment solution for the Hamlet of Phoenicia remains critical to the health and economic wellbeing of the hamlet, the town, and the broader region, AND

WHEREAS both Shandaken’s current and upcoming comprehensive plans include support for Phoenicia septic including language requesting the town, “Restart discussions with the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) and New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) about funding a wastewater treatment plant in the hamlet of Phoenicia, given changes in community sentiments and needs.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Shandaken requests that New York City’s Filtration Avoidance Declaration and any future Memorandums of Understanding pertaining to the NYC Watershed include this ongoing support for a WWTP serving the hamlet of Phoenicia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town of Shandaken shall work with all partner agencies to seek implementation of a WWTP; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Shandaken Town Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the following individuals and entities:

Lisa Garcia - Commissioner, Department of Environmental Preservation
James McDonald, Commissioner, New York State Department of Health
Patrick Palmer, Chief, NYC Watershed, New York State Department of Health
Amanda Lefton, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation
Michael Martucci, Regional Administrator, EPA Region 2

Katie Lynch, Water Division, EPA Region 2
Tina Molé, President, Catskill Watershed Corporation
Ric Coombe, Chair of the Executive Committee, Coalition of Watershed Towns

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 _____

RESOLUTION - #126-26

OFFERED BY:

FOR PURCHASE 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 vehicle available through the OGS Contract, #PC9491SB, Award # 23166, Vendor # 1100229794.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Shandaken Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to approve the purchase of ONE (1) 2026 RAM 5500 Regular Cab & Chassis 4X4. Stainless Dump body & Plow Cost not to exceed \$105,000.00

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 _____

RESOLUTION - #127-26

OFFERED BY:**FOR PURCHASE 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 vehicle available through the OGS Contract, #PC9491SB, Vendor # 1100229794

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Shandaken Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to approve the purchase of ONE (1) 2026 RAM 2500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4 V8 HEMI with Plow for the Cost not to exceed \$65,000.00.

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 - #128-26

OFFERED BY:

AUTHORIZING RETENTION OF SLR CONSULTING FOR INDEPENDENT THIRD-PART TECHNICAL REVIEW OF THE WELLINGTON REDEVELOPMENT, 310 MAIN STREET, PINE HILL

WHEREAS Wellington Blueberry LLC, in partnership with RUPCO, has applied to the Town of Shandaken Planning Board for Special Use Permit and Site Plan approval for the redevelopment of The Wellington, 310 Main Street, Pine Hill, New York (Tax Map No. 4.46-1-32.110) (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS the Planning Board has been reviewing the Project and the Town's Floodplain Administrator is on the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS SLR International Corporation ("SLR", "SLR Consulting") is currently contracted by the Town of Shandaken for flood mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS the Town Board has determined that SLR has no conflict of interest with respect to the Project, including through any prior or current work for the Applicant, RUPCO, or the Project, and that its existing Town engagements do not impair its independence; and

WHEREAS pursuant to New York Consolidated Laws, lien Law - LIE § 71-a the Applicant's escrow agreement, the reasonable costs of consultant review, not to exceed \$20,000, are to be borne by the Applicant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the retention of SLR to provide independent third-party review of the Project's application materials, including engineering, sewer and water capacity, stormwater, flood risk, traffic, and SEQRA documents, and to report its findings to the Town of Shandaken Code Enforcement and Zoning Enforcement Officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute an agreement with SLR consistent with the Proposal, subject to approval by the Town Attorney as to form, effectively October 1, 2026; and

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 _____