



Town of Shandaken Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda
Monday November 5, 2025 – 7pm
Public Hearings 6:15

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of previous T/B Meeting Minutes
5. Supervisor's Financial Report
6. Communications – OCS Dec. 10th Special School Vote – 2 Propositions
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Ambulance
 - b. Building/Zoning
 - c. Police
 - d. Phoenicia Water
 - e. Pine Hill Water
 - f. Museum
 - g. Parks & Recreation
 - h. Housing Smart
 - i. Conservation Advisory Council
 - j. Comprehensive Plan
8. Public Comments on Resolutions
9. Motions:
10. Resolutions:
 135. Pay All Bills
 136. Adopt Local Law #2 – 2025 A local law to override the tax levy
 137. Adopt 2026 Preliminary Budget AS 2026 FINAL TOWN BUDGET
 138. ADOPT LOCAL LAW # 3 OF 2025 "A LOCAL LAW TO SUPERSEDE THE WHITEHALL DOCTRINE AND DOCTRINE OF INCOMPATIBILITY"
 139. Resolution – NO Adverse Effects – Logging Permit 549 Rt. 42
 140. Approve Timber Harvest – Logging Permit
 141. HIRE A MECHANIC INTERN FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
 142. Appoint Member Valianti – Ulster Co. Planning Bd.
11. Open Public Comment
12. Meeting Adjournment *-IN MEMORY OF*

Town of Shandaken Town Board Public Hearings scheduled for Wed. November 5th, 2025 starting at 6:15 before their regularly scheduled Meeting at 7pm. 7209 state rt. 28. To hear all those for or against such actions.

1-LL#2-2025 - Override Tax Levy Limit 6:15

2-Accept 2026 Prelim. Budget as Final 6:30

3-LL#3-Superscede Whitehall Doctrine pertaining to Town Councilperson as Water Superintendent.6:45

RESOLUTION #135-25

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 DISCLAFANI	_____	_____

RESOLUTION #136-25

OFFERED BY: KNEISSL

Adopting Town of Shandaken Local Law #2 – 2025

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-c

Whereas, the Town of Shandaken foresees the necessity to exceed the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-C; and

Whereas, the Town of Shandaken Town Board held a Public Hearing on, Wednesday November 5, 2025 at the Shandaken Town Hall to hear all those in favor and against the adoption of said law in accordance with General Municipal Law; and

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Town of Shandaken Town Board does hereby adopt Local Law #2 of 2025 in order to allow the Town to exceed the Tax Levy Limit imposed for the 2026 Fiscal Year Budget for the Town of Shandaken.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL

AYES

NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL

BOARD MEMBER STEEN

BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM

SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI

RESOLUTION # 137-25

OFFERED BY

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS 2026 FINAL TOWN BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken has prepared a 2025 Preliminary Budget for review;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken following a Public Hearing held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 hereby adopts the 2025 Preliminary Budget as amended as the 2026 Town Budget for the Town of Shandaken.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL

AYES

NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL

BOARD MEMBER STEEN

BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM

SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI

RESOLUTION #138-25

OFFERED BY

RESOLUTION To ADOPT LOCAL LAW # 3 OF 2025 ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW TO SUPERSEDE THE WHITEHALL DOCTRINE AND DOCTRINE OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO TOWN COUNCILPERSON AND WATER SUPERINTENDENT"

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Shandaken recognizes the need to fill the position of Water Superintendent; and

WHEREAS members of the town board cannot generally hold positions that report to the town board, however the lack of candidates and the retirement of the current water superintendent presented the board with an exigent circumstance, and

WHEREAS the town board passed a resolution hiring Kyle Steen on September 17th as he was the only licensed candidate to apply for an appointment to expire December 31st, and

WHEREAS there are concerns that no additional qualified applicants may be identified ahead of that date for this critical position, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Whitehall doctrine and the doctrine of incompatibility of offices, the Town Board may not appoint one of its own members in the absence of precise statutory authority so to do, and may not make an appointment where an appointee/board member would also be part of his supervising authority (Town Board), without legislative authorization; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been advised that a Local Law is required supersede the authority preventing a Town Board member from holding the position of Water Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law #3 of 2025, has been duly introduced; 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 held a Public Hearing on said law on Wed. November 5, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Town Board Adopts Local Law #3 of 2025, **A LOCAL LAW TO SUPERSEDE THE WHITEHALL DOCTRINE AND DOCTRINE OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO TOWN COUNCILPERSON AND WATER SUPERINTENDENT"**
AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL

AYES

NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER STEEN	_____	_____
BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM	_____	_____
SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI	_____	_____

RESOLUTION #139-25

OFFERED BY:

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SHANDAKEN
DETERMINING THAT THERE ARE NO ADVERSE IMPACTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT
FOR A TIMBER HARVEST - LOGGING PERMIT**

WHEREAS, the Town Board is looking to approve a Timber Harvest – Logging permit application for **Randall C Kelly**, 549 State Rt. 42. SBL’s 4.-1.22, 4.8-1-10, 4.8-1-13.100

WHEREAS, the possible environmental impacts of the approval of the logging permit have been considered by the Town Board;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board has determined that the approval of the logging permit for **Randall C. Kelly** will not have significant adverse impacts on the environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to take such further steps as might be necessary to discharge the Board’s responsibility as lead agency for this action including, but not limited to, the issuance of a negative declaration consistent with this resolution.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL

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

RESOLUTION #140-25

OFFERED BY:

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SHANDAKEN
APPROVING A TIMBER HARVEST LOGGING PERMIT**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received and reviewed a Timber Harvest – Logging permit application for **Randall C Kelly**, 549 State Rt. 42. SBL’s 4.-1.22, 4.8-1-10, 4.8-1-13.100

WHEREAS, the possible environmental impacts of the logging permit for 549 State Rt. 42. SBL’s 4.-1.22, 4.8-1-10, 4.8-1-13.100, have been considered by the Town Board and said Board determines a Negative Declaration under State Environmental Quality Review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves said logging permit for **Randall C. Kelly** as long as all legal requirements continue to be met;

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL

AYES

NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL

BOARD MEMBER STEEN

BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM

SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI

RESOLUTION TO HIRE A MECHANIC INTERN FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Shandaken Highway department has teamed up with the Ulster County BOCES Career and Technical center, to give 1 (one) 12th grade student an opportunity to intern with the department for the remainder of the 25-26 school year.

and

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent, Highway secretary and David Rosen of Boces have come together to identify one qualified student, residing in Shokan NY, attending The Onteora School District, who is on the path to completing her certification in autobody & collision repair.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Shandaken Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to approve the paid internship of Hailey J Loughlin, of Shokan Ny, to be under the leadership of Highway superintendent Eric Hofmeister, at a paid rate of 17.00 per hour, weekly.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL

AYES

NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL

BOARD MEMBER STEEN

BOARD MEMBER VAN BLARCUM

SUPERVISOR DISCLAFANI

RESOLUTION # 142-25

OFFERED BY:

RECOMMENDED MEMBER TO ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

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

WHEREAS, ULSTER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION C-49(A) AND SECTION A7-5(A) of the Administrative Code define the process appointing regular and alternate members to the Ulster County Planning Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Chandra Valianti is re-appointed as a Member of the Ulster County Planning Board, and

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Seconded by:

ROLL CALL

AYES

NAYS

BOARD MEMBER DRAKE

BOARD MEMBER KNEISSL

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