

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2022

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence for Robert Showers.

Present:	Supervisor	Jeanne L. Walsh
	Councilman	Joseph Havranek
	Councilmember	Christopher Pryslopski
	Councilmember	Carrie Wykoff
	Councilmember	Ernest Klepeis

Also Present: Jill La Fera; Assistant to the Supervisor, Kenneth Hassett; Deputy Supervisor, Joe La Fera RMC Building Manager.

The Town Board presented Laurie Hornbeck a plaque for being with the Town for 20 years and wished her a good retirement. The Town Board also presented Christopher Pryslopski a plaque for 9 years on the Town Board and was also on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the November minutes with grammatical errors being corrected, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Public Comments - Kenneth Hassett said they have 42 boxes of wreaths to be placed Saturday, December 17th at the Rosendale Plains Cemetery for Wreaths Across America.

Committee Reports:

Police (Councilman Havranek):

The next Police Commission Meeting is January 24th, 2023, at 3:30 PM.

All vehicles are operational and in service.

Officers have completed their cycle 3 training.

They are still looking for part-timers to cover all shifts and the Chief would like the board to do a feasible study for a full time officer.

They are looking into Police Officers hiring incentives to pay for their academy and they will have to stay for 6 months after they pass the academy.

There have been 3,960 calls to date, 204 cases, 85 arrests, 107 property damage accidents and 23 personal injury accidents.

There was an award ceremony for Police Officer Nicholas Lent for exceptional Meritorious Service, Police Officer Gary Wells for Meritorious Service, Garrett Lapp Meritorious Service, Sergeant Brianne Quigley for Meritorious Service and Community Service and Erich Funccius for Lifesaving Service.

Took in \$50.00 for November.

Highway (Councilman Havranek)

The new Loader has been delivered and the new truck is waiting for a couple of pieces to be completed.

They are working on hauling in sand to fill the salt shed and preparing for Friday's storm.

Took in \$1,774.82.

Water/Sewer (Councilman Havranek)

The Sewer Plant renovations are going to stop until April. Some electrical and HVAC work can be done in the Winter.

There are around 30 people who still need to get the new meter in, and reminders will be sent out again. The Water Tower plans are still being done and hoping to go out to bid in 2023. Water took in \$12,295.27 and Sewer took in \$11,471.69.

Economic (Councilmember Wykoff)

There was no quorum in November and are looking to change when their meetings are.

Planning (Councilmember Wykoff)

The meeting in December was canceled.

Women's Studio Workshop Site Plan Amendment review and the Lewis Solar Project will be on the next Agenda January 12, 2023.

RMC (Councilmember Wykoff):

The new Building Manager has been organizing and contacting vendors to see where the accounts all stand. There are floor and carpet repairs that need to be done in the Police Department, M1 and the Supervisors office. Joe is working with Safeco to have the entrance doors updated.

ZBA (Councilmember Wykoff)

There was no meeting in November or December, the next meeting will be January 17, 2023, at 7PM.

Building (Councilmember Wykoff)

Took in \$6,936.00 in November and 37 permits were issued.

Recreation (Councilmember Klepeis)

The Pickle Festival has announced they are moving to the Ulster County Fairgrounds. The last piece of the Tennis Court will be finished in the Spring which includes the top surface and lines which also include Pickle Balls Courts. A local Eagle Scout painted all the picnic tables and made two handicap accessible tables.

Youth (Councilmember Klepeis)

Submitted for a Holiday Match Grants with Stewarts. They have a ton of Winter activities started and are also open when kids are off from school. The Youth Center will be open during winter break and have a cost of \$35.00 for residents and \$40.00 non-residents. There will be toddler time weekly until March.

Supervisors Report: READ.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Kimberly Cole effective 12/31/2022 from full time to status and approved for per diem, 2nd by Councilmember Pryslopski. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES, with regrets.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Keith Lewis effective 1/2/2023, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

1. Speaker – Katie Scott-Childress - Rosendale Librarian; Katie presented the Town Board with a proposal to move the Rosendale Library to the Belltower Building on Main Street which has been up for sale. Katie said the main reason she is presenting this is because they are applying for a Grant through the state which is the Empire State Development Grant, and they need letters of support through local people. They have obtained them from County and State and other levels, but they also need them from their local Town as well. The Library Board has recognized for many years that the building they are in now is too small for what the library needs to do, and this was before they were doing a lot of programs. Katie said there are only 9 parking spaces and having a meeting there are no overflow parking spaces and people park on the shoulder which is not safe. They have a lot of

families come for story hour which includes toddlers and pre-school children, and it is not a safe situation. She also said the space now does not have adequate space for collections and they must limit what they can offer in terms of physical materials. They have one toilet for staff and visitors. During the Summer the library has programs where over fifty people attend, and one toilet is not sufficient at all. There is no community room, and they have to have programs in the middle of the library where people are trying to work, and they are open 3 nights a week. They have tried to move things around to make it work. There is also no dedicated room for children; it is just a children's corner. It is the baseline for most libraries to have a separate space for families with children. Children's rooms are for parents to be able to look at books and not be stressed about having to shush the children. Katie said during Covid they did renovations which have been great, but now more people come there and hang out which has been great, but the library cannot accommodate everything that is going on. Katie said the Belltower is a historic place in Rosendale and will be an excellent location for the library. It only needs a few modifications and is held as a community asset. The main room of the Belltower is twice as big as the main room now. They would line the main room with shelving like they have now and leave the middle of the room open with tables which all have wheels on them. This makes it possible to move things around if needed and can still function as a space for larger programs and events. The space has some temporary walls in the back which can be removed easily and that's the construction that needs to happen on the building. There is a room that already exists that is perfect for children which just needs to have shelves put in and carpet. They have been challenged to find space for their programs; they have tried off site and partnering with Snyder Estate. They have used the pavilion at the Recreation Center and the Recreation Center, they have reached out to the Fire Department, and they can't accommodate any of their programs. They have a program called the slow jam for string instruments and because they all have string instruments, they don't have enough floor space for it. During the warm weather they can find space but during the colder weather they can't do a lot of programming because they are out of space. Also having programs off site doesn't allow people to use the library and the collections. Katie said that is really one of the win wins on having programs on site is that they have access to the books and literacy. If they don't come into the library for the programs children may lose out on books. There are only 2 full-time employees and having programs off site and open six days a week is difficult. Katie said moving the library will have some benefits, this includes parking. They have worked with an architect and an engineer and cannot improve the parking at the current location. She said if they took down all the trees and took away the grass, they could only get two or three more parking spaces. They had 23,000 people come to the library last year and they have 3,000 people attend programs. They have people who come that work remotely and use the printers. They have programs for all ages all at different times. She said it is a huge advantage being in the heart of town by businesses. Councilmember Pryslopski asked how many spaces would be available at the new location. Katie replied that she has not counted them as they would take down the current fence and work with an engineer to draw out the spaces. Supervisor Walsh said she thought their architect was working on that. Katie replied he didn't get to the level of counting spaces and he was just working on estimates for the Grant application and that is included in the things that have to happen to move in immediately. Katie said they have access to bring WIFI to the park and be able to have the Farmer's Market to access it also. The Belltower space has two restrooms, and one is already ADA compliant and a ramp in the back already which just needs grab bars. There is a bar that can be used for a circulation desk, and they wouldn't have to move it. Katie said they have shelves that can all be moved to the location. She also said they currently have a grant for a new HVAC system for the current location and they can apply the Grant funding to the other building. The Belltower also has a new boiler for the back half of the building, the upstairs, the main room needs heating and air conditioning, and the back half only needs air conditioning, but there is a brand new on demand boiler for the rest of the building. They have applied for a low interest loan through the USDA to fund the purchase price and the friends of the library have been doing fundraising. There are currently three units that are being rented and income from those will be available to pay off the loan. They would also like to sell the parsonage house to pay off the loan and rent or sell the current Library as well. The price of the Belltower is \$1.5 million, which they are going to be negotiating. They have a realtor who has done research and said the price is fair. Katie said it is a well-built building, very solid and needs minimal modifications. What it will need is smoke and fire detection system, modification to the rear ramp, ADA accessible rear door, more railing by the loading dock, the steps going to the porch are too steep, electrical outlets, ethernet cables, removal of interior walls, carpeting in the children's room, change hardware on the doors, exits

signs over the doors with lights and a locked hatched going up the belltower. The cost estimates from Alfrondre Architecture for phase 1 to get the library functional with Capital cost of around \$152,000.00, additional furniture and shelving approximately \$30,000.00 which estimate came from NYS contract vendor. Then phase 2, which Katie said doesn't have to happen immediately, is weatherization and energy efficiency. This doesn't need to be done to move in but should be done eventually and they can go after Grants for these as well. Katie said the Grant from the Empire State Development is to develop communities economically. She said there are a lot of ways to do this and bringing a lively place into the Town's downtown area. The library offered over 300 programs with the limited spaced they have and plan on doing more with the new location. This space allows them to have a community room in the back and is available for the community groups to use all of the time and offers more programs. Katie said she hopes the Town can support the grant application and can help support up to 20% of the cost of the project. Councilmember Klepeis asked what the timeframe of the project. Katie replied said one Grant they are going for is the NYS Library Construction Grant and is due in early August and it covers expenses from July 1st and on. They are looking at closing and starting construction July 1st and moving in as soon as they can. Councilmember Klepeis asked if they already secured the loan for the total amount. Katie replied they applied for the loan through the USD Rural Development which offers low interest loan and this one is 3.75% rate. She said she also got a quote for a Municipal Bond quote which was 7.99% interest rate. Supervisor Walsh asked if they were allowed to apply for that loan without a bond resolution in place and they didn't require approval of the public before that was applied for. Katie said they did not, and they looked at the assets they have to sell. Supervisor Walsh said in order to bond, the library has to go through the town. Katie said the USD loan is not a bond. Supervisor Walsh also asked what it costs to heat the building. Katie replied there is no heat in the main room. Supervisor Walsh asked if she had an estimate. Katie said they are going to install mini splits so she does not know and the new boiler has the capacity to be a backup for the mini splits and they can put in some baseboards as a backup. Supervisor Walsh asked if Katie knows the income of the rentals currently. Katie said it is \$43,000.00 a year and is significantly under market. Supervisor Walsh also asked if there was an actual separation of the walls between the building and the parsonage or are they talking about a subdivision with zero setback. Katie said there is a breezeway that connects the two and there are doors and a wall, and they are exploring to see if the breezeway can be taken down inexpensively. Supervisor Walsh asked if they have spoken to the Planning Board to see if the lot can be subdivided and Katie replied no not yet. Councilman Havranek said shouldn't there be a Site Plan approval to be required. Supervisor Walsh said they might not be able to, that's why she was asking. Katie said their preference would be to sell it. Supervisor Walsh asked if there is enough capacity for electric upgrades. Katie said there are 200 amps and are different services for the units. Councilmember Klepeis asked what the deadline for this grant was. Katie said the dealing is December 31st and the letters of support December 16th. Councilman Klepeis also asked who else the library had letters of support from. Katie said the County Executive and asked the State Senator, State Assemblyman and Pat Ryan. Supervisor Walsh asked when they will find out about their low interest loan and Katie said by 45 days which would be the end of January. Supervisor Walsh asked when they wanted to put this out for a vote. Katie said they do not have to go out for a vote because it is a loan not a bond. Deputy Supervisor Hassett said he was very surprised that there wouldn't be a vote and it seems as if this is taking shape behind the scenes. He said in Rosendale they like to be a part of what is being built and have a say and it's disingenuous saying they don't require a public vote. He said it is our town and our money they are proposing to spend and there is no exact of what it is going to cost. Katie said they are talking to the townspeople and Ken said you are talking in the meeting not the 6500 residents. Katie said she was all for going out to a public vote and their intention was not to hide this in any way. Councilman Havranek said he has similar concerns that Deputy Supervisor Hassett has as well. He said his biggest concerns for the town are fiscal responsibilities and keeping the costs down. He said this year there is a 0% increase for the taxpayers. He said he can't have a letter of support without a feasibility study in front of him. He asked if they were able to sell the library since it was a donation. Katie said in the deed if it is no longer a Library it reverts to the Reformed Church of America who they went before and asked if they would relinquish their right to that and voted in favor. Supervisor Walsh asked if this has been put in place and Katie said they have a lawyer working on it. Councilman Havranek said he said this is a ton of information and he would like to see these things in writing before he is comfortable voting. He also said this is a significant amount of money being put on the taxpayers and wants to know what the number is. He said that also the fence for the parking has been put there for a reason, so

the parking doesn't spill out into the Willow Kiln Parking. Councilman Havranek raised his concerns with wanting to see the programs they are running, and that the library isn't far down the road from the eateries. He also said he didn't agree with people using the internet to run their businesses out of the library. A Rosendale resident said if people are going to the library because they don't have WIFI at home but if they can't afford WIFI at home they aren't going to be able to afford the increase. Councilmember Klepeis said he doesn't think they should be having a discussion about specific uses of the library and focus on the letter of support. Councilman Havranek said he disagrees, and he needs to know and understand what it is going to be used for. Supervisor Walsh said this is the fact finding for us as the Town Board and one of their main concerns is how they spend taxpayers' money and she is trying to understand the whole project and what kind of impact it will cause. Supervisor Walsh said she has said that the town was willing to work with the library to have space for them and has had space. Katie said that some spaces are not suitable for the library. Supervisor Walsh said she wants to see what they do and services. Katie said they send mailers to all the residents with a slew of programs every month. Councilman Havranek said he needs to see all the hard facts in front of him with all the costs and this is a start but can't give support without them. Councilmember Pryslopski said he was on the Library Board, and he was there when they spoke about the spacing issue. He said also people may not want to let go of their Library and also the cost on the taxpayers. He said he heard that they can sell the old building. He said on the fiscal side if they have a number of what is going to be left after they sell the library and what the evaluation is now on it. Katie said they have had realtors look at it and it is a ballpark of \$600,000.00. He also asked if they are able to rent the space since they are not for profit and she said they have to work with the Assessor because anything rented has to be taxed. Councilmember Pryslopski asked where the staff was going and Katie said there is an office behind the pulpit. Katie said they did a series of public outreach with the public and what their wants were and the library has been responding to them. Katie said they are trying to cut back and pay off whatever money they borrow so the burden doesn't go onto the taxpayers and that is what this support is for. Supervisor Walsh said she does understand and the town needs a new water tower and the sewer plant is being redone and bringing 10 million dollar debt for the water and sewer district and this was something that had to be done. She said her concern is the debt it is going to put on the water and sewer and add this on top. Are there other ways this can be funded she asked and not be put on the taxpayers. Councilmember Klepeis asked if they have the percentage of increase in the worst-case scenario to see what the increase would be. The Deputy Supervisor said again he would like to have the public involved and to go out to vote and said to have the vote at the Recreation Center. Katie said that she doesn't think they can do that because of their special district legislation. Ken said there has to be ways around it and Katie said she will find out. Supervisor Walsh said they are going to move on and keep in contact on what they are going to do.

Resolution 12-2022-#6 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby appoints Supervisor Jeanne L. Walsh as the Official Delegate and Kenneth Hassett as the Alternate Delegate to the 2023 Annual Training Conference of the New York State Association of Towns to be held February 19-22, 2023, 2nd by Councilmember Klepeis. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2022-#7 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes Supervisor Walsh to advance travel allowance for 1) Meals, tips, travel, coat check, etc. \$75.00 – daily 2) Round Trip Transportation \$52.00 to each official attending the Annual New York State Association of Towns Conference February 19-22, 2023, 2nd by Councilmember Pryslopski. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2022-#8 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Dog Control Contract with the Ulster County SPCA, 2nd by Councilmember Pryslopski. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2022-#9 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Change order #2B for Contract #1B- electrical construction for AGV Electrical Services LLC, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2022-#10 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Change order #3B for Contract #1B- electrical construction for AGV Electrical Services LLC, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2022-#11 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement with DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign for DWI enforcement patrols with the County of Ulster, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2022-#12 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby establishes the following Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Ernest Klepeis and to have it placed on the Town Clerk’s Board for a period off thirty days. 2nd by Councilmember Pryslopsi. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2022-#13 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to purchase a truck for the Highway Department in and for the Town of Rosendale, Ulster County, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$112,831.00 and authorizing the issuance of \$72,831.00 Bonds of said town to pay part of the cost, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2022-#14 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Highway Department to list the following on Auctions International: bucket truck, old tractor with flail, police car, Elgin sweeper, road saw, Husqvarna mower, leaf vacuum, engine, International 6-wheel dump truck, approximately 500 yards of wood chips, Ford F550 1 ton dump and 2 large generators, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2022-#15 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign a contract with Nater Metal buildings to install a shed at the Transfer Station for the total of \$9,538.00, 2nd by Councilmember Pryslopsi. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2022-#15 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the following 2022-year end budget transfers.

General Fund

Decrease	Increase	In the Amount of
A1990.4 Contingency	A1410.1 Town Clerk PS	\$1,200.00
A1990.4 Contingency	A1410.4 Town Clerk C.E.	\$291.06
A1990.4 Contingency	A1621.4 GF to RMC	\$27,217.88
A1421.4 Legal Fees	A1621.4 GF to RMC	\$14,152.83
A7140.2 Playground Eq.	A7140.4 Playground C.E.	\$2,191.31
A7140.2 Playground Eq.	A7150.4 Pool C.E.	\$12,207.61
A7320.1 Youth Summer Camp PS	A7550.4 Celebrations C.E.	\$1,500.00
A8710.6 Landfill Closure	A8160.4 Refuse & Garbage C.E.	\$799.46
A7140.2 Playground Eq.	A7140.1 Playground PS	\$500.00
A9050.8 Unemployment Ins.	A9060.8 Employee Medical	\$3,910.00

Highway Fund

Decrease	Increase	In the Amount of
DA5130.4 Machinery C.E.	DA5111.4 General Maintenance CE	\$2,307.52
DA5130.4 Machinery C.E.	DA5148.4 Svc Other Government	\$2,611.66

Sewer Fund

Decrease	Increase	In the Amount of
SS8110.1 Administration PS	SS8110.4 Administration	\$7,845.86
SS8130.2 Treatment/ Disp Eq	SS8110.4 Administration	\$1,784.00
SS8130.2 Treatment/ Disp Eq	SS8120.2 Collection Eq.	\$546.86
SS8130.2 Treatment/ Disp Eq	SS9060.8 Employee Medical	\$3,727.00

Water Fund

Decrease	Increase	In the Amount of
SW9999 Unexpended Funds	SW8310.4 Administration CE	\$6,702.04
	SW8330.4 Purification CE	\$4,274.23
	SW8340.1 Transportation Dist. PS	\$141.54
	SW8340.2 Transportation Eq	\$772.62
	SW8340.4 Transportation Dist. CE	\$43,398.75
	SW9060.8 Employee Medical	\$4,342.03

2nd by Councilmember Pryslopsi. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Councilman Havranek ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

AUDIT OF BILLS

GENERAL FUND	ABSTRACT 12	VOUCHER #334-344	\$3,634.90
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 12	VOUCHER #239-241	\$3,438.55
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 12	VOUCHER #129-132	\$5,305.82
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 12	VOUCHER #117-123	\$11,295.90
RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 12	VOUCHER #150-172	\$27,156.39

Supervisor Walsh made a motion at 9:15PM to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Donald
Town Clerk