

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2023

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge. A moment of silence was observed for Stephanie Temple.

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| Present: | Supervisor | Jeanne L. Walsh |
| | Councilmember | Molly Muller |
| | Councilman | Joseph Havranek |
| | Councilmember | Carrie Wykoff |
| | Councilmember | Ashley Sweeney |

Also Present: Jill La Fera; Assistant to the Supervisor, Joe La Fera; RMC Building Manager, Billy Liggan; Planning Board Chair, Kiernan Liggan-Casey, Recreation Commission, Penny Coleman; Environmental Commission and Susan Gillespie; Environmental Commission.

Community Events/Public Comments: Councilmember Wykoff would like to mention Happy International Women's Day. She thanked all the women who are in leadership, who are serving the town, serving the county, serving the state and beyond.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the February minutes with the following amendment: Tax Collector's committee reports should say 3 million 500 hundred thousand, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Committee Reports:

Highway (Councilman Havranek):

They had a credit with Peckham Industries and they had them haul in stone dust to mix with salt for future storms.

They borrowed the Olive Highway Departments Screening Plan to screen the sweepings from last year to put in the sand and salt mix.

There are 3 trucks down as the Winter has been rough on the trucks.

The Marbletown Highway hauled off our sweeper to Joe Johnson equipment in Albany for repairs.

The Highway Superintendent is looking into a new sweeper with the vacuum option which can also help with the catch basins in town.

Police (Councilman Havranek):

There has been around 900 calls for service, 43 cases, 21 arrests, responded to 3 personal injury accidents and 14 property damage accidents to date. A letter of accommodation was awarded to Officer Vincent for a life saving event. Marbletown First Aid Unit is holding a ceremony for her this Saturday. The Chief received a \$2,000 Grant which will offset the licensing fee for the body worn cameras and software.

Water/Sewer (Councilman Havranek):

The plant project is at 65% completion. The end date has been pushed back to November of this year due to supply chain issues.

The new main electrical panel was due to be in November of last year, but now due to be in May which is setting everything back as the new equipment can't be powered. They have been working on the windows, baseboards, and flooring.

Terry Johnson had a meeting with the engineers to look over to what needs to be completed.

The water tower is about 90% complete in design.

Town Clerk/Dog Control (Councilmember Muller):

In February there were 21 dog licenses renewed which was \$176.50 and \$23.00 of this was paid to New York State Animal Population Control Program.

The Town Clerk brought in \$6,435.46 for February.

The Transfer Station took in \$6,059.20 for February.

RMC (Councilmember Muller):

The snack vending machine has received a cell signal booster to use credit cards.

The baby changing station in the men's bathroom has been installed and signage.

The Safeco fob system underway and waiting on more fobs and a program licensing fee. They also reformed an annual alarm inspection.

The split in M-1 has been repaired with four new circuit boards.

A new sidewalk for the Marbletown side is in the planning phase.

Signage has been ordered and delivered for handicap and visitor parking.

Environmental (Councilmember Wykoff):

They are looking for a member to join.

They have been looking at solar. They are going to look at the roof at the RMC building and open fields.

Planning/ZBA (Councilmember Wykoff):

Last month and this months Planning meeting has been cancelled.

ZBA's meeting was cancelled, and next meeting is March 21st at 7:00 PM.

Building (Councilmember Wykoff):

21 permits issued and took in \$5,320,00.

Tax Collector (Councilmember Sweeney):

The department has satisfied the towns portion of the warrant \$4,517,339.16 with a final payment of \$1,017,339.16.

Payments have been coming in, but this year there are more partial payments than in previous years.

March payments have a 2% late fee.

They have had a lot of taxpayers inquiring about the enhanced star, senior exemptions or any other exemptions and are referred to the Assessor's Office.

Assessor (Councilmember Sweeney):

The Assessor has been reviewing the status of open building permits for new construction and renovations.

The Office has a back log of new construction due to the 2nd notice mailing to all residential property owners notifying them that they might be eligible for the senior citizen property exemption.

They called property owners reminding them their applications are due.

Recreation (Councilmember Sweeney):

The first annual plant and seed swap will take place at the RMC building March 11 1:00 PM -4:00 PM.

The Ulster County Office for the aging offering Bingosize twice a week from April to June.

Youth (Councilmember Sweeney):

Camp registration will be March 25th from 10 AM – 2PM at the Youth Center.

April 3rd-April 6th is Spring Break and there will be full day programming for youth. There is a cost per day for this program.

Elder Care (Councilmember Sweeney):

The Song Club at the Park Heights Community room is the second Tuesday of every month for 1 hour.

Supervisors Report: READ

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to amend the effective date for Enrich Funccius to 3/20/23 for Full Time Status non-precedent setting ar \$25.09, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Councilmember Muller made a motion to hire John Walsh as Solid Waste Attendant at \$16.00 for no more than 25 hours per week effective 3/13/23, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.
Supervisor Walsh: ABSTAIN.

1. Speaker – Ingrid Haekckel – NYS DEC – Ingrid stated she was attending the meeting to update the Town on the NRI (natural resource inventory) maps. She said this would not have been possible without Nate Nardi-Cyrus who moved away last year. They are discussing with the Environmental Commission some other opportunities or ways they could do some more public education or outreach about the NRI and share a little bit more in depth information about the towns resources. The natural resources inventory or NRI is a compilation of map description of towns, naturally occurring resources and sometimes also including cultural resources. It includes information about geology and soils, water resources, habitats and wildlife and land use. They also included information about climate conditions and projections and the towns cultural and historic resources. She went over the different maps and said they should be updated time to time. Ingrid asked the board to look at the updated maps and if they have any comments to address the by April 7th. She said she is hoping to get the final NRI approved after.
2. Speaker – Penny Coleman – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report – Penny asked the board to review the report and she will speak about it next month.

3. Speaker – Billy Liggan/Mike Camargo – Site Plan – Billy updated the board on the progress being made for the Street Festival. Mike represented the Farmer’s Market and the Town Clerk advised him of what is needed.
4. Resolution 03-2023-#3 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent to sign the shared services agreement between the Town of Rosendale and New York State Department of Transportation, 2nd Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.
5. Resolution 03-2023-#4 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale call a Public hearing on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of the Sewer District, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.
6. Resolution 03-2023-#5 Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorize the following 2022 final budgetary transfers:

GENERAL FUND - Transfer the sum of:

| Decrease | | Increase | | Amount |
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| A1410.2 | Town Clerk Eq. | A1 410.4 | Town Clerk C.E. | \$66.27 |
| A3120.1 | Police P.S. | A3120.2 | Police Eq. | \$548.00 |

HIGHWAY FUND - Transfer the sum of:

| Decrease | | Increase | | Amount |
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| 1)5130.1 | Machinery P.S. | D5142.4 | Snow Removal C.E. | \$7,112.36 |

SEWER FUND - Transfer the sum of:

| increase | | Increase | | Amount |
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| SS8120.4 | Collection C.E. | SS8120.2 | Collection Eq. | \$546.84 |

WATER FUND - Transfer the sum of:

| Decrease | | Increase | | Amount |
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| SW8310.2 | Administration Eq. | SW8310.4 | Administration C.E. | \$129.70 |
| SW8330.2 | Purification Eq. | S W8340.4 | Trans/Distr C.E. | \$172.96 |

2nd by, Councilmember Muller. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

7. Resolution 03-2023-#6 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale is willing to assist in broadband funding and development with Archtop, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.
8. Resolution 03-2023-#7 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement between the Town of Rosendale and employee assistance program services of the Mid-Hudson Valley, 2nd by Councilmember Muller. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to have a Special Meeting for all other town business after the Public Hearing on March 20th at 5 PM, 2nd Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

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

AUDIT OF BILLS:

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| GENERAL FUND | ABSTRACT 3 | VOUCHER #107-129 | \$15,042.00 |
| HIGHWAY FUND | ABSTRACT 3 | VOUCHER #40-48 | \$5,271.34 |
| WATER FUND | ABSTRACT 3 | VOUCHER #22-27 | \$4,215.77 |
| SEWER FUND | ABSTRACT 3 | VOUCHER #31-38 | \$3003.22 |
| RMC FUND | ABSTRACT 3 | VOUCHER #24-39 | \$18,209.36 |
| SPECIAL LIGHTING | ABSTRACT 3 | VOUCHER #3 | \$738.33 |

Councilmember Wykoff made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM, 2nd by Councilman Havranek, ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Donald
Town Clerk