

**TOWN OF ROSENDALE**  
**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**April 5, 2023**

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:01P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence for John Darcy Elkin.

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ken Hassett; Deputy Supervisor, Jill La Fera; Assistant to Supervisor, Scott Schaffrick; Chief of Rosendale Police, Dorene Whitaker; Highway Clerk, and Joe La Fera; Building Manager.

**Public Comments:**

**Manna Jo Greene** – discussed with the Town Board concerns of the Supervisor Association, the Legislatures communications with the Town and apologized for not being present for recent Supervisor meetings. The Legislatures may go back to implementing a Board of Supervisors. She brought up the Clean Water Act Symposium scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in Newburgh from 9AM – 1PM. Flyers with information for the Symposium were left to be posted to the Town Website and the Town Facebook page. Manna mentioned there is a lot going on in the Legislature that can be shared by being placed on the agenda where she can fill in the Town Board with information and reconnect with the Town. Supervisor Walsh thought it was a great idea to let the town know and be placed on the agenda. The Supervisor also stated for the public's knowledge that the possibility to explore and consider a Board of Supervisors, which some counties do use as they did many years ago. The town wants to close the gap of communication as the County is operating so separately from the towns, villages and the cities to have more open communication. Supervisor Walsh said the Town Board appreciates Manna stopping and attending the previous Supervisor meetings, which are now scheduled here at the Rondout Municipal Center.

**Ms. Anderson** – discussed concerns with the new summer Camp Menucha (under new ownership) former Camp Huntington for special needs children. Ms. Anderson read off a list of concerns/complaints and questions in reference to Town Codes, permits, and Department of Health codes not being followed. Supervisor Walsh stated the complaints last season were received and addressed by the Deputy Supervisor, Code Enforcement, and Fire Marshal. Supervisor Walsh said if these issues start happening again it would help them to reinvestigate the issue as it is happening as opposed to after the camp is shut down. With camps there are some things that go through the County, Town, and Police. Things like noise ordinance would go through the Police. The Code Enforcement has addressed the previous issue, but if there are new issues that pop up complainants will need to contact Code Enforcement and place a formal complaint. Councilman Havranek stated when placing a complaint if there are supporting documents/photos that would be a great help to support the Code Enforcement to investigate the issues at hand.

**Chief Schaffrick** –met with the Police Commission at the last meeting about moving forward with hiring Joseph Scheible and attended the Town Board meeting to introduce Joseph Scheible for the vote to hire onto the Rosendale Police Department.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Joseph Scheible as Police Officer for up to 20 hours per week at \$23.44 an hour effective April 5, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Kimberly Cole effective April 1, 2023. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the \$1,300.00 from Stewarts Holiday Match Grant. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh mentioned she and Jill La Fera attended the Bloomington Fire Department Annual Dinner, which has not been done for a while due to COVID. They were able to give out Pride of Rosedale Certificates to the following top ten responders: Firefighter Joe Hafner Sr. responded to 233 calls for the year 2022, Chief Joe Hafner Junior 203 calls, Assistant Chief Ernie Navarra 185 calls, Lieutenant Ray Stegner 183 calls, past Chief Kevin Keller 143 calls, Assistant Chief Schabot 132 calls, Lieutenant John Lane 123, Firefighter Josh Hintz who's also a Town of Rosendale employee 119 calls, Captain Brian Phillips 105 calls, and Firefighter Billy Lyons 95 calls. Josh Hintz for five years, Joe Hafner for ten years, Dan Wood for fifteen years, Nick Miles for thirty five years, Larry Craig for sixty years and Dave Messimi for forty five years. We also gave out Firefighter of the Year awards to Lieutenant Joe Hafner III and Lieutenant John Lane III for the heroic lifesaving actions along with Rosendale Police Officer Erich Funccius at Williams Lake last year when they rescued a drowning victim and were able to resuscitate her. The victim was brought to the hospital and was able to see her family. Unfortunately, she did pass at the hospital. But it's just amazing when you really think about someone going to this many calls a year with the amount of time that it takes for just one call, we thank them all for what they do for us.

**Speaker –**

**Gwyn Larson – Beltane Festival Site Plan**

All is in order and forwarded to the Town Clerk. There was a concern about not parking on River Road Ext. and this has been addressed with having volunteers to direct parking and monitor speed.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the Beltane Festival Site Plan for the Center for Symbolic Studies Event scheduled for May 20, 2023 with a rain date of May 21, 2023. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

**Speakers –**

**Paul Brophy/John Papp – COLD HARBOR Filming Site Plan**

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the event application for the Cold Harbor filming scheduled for April. 14th, 2023. Based on the following conditions: That all listed conditions/concerns/entities the Town of Rosendale Police Chief Schaffrick listed in his letter, all five fire districts are notified of the road closures, Mobile Life is notified, Wallkill Valley Land Trust is notified, notification letters to the local private property owners, Post Office, Fire Department, School District, and local business owners that may be affected by the event, Certificate of Insurance listing the Town of Rosendale, a signed agreement with the Town of Rosendale to utilize parking locations and any fees to be paid to the Town Clerk's Office by Friday, April 14, 2023. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh mentioned the MS4 Storm Water Draft has been on the website, updates are being worked out and May should be the Final Draft to be approved.

**Resolutions 4-2023-#1 –** Councilmember Sweeney made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement with P & P Pool Diving in the amount of \$36,700.00 for repair work on the pool at the Rosendale Community Center. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes, Supervisor Walsh Abstain.

**Resolutions 4-2023-#2 -** Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign an annual contract with Chargepoint, Inc. to continue to service EV Stations at the Municipal parking lot on Main Street Rosendale. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

**Resolutions 4-2023-#3** - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign an annual Bookkeepers Software Support Contract with Williamson Law Book Company in the amount of \$2,018.00. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

**Resolutions 4-2023-#4** - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby approves the appointment of Penny Coleman to the Ulster County Environmental Management Council with the request the Town of Rosendale Town Board receives monthly updates of actions or discussions of the Environmental Management Council. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

**Resolutions 4-2023-#5** - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign a proposal for an abundance of brush and wood at the Transfer Station to be ground by the (UCRRA) Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

**Resolutions 4-2023-#6** - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale adopts Local Law 3 of 2023, a Local Law to Amend Chapter 63 of the Code of the Town of Rosendale "Taxation" to add a new Article VII Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers. Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

**Resolutions 4-2023-#7** - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby establishes a health insurance buy-out plan whereby an employee that works 30 hours a week & who participates in the buy-out plan are compensated for an amount of \$2500.00 payable in bi-weekly installments who maintains adequate coverage elsewhere may decline coverage available to him/her through the Town of Rosendale and receive in lieu of said health insurance coverage the buy-out payment. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

**Resolutions 4-2023-#8** - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to apply for a Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to replace playground equipment, lighting, poles & electric, and signage for the Recreation Community Center. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 yes.

**Resolutions 4-2023-#9** - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Cyber Guardian Consulting Group to provide IT, new phones, phone service, e-mail service, website management and lower cost internet service through Spectrum. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

#### AUDIT OF THE BILLS

GENERAL FUND	VOUCHERS 130 - 173	ABSTRACT 4	\$23,507.06
HIGHWAY FUND	VOUCHERS 49 - 67	ABSTRACT 4	\$20,375.34
SPECIAL LIGHTING	VOUCHER 4	ABSTRACT 4	\$ 573.51
SEWER FUND	VOUCHER 39 - 53	ABSTRACT 4	\$10,031.47
WATER FUND	VOUCHER 28 - 39	ABSTRACT 4	\$ 5,930.90

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10PM. Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Christine Harrison  
Deputy Town Clerk