

**TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2023**

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence for Stacey Tibbs.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jill La Fera; Assistant to Supervisor, Joe La Fera; Building Manager.

Public Comments:

Councilmember Wykoff reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Parade

Councilmember Sweeney mentioned the Youth Director Matt is working on a Father's Day Field Day with an approximate date for June 11th.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes for April 5th & April 12th, 2023. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Havranek –

The Water and Sewer update is dealing with defective meters that the Badger Meter Company will be following up on June 7, 2023, to deal with antenna/communication issues of the meters. Once the Badger Meter company has completed its evaluation, we will forward the findings.

Sewer - Most of the supplies needed to finish the project are on site, work is fully underway on the tanks, electricians are working hard to keep the timeline moving forward, and completion timeline is still November 2023. The Storage tank plan is now before the Planning Board for the lot line adjustment needed to acquire the .78 acres of land from Saint Peters Church. The new Project Engineer, Nicholas Despart of Barton & Loguidice. H2O Innovations is a new company we are working with, and the point person is Kevin Jaeger. Kevin is the Plan Operator for us and if anyone needs his information just contact me. The Rosendale Sewer Department revenue was \$2,095.34 for the month of April and the Water Department revenue was \$2,580.48.

The Police Commission didn't meet last month. The March minutes were approved and will be on the Town website. The topics at the April meeting that were discussed were that letters were not received from the community, but the Chief did receive phone calls regarding the Route 213 road closure during the filming event that we had a week or so ago. The Chief wanted to let us know that our new police officer Joseph Schreiber is working out well and is becoming an asset to the Rosendale Police Department. Chief Schaffrick attended the Meet the Recruit's night at UCCC (Ulster County Community College) and has a few prospects that he is going to be interviewing in May for Part time positions. All vehicles are in good working order and operational. The Police Department is working on a replacement plan for vehicle 365 towards the end of this year. There are several grants they're working on for fingerprinting, live scan grant, and the stop DWI allocation are not finalized just yet. The D line is operational for May and stats from the April meeting are as follows calls for service 1410, 73 ongoing investigations, 33 Arrests, 18 motor vehicle property damages, and 9 motor vehicle personal injury incidents. At the RMC building there will be some construction in the near future by the front

doors for the Police Department receiving area. The Rosendale Food Pantry is partnering with My Town Market and the Rosendale Police to give out \$25.00 gift cards. The Police will have the gift cards while on a call for service. While they are on a call should there be a concern for a person that is in need of help, they can hand out the gift cards at their discretion. This is a good service to the community. Revenue for the month of April was \$717.39.

Highway – has been having some computer and phone difficulties during the new IT migration. Spring sweeping has begun, and tree work is in process. All stone parking lots have been dressed and York raked out. The highway crew was sweeping up the roads and reclaiming some of our sand and salt mix for use next year. This is a cost savings method. What the highway does is take those sweepings from the road, they sift it out and put the salt & product back in the shed to recycle it. The sweeper was refurbished for a fraction of the price of a new \$100,000.00 dollar piece of equipment for approximately a total of \$12,000.00. The Highway department is researching the possibility of purchasing another used refurbished sweeper. The pool bath houses are all put back together and mowing has started for the season. Highway revenue for April was \$1728.48. Supervisor Walsh mentioned Highway has also begun the sidewalk cleanup program to clear out overgrowth of weeds/grass. The crew has already begun in a small area and removal of a dead tree at the Municipal Center has been completed.

The High Falls Water District revenue year to date \$106,187.27.

Councilmember Muller –

Town Clerk total disbursements for the month of April was \$19,352.56, fishing licenses are being issued, Marriage license season has begun, and they are preparing for the shredding company to come. Dog Control sold 2 licenses and 19 renewed for a total of **\$137.57** collected with \$116.50 paid to the Supervisor, and \$21.00 to New York State Animal Population.

Amended to Minutes May 10, 2023; Dog Control total corrected to \$137.50. Town Board meeting June 14, 2023.

Transfer Station revenues were \$8,215.34 for the Bookkeeper and \$3,165.00 permits for the Town Clerk's office.

The Court Clerk and myself reviewed the April books, and all is in order.

RMC has updated their rental application and had it posted on the website, still obtaining quotes for the handicap access actuator, and shed options for the building. Supervisor Walsh mentioned RMC is also in process of IT migration under Cyber Guardian.

Councilmember Wykoff –

At the last Planning Board meeting in April, we had a pre-application workshop for Camp Menucha. Old business, we had a special use permit and a lot line adjustment for Lewis Solar, both were approved. And then new business, we had a lot line adjustment for the Town of Rosendale Water District and the Saint Peters Church for the Water Tower Project. We are having a meeting tomorrow at 7:00 O'clock in M-1.

ZBA is having a meeting May 16, 2023, but found the dates are not updated on the website calendar. The Deputy Town Clerk mentioned sending out a reminder email for all to review their department website pages for any needed updates as the migration process is in process with Cyber Guardian. Supervisor Walsh mentioned receiving an application to become a ZBA member that will be on the June agenda.

Historian Bill Brooks is getting ready to move some things into the extra storage area at Maple Hill. He custom built some wood shelving because the metal shelving did not fit his needs. Bill's next thoughts are to provide a public program of some kind. Supervisor Walsh mentioned he used to have tours until the issue with COVID and Councilmember Wykoff mentioned wanting to work with him on doing a video to be shared more widely.

The Environmental Commission items that were discussed at the April meeting were recapped on how the plant and seed swap went. It went wonderfully with a lot of community connections made, at least 40 plus people attended, and it was a great program between different committees. Other Items on the agenda was the NRI completion report, the Climate Smart Communities Task Force report, the Solar Lighting Committee report, and the Tree Committee report. Councilmember Wykoff wanted to say thank you to this vibrant commission and for all the work that you do.

Building report, will follow in the next meeting.

Councilman Havranek wanted to interject the Water Sewer Commission did not have a quorum to approve the April 26th meeting minutes, this Commission has quarterly water sewer meetings. Presently we only have three Commission members for a five-member committee. They appreciate getting the word out to share the volunteer Water Sewer Commission open positions. A notation from Terry Johnson they are trying to figure when they tear down the old tank if the town will be able to do anything with the scrap metal. Supervisor Walsh said we would have to review the engineering plans to see if it is in the plans that the company takes the scrap metal. The Water Sewer Commission may schedule an earlier meeting than the presently scheduled quarterly meeting.

Councilmember Sweeney –

Matt, our Youth Director said the Youth Center Summer camp is just about full. Sessions one and four still have some space available, call Matt if you're interested in the open spots. Matt is also planning a Father's Day Field Day may be scheduled for Sunday, June 11th. That's still in the works, so it's not official yet. He will advertise when it becomes official and Councilmember Sweeney is hoping to be at that event. The Recreation Commission mentioned they are still in need of lifeguards for the pool. The pool will not be opening Memorial Day weekend, but there is hope that it will be open the second weekend in June, pending lifeguards. Many thanks to Josh McGahan who recently painted the concession stand as he works on Eagle rank with the Boy Scouts and works for the town.

The Tax Collector reminder notices have been mailed out and tax payments continue to be paid. All bills must be paid by May 31st, or they will be turned over to the County. One warrant payment has been paid to the county in the amount of \$1,250,000.00.

The Assessor Grievance Day will be Tuesday May 23rd 2PM – 4PM & 6PM to 8PM here at the Rondout Municipal Center room M-15.

Supervisor Walsh stated that Jill LaFera, the Supervisor's Assistant processed the initial Hazard Mitigation Plan with help from Superintendent Gallagher and Chief Schaffrick which was submitted. All the Town's will have a meeting at the Rosendale Recreation Center on May 17th at 6PM to go to the next step for the Ulster County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Supervisor Walsh read Financial Reports.

Speaker – Joel Friedman – NYCLASS

Joel Friedman discussed the NYCLASS (New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System) program portfolio and strategy that focuses on minimizing market risk, safety, liquidity, flexibility, competitive returns, and convenience with Money Market Mutual Funds. The municipality has no minimum amount with a daily compounding rate, portions covered by the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) and is FCC (Federal Communications Commission) Registered.

Resolutions 5-2023-#3 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to participate in the NYCLASS (New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System) program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019. Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Speaker – Mac Dorris – Ride for Mental Health Site Plan

Mac Dorris reviewed the Site Plan for the Ride for Mental Health, discussed where the non-profit organization funds have gone to help people and that he is in communication with the Town Clerk's office to finish with approvals to be forwarded for the Highway Department, Wallkill Valley Land Trust, and insurance. Mac asked if there was any way the Town Board could waive the application fee. Supervisor Walsh asked for a letter with a description of being non-profit. Jill La Fera mentioned Pegasus Shoes in New Paltz had a sale where they were donating a percentage to Ride for Mental Health. Mac Dorris mentioned we work with different locations of Pegasus Shoes Stores that donate to our cause and other retail stores.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale approve the event Ride for Mental Health contingent upon receiving the non-profit letter for application fee to be waived, and all other approvals needed. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes 1 Recuse/Councilmember Wykoff

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the \$1,000.00 donation from Don & Hella Beale donation for the Rosendale Youth Program. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Resolutions 5-2023-#4 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to approve implementation of a \$20.00 bounced check fee and the Town Clerk will post said fee on the Town Website. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Resolutions 5-2023-#5 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to approve the implementation of a statutory \$25.00 One Day Officiant Application fee and the Town Clerk will post said fee on the Town Website. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Resolutions 5-2023-#6 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to let bidding for the Fabrication and Installation of a new sign at the Rosendale Community Center. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Resolutions 5-2023-#7 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale conditionally accept the Draft 2022 MS4 Annual Report pending resolution of any comment received and the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign and submit the final MS4 report to NYSDEC. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

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

AUDIT OF BILLS:

GENERAL FUND	ABSTRACT 5	VOUCHER #228-258	\$13,312.87
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 5	VOUCHER #88-90	\$ 1,277.84
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 5	VOUCHER #52-58	\$ 7,330.37
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 5	VOUCHER #71-78	\$ 4,073.45
RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 5	VOUCHER #65-76	\$ 4,145.96
SPECIAL LIGHTING	ABSTRACT 5	VOUCHER #5 - 7	\$ 646.88

Councilman Havranek made a motion to adjourn at 9:02PM. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Respectfully Submitted by

Christine Harrison
Deputy Town Clerk