

**TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2023**

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:01P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence in observance of the people lost on 9/11.

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

ABSENT: Councilman Joseph Havranek

ALSO PRESENT: Kenneth Hassett; Deputy Town Supervisor, Jill La Fera; Assistant to Supervisor, and Joe La Fera; Building Manager.

Public Comments:

Councilmember Wykoff mentioned an event the RVGA (Rondout Valley Growers Association) will host their 16th Annual Harvest Hoedown on October 14, 2023, from 1-6 PM at the Marbletown Park (AKA Tongore Park) Stone Ridge. This will be their first Fall fundraiser in five years.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes with the grammatical changes for August 2023. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh gave the Marbletown Rescue report since they do not have a liaison at the moment, that there were six calls for the Town of Rosendale.

Councilmember Reports:

Councilmember Muller –

Transfer Station revenue for the month of August was \$9,565.60 and permit revenue was \$1,860.00.

Town Clerk revenue was \$14,126.31, Dog licenses for the month of August were 52 sold, 38 renewed and a total revenue amount was \$776.50, of that total \$670.50 went to Supervisor Walsh and \$106.00 went to New York State Animal Control Program.

Rondout Municipal Center for the month of August - The cubbies that were removed from the ARC room have been given to the Brookside School, The EV Connect Portal for EV charging stations were reconnected and research has begun for rates of vehicles charging at the ports. For the building split units and ducts annual cleaning has been completed and Joe is waiting for a replacement part. The trees have been removed and Joe is working with highway for the foundation materials for the new shed to be ordered. The Town Clerk’s office archival shelving is being painted. The playground rules signage is being updated and replaced. The phone installation is being completed with Joe working on the copper lines for the Police, Water Sewer Plant, and High Falls Water District. Just Right Plumbing will be replacing the pumps this weekend. New ceiling tiles have been ordered that are made of a PVC washable material for the ability to reuse. Joe is researching engineers to help review the drainage issues behind the gym. Requests for renting out the gym, bistro, and meeting rooms are being received. Joe is receiving estimates for the Court Clerk office windows. The RMC budget has been submitted to Rosendale and Marbletown Supervisors and Joe continues to organize and clean various areas of the building.

The Court books were reviewed, and all is in order.

Councilmember Wykoff;

The ZBA did not meet last month, so the next meeting is Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00PM.

The Planning Board meeting is tomorrow at 7:00PM. They will be hearing the Montauk Catch Club.

The Building Department August total fees collected \$9,412.00, 23 Permits were issued, and 20 are still open.

The Economic Development Committee is still looking for a good time and date to schedule their meetings.

The Environmental Commission is meeting tomorrow at 6:30PM.

Councilmember Sweeney:

Youth Department – The after school drop-in center has begun. Matt McClusky is open every day until 6:30 and typically has about 8 to 12 children each day with new children attending. Matt will be running a full day program on September 25th, since the schools will be closed, at the Youth Center from 8:30AM to 5:30PM. Matt is still ironing out the details for a Walk-In Halloween party slated for October 29th that will have different activities. They are currently brainstorming ideas for winter youth activities and sports.

Recreation Commission - The pool closing went well and Dorene Whitaker mentioned at the meeting that people that were at the pool on the last day applauded the lifeguards and the staff for doing such a great job this year. Early morning adult swim from 7:00AM to 8:00AM did well and Dorene wants to keep that schedule next year for the whole season because adults absolutely loved it. The Recreation Center is rented out for some of September, but October is extremely busy. There's only two Sundays available in October and all the other dates have been booked. The Recreation Commission has been talking about the tree that's going to be donated and planted at the Rosendale Community Center for holiday events and are researching the best way to run electric.

After the recent power outages, the Eldercare Assistance Committee will update the list of Wellness checks for residents to give to the Supervisor. Barbara Piombino has developed a specific form to distribute locally for people to get signed up for residents.

Deputy Supervisor Hassett mentioned the Rosendale Food Pantry has been very busy and will have updated information to forward to Councilmember Muller to report at a later time, but also wanted to thank the My Town Market Place for the generous donation of 40 bags of food. Councilmember Muller mentioned they have 20 more bags to be picked up. Councilmember Wykoff mentioned registering at the Office of the Aging for a free movie at the Rosendale Theatre on October 24, 2023, at 1PM. The movie that will be showing will be “Psycho”.

Supervisor Walsh read the financial reports.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hold a Public Hearing to consider a Local Law #4 of the year 2023 to Amend Chapter 75 of the Town Code to add a new section §75-28.3 “Accessory Dwelling Units”. Such Public Hearing to be held on October 4, 2023, at 7PM, at the Rondout Municipal Center, Room M1 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, NY 12419. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hold a Public Hearing to consider a Local Law #5 of the year 2023 to Amend Chapter 75 of the Town Code to add a new section §75-28.4 entitled “Short-Term Transient Rentals”. Such Public Hearing to be held on October 4, 2023, at 7PM, at the Rondout Municipal Center, Room M1 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, NY 12419. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hold a Public Hearing to consider a Local Law #6 of the year 2023 to Amend Chapter 75 of the Town Code to add a new section §75-28.5 “Adult Use Cannabis Consumption Facility”. Such Public Hearing to be held on October 4, 2023, at 7PM, at the Rondout Municipal Center, Room M1 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, NY 12419. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh spoke of a proposal for a Town Policy that cannabis would not be sold, distributed, or consumed on a town property. This would restrict areas such as Parks, Farmers Market, and locations where children would be.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:40PM to discuss the employment of a particular person. Seconded by Councilmember Muller: ROLL VOTE 4 Yes. (returned at 8:42PM with no motions made.)

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to pay the vouchers/bills. Seconded by Councilmember Muller: ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

GEN FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHERS 492 – 417	\$18,442.79
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHERS 166 – 168	\$ 943.85
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHERS 110 - 118	\$ 2,086.21
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHERS 139 - 147	\$ 1,185.17
SPEC. LIGHT FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHERS 8 - 10	\$ 648.96
RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHERS 126 – 145	\$22,586.16

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:43PM. Seconded by Councilmember Muller: ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Respectfully submitted by

Christine Harrison
Deputy Town Clerk