

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

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:02P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence for Edward W. McGurk.

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, Joe La Fera; Building Manager, Willam P. Pape; Rosendale Justice, Christopher Ragucci; Rosendale Justice, Denise DeHart; Court Clerk/Water-Sewer Clerk and Billy Liggan; Planning Board Chair.

Public Input –

Billy Liggan presenter for the Pickle Festival discussed the upcoming Street Festival he will be preparing for and is looking for guidance on how to handle the upcoming Street Festival vendors, which may include cannabis vendors. Supervisor Walsh mentioned we will have to wait to give guidance until we know what the State Regulations will be.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes from November 1st & 8th of 2023 with correction/changes of grammatical error and page two \$39.00 to \$61.00 submitted to New York State Animal Control Population. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Councilmember Reports -

Councilman Havranek –

Water/Sewer – They are now substantially completing the project and are now in the punch list phase. The plant is now running how it was designed and is in operation. At the water tower no work has been done since the core drilling and there hasn't been any negative reports. Roy Weyman has been working on installing water meters and Terry Johnson will be joining him in the next week. Revenue for November in the Sewer Department was \$13,872.92 and the Water Department was 14,792.84.

Police - Police Commission meeting was on November 28, 2023, no correspondence was submitted, The chairperson mentioned there were no responses for the Police Commission Survey, there was a discussion to hire Giovanni Villalon as a Police Officer, all vehicles are operational and the Chief mentioned purchasing another vehicle in end 2024 or in 2025. Sargeant Quigly mentioned the status is unknown for the old 365 vehicle and will be reviewed. On the subject of grants, they are working on the Live Scan Visibility grant and painting for the room where the unit will be placed should be completed and the Chief is looking into cabinetry for the location, DWI High Visibility Grant - There were seven chips for Thanksgiving weekend patrol. Training - Officer Norman attended Taser Training and Officer Scheible attended Field Training Officers School and the Police Department now has two Field Training Officers that now are FTOs, and Cycle Four Training was cancelled by Ulster County Sheriff Office and the Chief is planning an in house training.

Old Business – Sargeant Lewis is conducting the ongoing process for accreditation process, which will hopefully be completed next year. Chief Schaffrick met October 24th with the Division of Criminal Justice Services and County Civil

Service Emergency One will now be conducting all of the Police medical for hiring Police to be in compliance with the changes in New York State Executive Law 6000. Calls for service to date 3867, 260 cases, 227 arrests, property damage accidents were 94 and auto accidents. Revenue for the Police Department \$919.50.

Highway - Our Deputy Highway Superintendent Dorene Whitaker reports all of our trucks are ready for the winter, so a kudos to the Highway Department for being prepared. The backhoe is in a repair center up north, which will be a large repair. They are working on it costs to repair that will approximately be \$29,233.00. So that's really the biggest thing they have, other than that repair there are no other previous expenses. Hopefully they will get the backhoe back and in service next week. The CHIPs (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) paperwork has been filed and the monies should be received this month. Total revenue for Highway in November was \$5,124.59.

Councilman Havranek finished his committee reports and wanted to discuss on the record a potential buyer for the Bell Tower on Main Street, Rosendale and while being Vice chair for the Planning Board at the time a Special Use Permit was completed. Councilman Havranek submitted to the Deputy Town Clerk Christine Harrison minutes he found from 2012 regarding the Bell Tower receiving a Special Use Permit and Site Plan being on file for use as a wedding venue. Billy Liggin Planning Board Chair mentioned the Special Use Permit began in July 2012 and believed it was passed in September 2012.

Councilman Havranek made mention of how we will miss Councilmember Muller and the skill sets she brought forth to the board.

Supervisor Walsh presented a plaque to Councilmember Muller in recognition and sincere appreciation for her distinguished service for her term as Town of Rosendale Town Board Councilmember.

Councilmember Muller –

RMC – The boilers are in the process of being serviced, we are waiting for parts to complete the job. Joe met with TBS about some updates and maintenance/changes over the new system for the boiler and air handlers. The new egress windows have been installed in the Rosendale Court Clerk's offices. Copper lines for the Police Department and the Water and Sewer plants have been flipped and the new phones have been installed. Hopefully all goes as planned and the project will be completed in the next couple of weeks. Thanks to Joe, the Christmas wreath has been strung with new lights and hung with care at the end of the Rosendale Town Hall wing. There has been a new cleaning chemical system installed. The new shed is working out well and getting filled. The gym has flooded once again and was cleaned up. Joe is waiting for the engineer's report on possible solutions.

Food Pantry – They would like to thank everyone for their generosity and as a result they were able to distribute 62 Thanksgiving Bags.

Transfer Station – The fee revenue for the month of November was \$9,713.10 and the permit revenue was \$1,333.00.

Dog License Fees - For the month of November there were eight sold with twenty three renewed for a total of \$244.50 with \$211.50 for Supervisor Walsh and \$33.00 for New York State Animal Population Control.

Town Clerks Office - They have been organizing their archival boxes and they want to thank Joe the Building Manager and Highway Department for completing the installation of the new shelving. \$62,829.87 with a large portion of \$59,878.00 from the Building Department.

Last Thursday, December 7, 2023, I reviewed the Court books, and all is in order.

Deputy Supervisor Hassett wanted to mention how proud he was with how Councilmember Muller has handled herself during her term on the Town Board and that there haven't been as many exceptional as she in a long time.

Councilmember Wykoff –

Planning Board - The next meeting is tomorrow in the RMC building at 7:00 PM. On the agenda is a Public Hearing for a lot line adjustment with 59 Lake Hill Road and Binnewater Road, the land of Williams Lake. There are a couple of pre-application workshops. On the agenda are the Bloomington Fire Department and another for a Social Club at 1955 Lucas Ave. There will also be discussion seeking input from the Planning Board on the Accessory Dwelling, Short Term Rental and Cannabis Dispensary, which is in process with Town Board.

ZBA – They did not meet in November and December as there wasn't anything for the agenda.

Building - As Councilmember Muller mentioned the large revenue for Building in November was \$59,878.00 with \$54,820.00 of that being from for the solar fee. So that's what really pushed that revenue up. There were 29 permits issued and as of December 1st 28 were still open.

Historian – Bill mentioned all the shelves are up in the overflow space at Maple Hill and there is going to be some moving of item out of his office here and into that storage space. But he wanted to clarify his office is staying at the Town Hall Building.

Environmental Commission - The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:00 PM here at RMC. The main thing on the agenda is work that they've been doing on possibly establishing a community compost program. They will bring that to the board.

Economic Development Committee – They still have no scheduled meetings and are dormant at the moment. Unfortunately, as it shows on the agenda for tonight the Chair has submitted his resignation. We have a new potential business owner expressing interest in the committee. So, they look forward to reestablishing this committee in 2024.

Councilmember Sweeney –

Youth Department - They had a pie making class in November with a really good attendance of over 14 kids involved and it went really well. There will be a Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 20th, Matt will be offering full day programs on December 27th, 28th and 29th, and Matt will also start a Winter Saturday Art Lab that will take place in January and February, any information regarding anything I just mentioned you can call Matt at the Youth Center for details. Supervisor Walsh mentioned Matt sending the Town Clerk information for the Town Website.

Recreation Commission - The Recreation Center is booked for the whole month of January on Saturdays and Sundays, and February is catching up as well. The Zumba classes that took place of our Line Dancing class will be on Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. The same with the Yoga classes they have had about 25 plus people each class, so that class going really well and that is scheduled on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Councilmember Sweeney asked Supervisor Walsh for an update on the electric for the Recreation Sign. Supervisor Walsh mentioned having to wait for Central Hudson to hook up the power since everything had to be disconnected from the power source. Both the sign and ball field lighting will be turned on at the same time.

Elder Assistance Committee - The Committee is very proud that they have accomplished almost all of the goals that they've set out to do in the 2023 year. The information session that they held on November 17th at Park Heights was a great event. Twenty were in attendance, some of those attended live at Park Heights and some of them did not. Barbara Piombino wanted to also report that she will possibly be traveling next month, and so she has scheduled someone to take over her emergency food deliveries in her absence, she also wants to report that Song Club will continue at Park Heights for 2024, and I believe that's thanks to a donation from the Pickle Fest. Councilmember Wykoff interjected about the committee that Barbara and her helpers arranged through the Center for Creative Education in Kingston on Thanksgiving over 40 Thanksgiving hot meals were delivered mostly to Park Heights residents and that was due to Barbara and her helper.

Tax Collector - She has put in for the new 2024 tax bills.

Supervisor Read Financial Report.

Supervisor Walsh Just wanted to mention with Penny Coleman's hard work and the help with retrieving information that at the commitment awards the Town of Rosendale is now Bronze Certified for the Climate Smart Community. We received plaques, so one will be here in Town Hall, and one will be placed at the Recreation Center.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept a donation of \$5,000 from the Pickle Festival, which will go for a piece of equipment for the Recreation Playground. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh presented a plaque for Debra Tierney, received by Judge Pape, in recognition and sincere appreciation for her distinguished service for eight years as Court Clerk for the Town of Rosendale. Judge Pape accepted the plaque with compliments for her hard work and organizing the court archival room.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation for retirement of Debra Tierney effective 12-29-2023. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to re-appoint Reta Sorge to the Recreation Commission term Expiring 12-31-2023. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to re-appoint Sean Nixon to the Environmental Commission term expiring 12-31-2023. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Andrew Wilner from the Economic Development Committee effective 11-14-23. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh reported Marbletown First Aid had for the Town of Rosendale 10 dispatches in November.

Resolution 12-2023-11 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes its said officials to attend the 2024 annual training conference of the NYS Association of Towns to be held February 18-21, 2024 and authorizes the Supervisor to advance as per the following schedule to each official attending the conference for expenses related from: 1) Meals, Tips, Trave, Coat Check, etc. \$75.00 – Daily, 2) Round Trip Transportation \$52.00. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2023-12 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes hereby appoints Jeanne L. Walsh as the Official Delegate and Kenneth Hassett as the Alternate Delegate to the 2024 Annual Training Conference of the NYS Association of Towns to be held February 18-21, 2024. Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2023-13 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Contract with Ulster County SPCA to continue as Dog control for the Town of Rosendale. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2023-14 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement with DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign for DWI enforcement patrols with the County of Ulster for the period of October 1, 2023, to September 2024. Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Resolution 12-2023-15 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Emergency One of 40 Hurley Avenue, Kington, NY 12401, to be in compliance with the changes in New York State Executive Law 6000 to include medical exams as a requirement for Police to be hired.

Supervisor Walsh wanted to thank the town's new Bookkeeper Taylor McGrane who had worked very hard with the Supervisor on the Budget Transfers.

Resolution 12-2023-16 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the following 2023 End of year Budget Transfers. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

GENERAL FUND – Transfer the sum of:

Decrease		Increase		Amount
A1220.4	Supervisor C.E.	A1220.2	Supervisor Eq.	\$75.00
A1330.1	Tax Collector P.S.	A1330.4	Tax Collector C.E.	\$5.00
A1355.1	Assessors P.S.	A1355.4	Assessors C.E.	\$18,336.00
A3120.1	Police P.S.	A1355.4	Assessors C.E.	\$12,238.00
A1620.2	Buildings Eq.	A1621.4	Buildings C.E.	\$25,000.00
A1990.4	Contingency	A1621.4	Buildings C.E.	\$24,180.69
A1421.4	Legal Fees	A1621.4	Buildings C.E.	\$9,515.00
A9030.8	Emp Ben Soc Sec	A9060.8	Emp Ben Med Ins	\$6,536.00
A1110.2	Justices Eq	A1650.4	Telephones	\$1,000.00
A1320.4	Independent Auditing	A1650.4	Telephones	\$590.00
A3310.4	Traffic Control C.E.	A1680.4	Data Processing C.E.	\$2,379.00
A3120.2	Police Eq.	A3120.4	Police C.E.	\$12,735.31
A3120.1	Police P.S.	A3120.4	Police C.E.	\$2,700.00
A1355.2	Assessors Eq.	A3010.4	Fire Marshal C.E.	\$650.00
A1620.4	Buildings C.E.	A1620.1	Buildings P.S.	\$3,300.00
A3620.2	Safety Insp Eq.	A3510.4	Dog Control C.E.	\$819.00
A3620.2	Safety Insp Eq.	A3510.1	Dog Control P.S.	\$150.00
A5010.4	Supt Highways C.E.	A5010.1	Supt Highways P.S.	\$260.00
A7140.2	Playground/Rec Eq.	A7150.4	Pool C.E.	\$20,000.00
A7150.2	Pool Eq.	A7150.4	Pool C.E.	\$3,000.00
A7150.2	Pool Eq.	A7140.4	Playground/Rec C.E.	\$4,900.00
A8710.4	UCRRA	A8160.4	Refuse & Garbage C.E.	\$1,500.00
A8710.4	UCRRA	A8160.2	Refuse & Garbage Eq.	\$900.00
A8710.4	UCRRA	A8090.4	Environmental C.E.	\$600.00
A9010.8	Emp Ben State Ret	A8020.4	Planning C.E.	\$8,000.00
A6772.4	Programs/Aging C.E.	A1410.1	Town Clerk P.S.	\$1,400.00
A6771.4	Programs C.E.	A1410.1	Town Clerk P.S.	\$300.00

HIGHWAY FUND – Transfer the sum of:

Decrease		Increase		Amount
D5110.1	General Repairs P.S.	D5111.1	General Maintenance P.S.	\$36,100.00
D5142.1	Snow Removal P.S.	D5111.1	General Maintenance P.S.	\$5,400.00
		D3501	C.H.I.P.S. / .S.H.I.P.S.	\$64,197.27
		D5112.2	Capital Outlay	\$64,197.27
D5130.2	Machinery Eq.	D9720.6	Bond Principal	\$23,700.00
D5130.2	Machinery Eq.	D9720.7	Bond Interest	\$2,906.00

WATER FUND – Transfer the sum of:

Decrease		Increase		Amount
SW8320.2	Supply Eq	SW1910.4	Special Items Unallocated	\$738.00
SW8340.4	Trans/Distr. C.E.	SW8320.4	Supply C.E.	\$28,100.00
SW8330.2	Purification Eq.	SW8330.4	Purification C.E.	\$4,000.00

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the General Fund pay back the Sewer Fund the loan of \$200,000.00 before December 31, 2023. Seconded by Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:58PM to discuss the employment of a particular person. Seconded by Councilmember Muller: ROLL VOTE 4 Yes. (Returned at 8:28PM with no motions made.)

Resolution 12-2023-17 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hire Jamie Hectus effective 12/13/2023 to be the Court Clerk for 20 hours per week in the office to work exclusively on Town of Rosendale court matters to cover the court hours that the Town Hall is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 9AM and 4PM with an additional 5 hours per diem. The Town of Rosendale will pay Jamie Hectus \$18.00 per hour for a probationary period of six months with a \$1.00 increase after successfully completing probation with no other compensation. Councilmember Muller; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale increase the salary for Denise DeHardt to \$18.75 effective 12/13/2023. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale increase the salary for Christine Harrison to \$18.75 effective 12/13/2023. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to pay the vouchers/bills. Seconded by Councilman Havranek: ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

GEN FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHERS 621 – 651	\$21,321.66
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHERS 224 – 229	\$ 5,806.27
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHERS 162 - 170	\$ 4,470.76
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHERS 196 - 204	\$ 1,622.00
SPEC. LIGHT FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHERS 13 - 16	\$ 2,236.66
RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHERS 185 – 206	\$33,906.40

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38PM. Seconded by Councilmember Muller: ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Respectfully Submitted by

Christine Harrison
Deputy Town Clerk