

**TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2024**

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:02P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jeanne L. Walsh
 Councilman Joseph Havranek
 Councilmember Tim Craven
 Councilmember Carrie Wykoff

EXCUSED: Councilmember Ashley Sweeney

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Hassett; Deputy Supervisor, Jill La Fera; Assistant to Supervisor, Joe La Fera; Building Manager

Public Comments –

Manna Jo Greene – Ulster County Legislator District 19

She wanted to mention a solar mapping training course, which Penny Coleman and herself attended. Penny made a wonderful report to the town. The training is open to anyone in the region, but it's focused on Ulster County and it's to provide a baseline so that they can achieve 70% renewable energy by 2030, which is the New York State goal. Since Rosendale has already participated, the town can join Hurley, New Paltz, and the City of Kingston, who are now starting to focus on actual implementation of solar and other renewables in the community.

Penny Coleman – Environmental Commission

She wanted to have it known that some residents stated the EV Stations at Willow Kiln Park are not working.

Supervisor Walsh mentioned that there has been a change some time ago that the EV Stations have charges and restrictions that were implemented for utilizing the stations now. Some people may think that it is still a free hookup. But the Town Clerk's office will double check if they are working properly.

Lori Anderson – Town Resident

She discussed continued issues from previous complaints in August and new issues of different types of garbage being thrown over the new privacy fence that was installed at Camp Menucha. They are now being harassed by the camper/workers and have called the police at times. At one point they needed to call DEC as someone defecated into a bag and threw it over the fence onto their property with writing that said welcome to Camp Menucha.

Supervisor Walsh mentioned that our Fire Marshal and Building Inspector have followed up on complaints that were already taken care of back from August, but if a list of the new issue can be forwarded to her, she will follow up on the issues that are being dealt with now. Unfortunately, there is a process that must be followed for anyone to correct a problem within a time period before we can move forward.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale approve the January meeting minutes with a correction of the second meeting date to be January 10th not the 20th and correction of verbiage in Councilman Havranek reports. Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Councilmember Reports -

Councilman Havranek –

Highway –

The Superintendent of Highway reports on the equipment and says all equipment is in great running shape. They are now working on equipment for Spring in their spare time, the sweeper is getting repaired at Joe Johnson Equipment in Albany. General repairs for Spring are being done in-house. Tonight, the Town Board will be talking about some radio purchases/leases. They are scheduling training in the Spring to be done with other towns under shared services. Some of those training courses are going to be chainsaw operations and maintenance, bucket truck operations and safety, road repair and then a few other training sessions included. Purchased this year was a Steam Jenny, which is a pressure washer

that offers hot water for cleaning off their equipment and trucks. They used in January approximately 350 tons of sand mix. This includes 200 plus or minus off road sweepings that were screened this past Summer. Highway Revenue for January \$2,164.40.

Water & Sewer-

Terry Johnson, Special Project Manager reports back that the sewer plant has a few issues. The number 2 clarifier issues are with the mixer and the tank. This work is under warranty and is being handled by the manufacturer. There are still a few punchless items that are pending and waiting for parts to arrive. Explosion proof heaters for the wet room and relief valves to be installed on the pumps, Water Tower is pending, Roy and Terry will resume water meter work next month, and an iPhone system. There was a large water usage at the college last month. It turned out that during cold weather the aptitude valve on the new tank was stuck in the open position this fall. Some 120,000 gallons of water was lost. But water ran through the meter and the county will get billed for that. There are a few maintenance items that are being dealt with by H2O Innovations of the plant, new valves, and the new pump of tankers. At the treatment plant the county couldn't house our truck this winter. The truck doesn't need to be heated but it should be kept indoors if they can. The next Water Commission meeting will be on April 24, 2024 at 5:00 PM at the RMC building. Revenue for Sewer in January \$23,434.56 and Water Department Revenue for January was \$27,245.18.

Police Department-

The Police Commission didn't meet last month and that created a couple of problems. Two Commission meetings were cancelled and as a result the Police Commission Survey and report has not been reviewed or approved by the Town Board. The next Police Commission meeting is scheduled February 27th at 3:30PM here at the RMC. The stats for the Police Department since the first of the year incidents are 404 calls service, 24 cases, 13 arrests, 3 personal injury accidents, and 12 property damage accidents. Revenue for the Police Department was \$842.89.

Councilmember Craven-

Environmental Committee -

At the meeting, Julie Noble, the coordinator for Sustainability for Kingston, talked about what they're doing with food scraps, about community compost picking up these scraps, and they discussed applying for a grant for Arbor Day for trees.

Economic Development- They are working on grants with NYSERDA and Clean Energy Communities. These are with MHAT and may accrue points, but the grants will need to be presented to the Town Board.

Town Clerk -

December fees and licenses total came to \$8,322.68 for December and for January a total of \$13,136.54.

RMC-

The fire inspection was completed. New phones are installed. Sandbags are being used to protect the gym from flooding, Joe is working out proposals for a permanent fix. He is also working on roof issues to address some leakage. They received the Commission checks from Triple J Vending for 2023. The generator had a checkup, all is well. Servicing of the boilers was completed. He executed their first fire drill of the year with little to no issues.

Councilmember Wykoff -

Planning Board-

They welcome Dave Plante back as the Town Planner. Last week there was a new special use application for a permit for building E7 & E8 at Camp Menuchah building E7 E 8, which would be a rebuild of a building that was destroyed in a fire last summer. They've submitted a building permit application, but upon review of the application and the construction plans, our Building Inspector, Nick concluded that a review was needed by the Planning Board. An initial review was done and then will need to be referred to Marletown and Ulster County Planning Board for review. Once the revised plans are received a Public Hearing may be set for March 14th. The Planning Board also did their 2024 organizational items and reappointed Billy Liggan as the Chair for the next term. The next meeting for the Planning Board is March 14th, 2024 at 7:00 PM here at the RMC Building.

ZBA-

They did not meet in January. There is an applicant for an area variance set for February 20, 2024. Our clerk Brisa Casas has been checking in with people because some people from the ZBA are attending the Association of Towns Conference.

They want to make sure we have a quorum for this. That the applicant owns a vacant parcel next to her house and would like to get approval to put a single-family resident on the vacant lot for her daughter. The next scheduled meeting beyond February 20th should that applicant need to be moved will be March 19, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the RMC building.

Building Department-

January totals were \$9,890.00 in revenue, 20 permits were given, 17 of those were still open as of February 1, 2024.

Transfer Station-

They will be closed on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in Observation of Presidents Day. The fee revenue for the month of January was \$7,577.00 and the permit revenue was \$2,033.00.

Supervisor Read Financials-

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale continue with the open Public Hearing for Local Law Adult Use Cannabis at 7:33PM. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale continue with the open Public Hearing for Local Law Short Term Rentals at 7:34PM. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale continue with the open Public Hearing for Local Law Accessory Dwelling Units at 7:35PM. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes

Public Hearing Comments – None

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale close the Public Hearing for Local Law Adult Use Cannabis at 7:37PM. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale close the Public Hearing for Local Law Short Term Rentals at 7:38PM. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale close the Public Hearing for Local Law Accessory Dwelling Units at 7:39PM. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes

Supervisor Walsh discussed the Ulster County Planning Board comments with the Town Board for amendments/override of the Local Laws for Short Term Rentals and Accessory Dwelling Units. They reviewed residents utilizing their ADU for a 10 Year period, registering with the county and placing it on the application, having to override to add Multifamily on page 3 of the STR, and not grandfathering or max properties.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale re-appoint Benjamin Talutto to the Youth Commission term expiring December 31, 2025. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale re-appoint Judith Ivankovic to the Youth Commission term expiring December 31, 2025. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale re-appoint Penny Coleman to the Environmental commission term expiring December 31, 2026. Seconded by Councilman Craven; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale re-appoint Billy Liggan to the Planning Board term expiring December 31, 2030. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale accept the \$1,000.00 donation from Don and Hella Beale for the Rosendale Youth Program for art and sport supplies. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Speaker-Penny Coleman-Environmental Commission

Penny stated in 2018 Rosedale signed a five-year contract with Natural Power that ended March of last year. She didn't know if the town was still signed up for that credit. Supervisor Walsh stated we are and mentioned it is usually on the bill of the specific accounts that can get the discount. The Deputy Town Clerk verified the credit used to read on the Central Hudson bill Natural Power Group Credit and now it shows an acronym of CDG (Community Distribution Generation) credit. Supervisor Walsh mentioned there was a five-year contract, but it is still enforced until the account holder cancels. Penny discussed the Mid-Hudson Energy transition, the advantages of community solar, and discounting. She discussed NYSERDA and the State of New York using a criteria to establish a community at disadvantage. The Town Board

discussed with Penny a letter to residents that would qualify for solar and discounts from the town to support the companies as legitimate companies for the residents to choose from.

Site Plan Review – Cold Harbor

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale approve the Cold Harbor Filming Event with the date to be determined contingent on receiving the appropriate fee for the size impacting the area, Chief of Police to oversee road closings, all related road issues of the use of Route 213 and the detours, notification to the Police and Town Clerk’s Office for advertisement to be placed on the Town Website and Social Media of road closures to be 24 to 48 hours before filming, placing notification letters of the film shoot on each of the properties doors that will be impacted. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Resolution 2-2024- #4 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby adopts Local Law #3 of 2024, to amend chapter of the Town Code, Zoning and to add a new provision §75-28.5 “Adult Use Cannabis Related Business”. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Resolution 2-2024- #5 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the following budgetary transfers. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 yes.

Increase		Increase		Amount
A1421.4	Legal Fees	A9999	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 52,000.00

Resolution 2-2024- #6 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the following budgetary transfers. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

GENERAL FUND – Transfer the sum of:

Decrease		Increase		Amount
A1110.4	Justice C.E.	A1620.4	Buildings C.E.	\$ 1,700.00
A3620.4	Safety Inspection C.E.	A1621.4	Buildings RMC	\$ 2,900.00
A3120.1	Police P.S.	A1680.2	Data Processing Eq.	\$ 302.00
A6410.4	Publicity	A7550.4	Celebrations	\$ 222.00
A7140.1	Playground P.S.	A7140.4	Playground C.E.	\$ 184.00
A7150.1	Pool P.S.	A7150.4	Pool C.E.	\$ 131.00
A9060.8	Employee Medical	A9030.8	Employee SS	\$ 665.00
A9010.8	Employee State Retirement	A9030.8	Employee SS	\$ 400.00

SEWER FUND – Transfer the sum of:

Decrease		Increase		Amount
S8120.4	Collections C.E.	S1910.4	Special Items Unallocated	\$ 738.00
S8110.2	Administration Eq.	S9060.8	Employee Medical	\$ 642.00
S8110.2	Administration Eq.	S8130.2	Treatment Eq.	\$ 358.00
S8110.4	Administration C.E.	S8130.2	Treatment Eq.	\$ 11,137.38
S8120.2	Collections Eq.	S8130.4	Treatment C.E.	\$ 1,450.00
S9030.8	Social Security	S8130.4	Treatment C.E.	\$ 597.00
S9030.8	Social Security	S8130.2	Treatment Eq.	\$ 129.70
S8110.1	Administration P.S.	S9710.6	Serial Bonds Principal	\$ 1,927.00
	Unexpended Funds	S8130.2	Treatment Eq.	\$ 3,982.00

Resolution 2-2024- #7 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign a lease agreement with New York Communications Company, Inc. for the Highway Department Motorola Mobile Radios. Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale set a Special Meeting for the Sewer Bond for 5:00PM on Monday, February 26, 2024, at the Rondout Municipal Center 1915 Lucas Avenue Ext., Cottekill, New York, 12419

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale pay the bills, Seconded by Councilman Havranek: ROLL VOTE 4 Yes

GEN FUND	ABSTRACT 2	VOUCHERS 73 – 97	\$25,348.85
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 2	VOUCHERS 18 - 26	\$ 3,544.13
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 2	VOUCHERS 17 - 22	\$ 5,392.32
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 2	VOUCHERS 15 - 22	\$ 2,221.91
SPEC. LIGHT FUND	ABSTRACT 2	VOUCHERS 2	\$ 769.99
RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 2	VOUCHERS 5 - 23	\$41,370.37

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06PM. Seconded by Councilman Havranek: ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Respectfully Submitted by

Christine Harrison
Deputy Town Clerk