

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 10, 2024

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge.

Present:	Supervisor	Jeanne L. Walsh
	Councilman	Joseph Havranek
	Councilmember	Ashley Sweeney
	Councilmember	Carrie Wykoff

Excused:	Councilmember	Timothy Craven
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Also present: Billy Liggan; Planning Board Chair, Kieran Liggan- Casey; Recreation Commission, Susan Gillespie; Environmental Commission, Kenneth Hassett; Deputy Supervisor, Jill La Fera; Assistant to the Supervisor and Joe La Fera; RMC Building Manager.

Councilman Havranek made a motion to approve the March 2024 minutes with grammatical corrections, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

Committee Reports:

Water/Sewer (Councilman Havranek):

Terry Johnson the Project Manager for Water and Sewer reported they are still working on a few punch list items. The new heaters have been installed in the control building. The pump issue is being worked on. The loaner pumps have been installed and the other pump is being sent back for repairs. The sludge press is working and processing the material. In the next year or so this press will need to be replaced. It was installed in 1989 and has done its job, but it's rusting away. This should be the next thing done at the water waste treatment plant when the funds become available. They are meeting with the engineers tomorrow to go over all these outstanding issues. The High Falls Meter project started and is going well. The next Water and Sewer Commission meeting is 4/24/24 at 5:00 PM here at the RMC. Commissioners are needed for the Commission to have a quorum for their quarterly meetings. Sewer took in \$23,008.20 and Water took in \$25,368.83 for the month of March.

Highway (Councilman Havranek):

They are done with the sweeping and were able to recuperate approximately 140 yards of material after they complete the street sweeping. The Highway Department is also getting equipment ready for the paving season, Bob Gallagher is still on hold with his 284 agreement and that's basically because the Governor's office hasn't gotten their budget approved yet. Highway took in \$9,294.27 for March.

Police Commission (Councilman Havranek):

They received a correspondence letter from the Bloomington Fire Department. This was a recognition letter for a bunch of officers, but one of ours, specifically Patty Vincent, for her life saving efforts. Councilmember Sweeney presented the Pride of Rosendale awards at the Bloomington Firehouse dinner. The Chief was going to interview 3 people for one part-time position. The Chief is looking to replace car 362, which is one of the sedans. They are decommissioning the old 365 and are going to use that as a town car for town personnel. The live scan grant was closed out which is their fingerprint system and should be going live this month. There also is a 50/50 body armor grant that's 50% funded by the state, 50% funded by the federal government. The stats for the department, the total calls to date are 1225, there are 69 active cases, 36 arrests, 6 personal injury automobile accident and 26 property damage automobile accidents. Officer Bell is being trained to be the Police Department Accreditation manager to get the town to finalize our accreditation. There was an insurance assessment audit done and there was also an accreditation mock assessment audit done by DCJS and have gotten positive input back. They are on track to be accredited hopefully by the fall or the winter, they will go through the full audit and get the accreditation finalized. The locker room that used to be in the Police Department is now a juvenile detention room and needs to be certified by the court administration. All the cameras in the Police Station are online and live. They took in \$2,403.52 for March.

Planning/ZBA (Councilmember Wykoff):

There was a Public Hearing for Camp Menucha to reconstruct a building that they lost due to fire and the public hearing is still open for written comment. There was a Site Plan review for the Muse, which is 1 Madeline Lane, and the Public Hearing is set for that tomorrow night. There was also a minor subdivision for 617 Route 213. Councilman Havranek said he thought that was a major subdivision. Councilmember Wykoff said it may be listed incorrectly and she appreciated the correction. Billy Liggan said the woman from the Muse isn't feeling well and requested the Public Hearing to be postponed until next month. Route 213 has an issue with the septic and must come up with a different plan tapping into the Municipal service and that also has to be postponed. There was no quorum for the ZBA meeting for March and a Public Hearing was set which will now be on April 16th.

Building (Councilmember Wykoff):

Total fees for March was \$4,582.00 and 15 permits were issued.

Food Pantry (Councilmember Wykoff):

They are looking for volunteers and also volunteers with trucks or SUV's to help with transport.

Transfer Station (Councilmember Wykoff):

The disposal fee revenue for March was \$7,218.00 and the permit revenue was \$1,500.00.

George said the bear is very active and working on a plan to secure the main dumpster.

Youth (Councilmember Sweeney):

Camp signups are going well, and a couple age groups have filled up. The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success and there were about 20 to 30 families that attended. May 5th is slated for a Mother's

Day event which is probably a tea party. There will be more information to come on this. The meetings for the Youth are the first Monday of every month and they are looking for both adult and junior commissioners.

Recreation (Councilmember Sweeney):

They recently had changes made to their page on the Town website. The marquee sign is now working, and Dorene was going to take a class on how to operate it. It will not be for public use but will advertise events. The Recreation Center will have a game night April 12th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Snacks will be provided but bringing your own is welcomed. Game night is for all ages.

Assessor (Councilmember Sweeney):

Grievance day is Tuesday May 28th in M-15, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.

Tax Collector (Councilmember Sweeney):

Payments are coming in regularly. The town warrant is paid, and payments are going to be made to the County. Late payment reminders will be ordered on Friday and mailed in the next couple of weeks.

Elder Assistance (Councilmember Sweeney):

Councilmember Sweeney attended Pat Ryans senior resource fair at the YMCA in Kingston and made a lot of connections with people. She said it can open a lot of doors for the seniors and will connect with Barbara about it.

Supervisors report: READ.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Thomas Dockery effective 4/10/2024, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to terminate the employment of Jeffrey Ashdown effective 4/10/2024, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

1. Site Plan Review – Rosendale Farmer’s Market – Michael Camargo said that they would like to start the market a week earlier which would be May 26th and they also want to move the vendors towards the trailhead to allow for more parking. Supervisor Walsh said that she thinks that is a great idea. Mike said they are ordering more cones to block off sections and move the trailer by the portable bathroom. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the Farmer’s Market Site plan as amended, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.
2. Speaker – Environmental Commission – Susan Gillespie said Central Hudson has proposed a rate increase of 16% in electric and several towns have agreed to pass a memorializing resolution saying the increase should not happen. She said there have been unresolved issues about people getting incorrect bills and there have been several things that they were supposed to do years ago and still haven’t. This rate case for 2024 will end July 1st and then they will submit their next case increase. The Town Board had a discussion.
3. Resolution 04-2024-#6 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale oppose the delivery rate increases by Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

4. Speaker – Susan Gillespie; Environmental Commission Supervisor Walsh said she would like to review with the board a few things she has been working on with Susan Gillespie and Penny Coleman which is community solar and community energy campaign letter that was given to the board to review it. Councilman Havranek said he thought there would be a public service announcement to back up the Environmental Commissions work on community solar, and this letter has been ad hoc to include other data that can and cannot be confirmed. He also said he doesn't think the town should be endorsing it without fact checking and has no objections to the public service announcement. The board discussed options for public service announcement options. Supervisor Walsh said they have done some research about a particular program and Susan is going to explain. Susan said the town would be working with Power Market which is a business promoting community solar. They will not be able to do it without the letter. It does require individual people to act, and nothing is being foisted on anybody. She said she thinks they could be very open in terms of the exact terms of the letter. It can be adjusted to any terms the Town Board might have. Susan said she did just find out this afternoon that there has been a change that the company Clean Energy, which is an owner of solar arrays and there is a grant from the federal government and a part of one of the new programs. The Town Board discussed the letter to be drafted from the town. Supervisor Walsh said she will review this all with Mary Lou to make sure there are no liability issues or favoritism.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to go forward with the solar campaign, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

Susan said when Rosendale became a bronze certified municipality in the Clean Energy Community program the next step is to spend the \$10,000.00 grant by next month. The board discussed different options for the grant monies. Options discussed are community composting and EV station. This will be decided in May.

5. Site Plan Review – Rosendale Street Festival – Billy Liggan said he came up with a plan B in case the bridge isn't open. Also, they can no longer use the Tillson School parking lot and looking for a location. It was suggested to ask Pro Build.
6. Resolution – Recreation fees – tabled.
7. Resolution -04-2024-#7 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby permits the County of Ulster to conduct necessary engineering and environmental work pertaining to a public safety radio tower on lands jointly owned by the Towns of Marbletown and Rosendale located in the Town of Rosendale 1915-1925 Lucas Avenue, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.
8. Resolution 04-2024-#8 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign an amendment agreement with Campbell & Son's lawn maintenance for Rosendale Plains Cemetery, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.
9. Resolution 04-2024-#9 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the amendment #1 to DWI visibility engagement campaign, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

10. Resolution 04-2024-#10 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement for removal of trees and branches at the Recreation Center, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.
11. Review- Event application – The Town Clerk presented the Town Board with a revised Event Application and added a Film Application as well. The application had filmed as a part of it, but now has been removed and a new application will be used for that. The Town Board reviewed and suggested a higher price for the filming and a few wording changes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to pay bills at 9:15 PM, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

AUDIT OF BILLS

GENERAL FUND	ABSTRACT 4	VOUCHER #193-226	\$103,250.61
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 4	VOUCHER #63-68	\$46,080.55
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 4	VOUCHER #45-53	\$18,196.41
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 4	VOUCHER #45-56	\$15,581.39
RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 4	VOUCHER #44-67	\$14,329.12
SPECIAL LIGHTING	ABSTRACT 4	VOUCHER #4	\$704.02

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to enter executive session at 9:20 PM to discuss the employment of a particular person(s), 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES. Returned at 11:00 PM with no motion made.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn at 11:01 PM, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Donald

Town Clerk