

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
July 10, 2024

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:02P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence for William “Uncle Willy” Gully, Father Edmund M. Burke, Connie L. Miller, Dolores M. Contini, Gisela M. Hiller, and MaryAnn Hoffman.

Councilmember Wykoff also wanted to give equal respect to all with an announcement about Uncle Willy, who founded the Rosendale Street Festival with the first one in the year of 1978, a business owner on Main Street, and being a supporter for young musicians. The Rosendale Street Festival will create a scholarship fund in his name for each of the High Schools that Rosendale students attend.

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Jeanne L. Walsh
	Councilman	Joseph Havranek
	Councilmember	Ashley Sweeney
	Councilmember	Carrie Wykoff
	Councilman	Kenneth Hassett

ALSO PRESENT: Jill LaFera; Town Supervisor Assistant, Dorene Whitaker; Deputy Highway Superintendent/Recreation Director, Joseph LaFera; Building Manager

Community Events:

Councilmember Wykoff – Rosendale Street Festival is in dire need of volunteers for many positions, please contact us on the website Rosendalestreetfestival.org.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the June 2024 Town Board minutes with an amendment to June 5, 2024 minutes changing the word reparation to repair on the second page third paragraph. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Public Comments:

Patrick Barberio - resident of Tillson

Mr. Barberio discussed being a member of the Rosendale Recreation Center for a number of years and the issue of now not having the ability to go into the pool because of capacity and due to the Ulster County pool being closed for the season. Mr. Barberio feels that paying for a town resident membership should account for something to be able to use the pool and offered a number of suggestions.

Supervisor Walsh mentioned there will be changes to accommodate the utilization of the pool such as only allowing non-residents from Ulster County, a window of time for town residents to be able to get into the pool before non-residents, residents with paid memberships do not have to wait online they go to the front of the line and working with Ulster County to utilize their Life Guards for larger capacity to be allowed in. We do have an obligation to open the pool to other people besides residents since the pool had been funded from Palisades Park Grants.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Havranek:

Water Sewer - Terry Johnson reports there isn't much this month with few punch list items to be addressed, there has been a resignation of the operator in charge from H2O Innovation and the Superintendent will be the operator of the water plant. They had an issue with a chemical booster pumps, they are running on the backup system until the new pumps arrive and there wasn't a change to the water quality as a result of this. The Water Tower project is still waiting for a transfer of the property for the project and the engineering is largely complete. High Falls water hydrants were flushed last month and there are a few issues with equipment that needs to be addressed. The next Water and Sewer Commission meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2024, at 5:00 PM in room here at the RMC. Financials for Water Department total income net for June 2024 is \$4,258.02 and for the Sewer Department total net income for June 2024 is \$4,480.30.

Highway-Robert Gallagher Highway Superintendent reports paving season has begun. They are currently assisting Marbletown with cutouts of driveways and roads to prep for paving on Leggett Road and Marcott Rd. They will be assisted with the hauling of Asphalt under the shared services agreement. They will be doing Perrines Bridge Rd. within the next couple of weeks, and this also includes Youngs Lane and Tall Oaks. Marbletown will be paving these roads for Rosendale along with other towns. They will also be paving Mountain View Rd. from Kellers Lane to Overlook Dr., Cornell Street, Romanus St. and Delay Ave. The time of the year is coming that Highway will be setting up for the Rosendale Street Festival with barricades, fencing, trash barrels and making town as pretty as they can. The Highway asks that residents also please trim their foliage along the roads like hedges and especially at intersections. Highway Department revenue for June 2024 total net income is \$10,534.33.

Police Department – The Police Commission meeting was on June 25, 2024, at the RMC. Their next meeting will be July 23, 2024, at the RMC building at 3:30PM. They received five letters of correspondence. One was the Chief Awards, a thank you letter from the Town of Hurley, a letter from the Governor's Office with the Certificate of Exceptional Valor for Officer Nicholas Lent, a letter from a person that was involved in a personal injury accident thanking Officer Norman, and a fifth letter that came in from Moylan Funeral Home thanking the department for an amazing job for William “ Billy” Moylan Junior's funeral and the work that they did to coordinate traffic. Personnel update they had a part timer in mind, but unfortunately another town offered a full-time position. They are looking to fill two part-time positions. Vehicle update for car 362 will need to be replaced at the end of 2024. So, they are going to look at replacing 362 at the end of the year and 363 will be near its replacement time at the end of 2025. The old 365 has been stripped and turned into a town vehicle for the town officials to utilize. For Grants, the Live Scan grant monies have been spent the grant has been closed out. There's a body armor grant for \$8,000 that's pending. They did receive another \$1,900 for STOP DWI and they are applying for a Technology Grant for \$47,000. The Technology Grant will be for firewall, server system, lighting for the new vehicles and more body cameras. In service training for all of the officers has been completed. They have certified trainers now, Police Officers Norman and Villalon went for STOP DWI training and Police Officer Vincent has had Taser trainer accreditation, which is a big one for the town and all towns in the state that need to be accredited. In December they did have an appointment for accreditation review and did well with that. The final review will be towards the end of the year. Hopefully they will have our accreditation by the beginning of 2025. They have a juvenile room now that's been approved. They have a new camera system that's up and working. Police officers are supporting the court now covering court nights as bailiffs, since there is a shortage of bailiffs. The Ulster County initiative called Safe Start to Summer dealing with fatalities and pedestrian accidents allow for a purchase 20 speed signs, Rosendale procured two of them. You can see the two signs now out on Main Street. One is at one end of Main Street and the other one is on the other end of Main Street. The signs do have the capacity to record speeds and should be receiving some data to look at. The signs will be moved around to different locations from time to time. The County initiative also is educational working curbing speeding, cell phone usage, and aggressive driving. This is a two-week set up for July with no release dates. Calls for service to date, 2460 calls for service, 175 criminal cases, 93 arrests, 11 personal injury accidents, 48 property damage accidents, 2 use of force incidents. Information from the calls of service, out of the 2460 there is a 16% increase from last year, the criminal cases at 175 there is a 32% increase over last year, and with the 93 arrests thus far there is a 44% increase since last year. Rosendale Street Festival Operational Plan is ready to go. There will be a new communication system put up at the Firehouse where they're going to erect the communication tower to supply our Emergency Management, Police and as well as some of the staff that are working the street festival radios. Billy Liggan interjected the concern of certain wiring that may need to be hardwired or have available sockets. Councilman Havranek mentioned relaying the concern. Police Department Revenue total net income for 2024 is \$240.72.

Councilmember Wykoff:

Planning Board last month's new business – A Site Plan amendment for 378 Main St., which is the Parrillada Family Grill had already been referred to the Ulster County Planning Board. Letters were needed to Police, Fire, Highway, Water and Sewer. The Planning Board made the decision to waive the public hearing as it's basically going from what was once a restaurant to being utilized as a restaurant. The next item was the Royal Blend Dispensary on 2223 Route 32 letters again are needed to the same departments for comments. They were referred to the Ulster County Planning Board and a Public Hearing is taking place at our next meeting. Next item on new business was a minor subdivision 467-471 La Fever Falls Rd. They're making a simple minor subdivision of land to separate two existing dwellings with their son and the Public Hearing again for that is set for tomorrow. Next up is Lift Cafe and Juice Bar a new business at 424 Main St. previously

the pickle store and before that the old Rosendale Town Hall location, it was passed as long as all the fees were paid. Next was the Site Plan amendment for the Lewis Solar Farm and a Public Hearing for that again will be taking place tomorrow night. No previous business for the agenda.

ZBA - The next meeting will be on July 16, 2024, at the RMC.

Building Department- Total fees collected for the month of June are \$5,865.00 dollars and 28 permits were issued with all of them open as of July 1st.

Food Pantry are always looking for volunteers, especially anyone with SUV's or pickup trucks who can help deliver food and collect food.

Transfer Station- The disposal fee revenue for the month of July was \$9,083.00, permit revenue was \$2,700.00 and they were interviewing for a part time Transfer Station Attendant that is on the agenda for tonight to be voted on for hire.

Councilmember Sweeney:

Youth Department - Camp is in full swing and going well. If you noticed on the James St. side of the Youth Center there was caution tape up. There was a tree that was struck by lightning there and had to be taken down. Everyone from the Youth Center was taken to the Recreation Center for safety reasons. There will be a Kids Night Out tentatively scheduled for August 1, 2024. They will have swimming, pizza, and dancing, contact Matt McClusky at the Youth Center.

Recreation Department - As the Supervisor already discussed there are changes with the pool, due to the Ulster County pool being closed. The Recreation Director Dorene reports that rentals are going well, it's a busy time of the year. They've sold over 155 pool memberships, swim lessons are also doing well and they are doing their best to deal with issues caused by the Ulster County pool being closed, so please bear them.

Eldercare Assistance Committee- They are welcoming a new member to be appointed on the agenda tonight. The Veteran C.A.R.E.S. van will be in town in the Fall. Barbara Piombino (Chairperson) is investigating Veteran transportation. They are also looking to apply for the AARP Community College Grant. Barbara will follow up with the Supervisor in reference to the grant. Supervisor Walsh asked if Barbara could follow up with the new person handling the Rosendale Seniors representative as the previous has stepped down. The Committee are focusing on food insecurities, and she's had more people reach out on Main Street for that. They have had concerns about the speeding on Route 32. Supervisor Walsh interjected the Town's knowledge of that concern and had already tried to have something done, and was denied by the Ulster County Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit. Anything further on that subject would have to go straight to the County. The Eldercare Committee's goal is to create a senior brochure to give awareness of their services that are available to seniors.

Supervisor Walsh - Read Financial Report

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Councilmember Timothy Craven effective 06/12/2024. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to appoint a temporary Town Board member from July 10, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Deputy Town Clerk - Swore in Kenneth Hassett as the temporary Town Councilman for the Town of Rosendale Town Board.

Councilman Hassett wanted to say how much of an honor it is to have been appointed and be a Councilmember again to help keep things moving smoothly as possible and having the privilege of working with all involved. Councilman Hassett gave a report for the Town Historian Bill Brooks who has accumulated a massive historical document, figurines, signs and posters. The Town Board had authorized him to take over the Maple Hill building for storage of these items and hoping to eventually create a Rosendale Mini Museum.

Councilmember Wykoff made a motion to accept the resignation of John Walsh effective June 26, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes, 1 abstain – Supervisor Walsh.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Connor Craig as Solid Waste Attendant at \$16.80 per hour for 25 hours per week effective July 11, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to amend the work hours for Brooke Davis to per diem until August 31, 2024, and accept her resignation effective August 31, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to appoint Maryellen Whittington-Couse to the Elder Assistance committee term ending December 31, 2026. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to increase the salary for Rachel Hermance to \$18.00 effective June 24, 2024-August 23, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to give a \$1,125.00 stipend to Ashley Kraus as Water Safety Instructor effective May 2, 2024 – September 1, 2024. ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to give a \$1,125.00 stipend to Ashley Kraus as Pool Operator effective May 2, 2024 – September 1, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to give a \$1,125.00 to Luke Kotsides as Pool Operator effective May 2, 2024 – September 1, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to rescind the hiring of Mia Trumbore as Temporary Lifeguard. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Resolution 7-2024-#1 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale to adopt Local Law #6 annexed hereto and entitled “ A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR A MORATORIUM ON ACTIONS SUBJECT TO BUILDING PERMITS, SITE PLAN OR SPECIAL USE PERMIT REVIEW FOR APPLICATIONS RELATED TO CAMP, CAMPGROUND AND/OR CAMPING USES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS” and that the Town Clerk be directed to file this Local Law #6 with the New York Secretary of State. Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Speaker – Heart & Soul - Andy Wilner, Maria Reidelbach, Ruthie Bombourne

Ruthie spoke mentioning they had met with us last year in August and they are a volunteer program, who have now become a 501(C) 3. Their goal is to plan a project based on the needs of the community and benefit the community with increased civic engagement in the Town of Rosendale. They discussed the previous postcards that were presented to the Board with the changes from the Town Board meeting back in August, as a small survey to locals to see what they like about Rosendale and what they would like to see change/happen in Rosendale. The postcards will need to be corrected since La Fever Falls Road and the word theater were misspelled. Also adding to the postcard from the last meeting whether they are a primary resident or a visitor. They hope to get more interviews through the Summer. Supervisor Walsh mentioned residents have been vocal about what they would like to see happen at Town Board meetings and we have already completed some wants or needs of the residents. Also, the Supervisor stated we may have other things in the works that we cannot discuss at the moment. Maria mentioned Kathy Hochul having a grant for pools. They showed a power point with a list of events they would like to do. Supervisor Walsh mentioned events will need to go through the Town Clerk's Office to begin the approval process. Councilmember Wykoff mentioned she would volunteer to help them go through the event application process. Councilmember Sweeney, new to the Heart & Soul presenters, stated she would like a list of specific programs or ideas they are looking to bring put in place or discuss with the Town Board next time that would help immensely with new people coming to the Town Board meetings as well.

Claudia Joseph – Recreation Commission

Stated she has put in numerous post cards and commended Heart & Soul for their hard work and patients for a first step of engagement.

Site Plan Review – Gunk's Climbers Coalition – Tabled until August 14, 2024, Town Board meeting due to event venue not having permission yet for camping over the 60hrs per calendar year from Ulster County.

Site Plan Review – Parks & Trails – Paul Steely White

Paul mentioned he is a Gardener resident with his wife and three children who come to the Town of Rosendale all the time. Paul is representing as Executive Director of Parks & Trails. They work statewide to expand and improve all public lands. The event they are looking to do is on August 6, 2024 with cyclists departing from Kingston towards Rosendale to New Paltz approximately between 7am – 9am. They have budgeted for safety issues in local jurisdictions for patrol/traffic assistance.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale to approve the Parks & Trails event on the conditions of contacting the three fire departments listed, confirmation from the Town of New Paltz and Village of New Paltz, and to pay the fee. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Resolution 7-2024-#2 – Councilmember Wykoff made a motion to the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale to authorize the Deputy Supervisor to sign the agreement with Thomas LaFera to hold classes at the Rosendale Recreation Center fitness court. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes 1-abstain- Supervisor Walsh.

Resolution 7-2024-#3 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale to authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Ulster County to provide staffing services in order to meet the staffing needs at the Town of Rosendale Pool. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to enter executive session at 8:12PM to discuss the employment of a particular person, Seconded by Councilman Havranek; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes (Returned at 8:45PM with no motions made.)

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale audit the vouchers. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; Roll Vote 5 Yes.

RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 6 VOUCHERS	112 - 129	\$ 10,224.00
GEN FUND	ABSTRACT 6 VOUCHERS	349 - 149	\$ 55,071.20
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 6 VOUCHERS	110 - 124	\$ 7,541.77
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 6 VOUCHERS	94 - 108	\$ 3,878.64
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 6 VOUCHERS	87 - 100	\$ 2,921.40
SPECIAL LIGHTING	ABSTRACT 6 VOUCHER	8 - 9	\$ 2,103.88

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:43PM. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney: ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Respectfully submitted by

Christine Harrison
Deputy Town Clerk