

**TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 9, 2025**

Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance

<u>Present:</u>	Supervisor	Jeanne L. Walsh
	Councilmember	Ashley Sweeney
	Councilman	Marc Cassidy
	Councilman	Joseph Havranek
	Councilmember	Carrie Wykoff

Also Present: Jill La Fera; Assistant to the Supervisor and Joe La Fera; RMC Building Manager Claudia Joseph; Recreation Commission.

Public Input/Community Events:

Claudia Joseph a Recreation Commission member wanted it to be noted in the minutes that the Daily Freeman misquoted a statement made by a neighbor April Warren that was attributed to being quoted by Claudia from the last Town Board meeting.

Other Business

Marty Einemann discussed the recreation playground and the American Legion location landscaping approval. Supervisor Walsh stated it was approved by both the Town Board and the American Legion for the landscaping to be done.

Appointments/Resignations

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to appoint Trevor Carey to the Economic Development Committee term ending December 31, 2026. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff: ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Kristofer Barnhart as Police Officer at \$30.00 per hour for no more than 20 hours per week effective April 14, 2025. Seconded by Councilman Havranek: ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Speaker

Penny Coleman Rosendale Environmental Commission (Chair)/Tom Konrad Marbletown Environmental Commission (Chair) discussed the NYPA (New York Power Authority) evaluation for upgrading the Rondout Municipal building electric and discussed upgrades such as solar and heating units. They discussed what needs to be done with the grants that have been received to begin the electrical part of the project and what is needed to move forward.

Councilmember Reports:

Councilmember Sweeney:

Recreation – Sunday’s seed swap had 95 people in attendance, the playground installation is going well despite the weather and Dorene reports the Recreation Department is still hiring Lifeguards and Cashiers.

Youth - They have been busier in the afternoons with new children attending regularly and birthday party bookings. Summer Camp is sold out and total fees that were brought in were \$57,097.00.

The Town has received a donation from Don & Hella Beale that the Town Board will motion to accept tonight, in the amount of \$2,000, which may be split between the Youth Center and Summer Camp.

Tax Department – Payments are trickling in as they look through their books for unpaid taxes, sending out reminder letters and listing unpaid taxes for the County.

Food Pantry – They are running low on availability of meats, eggs, cheese, butter or canned meat and are asking residents who receive a free ham from ShopRite to give as a donation for Easter. Deputy Ken Hassett also wants to thank Robert Skerritt for rebuilding/upgrading the Food Pantry’s recycling bin so that it is easier for George from the Transfer Station to pick up on a weekly basis.

Elder Assistance Committee – Barbara Piombino is working with the Youth and Recreation Commission to plan a Peace Pole celebration in early September. Barbara mentioned losing two of the Park Heights residents that will be recognized at our next Town Board meeting.

Councilmember Wykoff:

Environmental Commission – The plant and seed swap that they co-produced with Recreation went well with help from Penny Coleman and Claudia Joseph. There is a film coming on April 25th at the Rosendale Theatre “Plastic People” featuring a panel including Jen Metzger (County Executive), Mark Rider (Executive Director of UCRRA) and presented in partnership with the Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission with the event being by donation.

Economic Development – They will have a volunteer being accepted tonight and they are waiting for other volunteer applications to be submitted.

Rondout Municipal Center – The Maná Café has opened, and they also offer catering. Joe has contacted a company for a quote to begin duct cleaning of the town building. A pump has been installed and is working well to control flooding or further damage to the gym and he is waiting for information about a permanent solution. Joe is presently updating signage for the inside and outside of the building that was scheduled for April 10, 2025.

Bookkeeper – Taylor has been working on the Water & Sewer deposits, Summer Camp deposits, assisting George with documentation of the credit card payment they now accept at the Transfer Station, and both Taylor and Donna are working on payroll checks not cashed by seasonal personnel to close out 2024 books. Donna has also been working on research for New York State retirement for an employee that worked with the Town back in the 80s.

Transfer Station – The total income for March \$8,376.00 in fees and in permit \$1,605.00.

Councilman Cassidy:

Planning Board – The Councilman reviewed the previous applications Petra Lands, Williams Lake public hearing, and Stone Mountain special permit.

Zoning Board of Appeals – The meeting was cancelled in March due to no quorum.

Fire Marshal – There were 8 inspections of short-term rentals, 2 re-inspections, 8 fire inspections, 4 property maintenance complaints that were address, letters were sent out to the owners, and 1 appearance ticket was issued.

Building Department – 41 fees were collected for a variety of permits for a total of \$13,534.00.

Justice Department – For the month of March Judge Pape's traffic fines totaled \$7,288.00 with the bail accounts at \$13,850.00 and Judge Ragucci's accounts for traffic fines totaled \$8,561.00 with the bail account at \$11,321.00. A scheduled spot check is set for May 11, 2025.

Town Clerk – There were 35 dog licenses issued with \$273.00 to the town and \$43.00 to New York State Animal Population Control Program, building fees were \$13,534.00, 53 landfill permits yielding \$1,675.00, 2 marriage licenses \$35.00, other fees for certified copies, copy of a FOIL, 2 notarized documents, event applications and one Cell Tower fee. Total submitted to the Supervisor was \$15,931.87

Councilman Cassidy stated he is a member of the Ulster County Traffic Safety Board and at their meeting on Monday the Councilman presented the Towns resolution, regarding traffic safety from the February and March Town Board meeting. He discussed the Governor's Traffic Safety Grant Program, the Grants the Police Department applied for and working on grants that the Town can prepare to apply for 2027 and a webinar that is being scheduled for the 15th of April.

Councilman Havranek:

High Falls Water District – Terry Johnson reports that the 3000-gallon storage tank has been cleaned and inspected. A company named Corropro will check the internals of the tank and Terry will follow up with the EPA regarding the inspection. High Falls will be flushing the hydrants the week of the 21st and meter work is ongoing. As of March 31, 2025, total revenue \$61,438.56.

Rosendale Sewer District - the plant is doing well, and they have been given the opportunity to purchase spare pumps for the treatment plant.

Rosendale Water District – They are doing well and will be in the process of removing the hydrant flags that were put up for the winter season. The next meeting for the Water Commission

will be April 23rd at 5:30PM following the High Falls Water Commission meeting at 5:00PM here at the Rondout Municipal Center.

Highway Department – Spring sweeping is in process throughout the town. Buildings & Grounds have begun cleanup of parks, pool and bathhouse location, and cemeteries. They are also researching pricing for a new mower.

Police Department – The Police Commission held their meeting on March 25, 2025. They received correspondence thanking Officer Norman for his performance in reference to a medical call at the Marbletown Justice Court. The Chief is in the process of background checks. On April 2nd they schedule interviews, and tonight the town will be making a motion to hire a part time officer. All vehicles are in working order, the new EV Police car purchased with a grant has been delivered and has been sent out to be outfitted. The Chief is applying for a couple of grants for body camera/upgrades, and New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety grant. The year-to-date medical calls are 40. Calls for service were 689, 52 criminal cases, 25 arrests, 25 property damage auto accidents, and 2 personal injury accidents. They are presently in a training cycle with the City of Kingston and the Town of Ulster until May. They hosted a wilderness search and rescue training at the Rondout Municipal Center March 31st conducted with the DEC. Old Business – They were accredited on March 6, 2025, new flooring installation has been installed with other rooms to be completed by the end of the year, traffic study will be done for Route 32 and 213 with discussions of lowering the speed limit. The next Police Commission meeting will be held on April 22nd at the Rondout Municipal building at 3:30PM.

Supervisor Walsh read the financial reports

Motions:

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the March minutes with a correction to a statement on Page 4 to March 12, 2025, minutes. Statement for the High Falls Water District “They are still having maximum issues from the previous company H2O that was operating the plant in that period”. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept a \$1,100 donation from Stewarts Holiday Match Grant. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept a \$2,000 donation for the Youth Center from Don and Hella Beale. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the donation from the Rosendale Gardens in the amount of \$251.00. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Resolutions

4-2025-#9 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale to hereby appoint Christopher Maddern as Alternate to the Town of Rosendale Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term ending April 9, 2026. Seconded by Councilman Cassidy: ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

4-2025-#10 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Ulster County for the Solar and Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff: ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

GENERAL FUND	ABSTRACT 4	VOUCHER# 146 – 153	\$30,529.80
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 4	VOUCHER# 59 – 62	\$ 2,543.82
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 4	VOUCHER# 43 – 49	\$ 4,809.52
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 4	VOUCHER# 43 – 48	\$ 2,025.64
RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 4	VOUCHER# 60 – 70	\$20,482.22

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney: ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney: ROLL VOTE 5 Yes.

Respectfully Submitted by

Christine Harrison
Deputy Town Clerk