

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 12, 2024

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM followed by the pledge.

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

Also present – Kenneth Hassett; Deputy Supervisor, Jill la Fera; Assistant to the Supervisor, Joe La Fera; RMC Building Manager and Penny Coleman; Environmental Commission.

Councilmember Craven sent the Town Board an email letting them know he will be resigning as of June 12, 2024. The Town Clerk will still need an original signed letter from Councilmember Craven to submit to the County Clerk's Office.

Community events/Public Input: Councilmember Wykoff said there is an event in New Paltz at the Margaret Wade Lewis Center and one of Clinton Avenue on Saturday.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to the May minutes with the following amendments on the May 1st minutes with the date for Lia Berry to be 5/2/24, the 4th and 5th appointments should be 5/2/2024. The May 8th had grammatical errors and citing instead of insight in Police Committee reports, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES,

Committee Reports:

Water/Sewer (Councilman Havranek):

On May 23, 2024, there was a meeting with NYS DEC and issues that were discussed were settleable solids and suspended solids limits. This has happened multiple times over the last 8 months. The operators from H2O, said that there were issues with some of the equipment that was installed as part of recent upgrade. In Terry's opinion, this is indeed most of the reasons why there were issues. First there was a problem with one of the 2 new Clarifiers going down due to no fault of the operators. This resulted in the entire flow to be sent through ½ of the plant. This will inherently cause problems with the operation.

There have been other issues with the operation of the plant: On April 11, 2024, Terry met at the plant with the engineer and a Wastewater Operator from their office to look and see if operating procedures were being followed.

The operators have been complaining that the return sludge pumps keep clogging. It was determined at that walk-thru that the operators weren't cleaning the head works on a regular basis as has always been done. The Operator went in the wet well and he found that Influent was spilling

over the cutter head. The purpose of this machine is to cut up any solids in the waste stream that would clog the pumps further downstream. It was clear that this hadn't been done for some time. When pressed on this issue, the operator said that his employees wouldn't go in this area due to not knowing if the air was safe to work in. They asked the town to purchase a personal air monitor, so employees would know if the area was safe. Mind you, for the 37 years that Terry was the operator, they never had an issue with this. This device was indeed purchased and given to the operators. Terry will be performing spot visits to see if this correction has indeed happened. The warranty on the equipment that was installed ends this July. They will be making sure to have any remaining issues corrected before this date. The other big issue at the plant is the sludge press. This press went into service in 1989. It has reached the end of its useful life. The operators are looking into getting this fixed. Parts are hard to find. The purpose of the Press is to process the sludge that is a by-product of a Wastewater treatment operation. This was not part of this plant upgrade due to budgetary constraints. The other option is to have this sludge pumped and hauled away. The annual cost for this is around \$25K per year. This is approximately 25% more than running the press with manpower.

Water took in \$10,121.14 and Sewer took in \$10,389.68 for May.

Highway (Councilman Havranek):

They are working on paving roads throughout the town and spot paving. They also have been busy with brush and tree work and removing debris from the Transfer Station, installing culvert pipes and drainage and mowing the roads. And sending trucks to help with the Town of Lloyd and Town of Marbletown with chip and seal paving.

They took in \$6,150.85 for May.

Police (Councilman Havranek):

There are 2300 calls to service, 158 cases, 84 arrests, 9 personal injury accidents, and 44 property damage accidents. They have received a grant for technology upgrades \$47,756.69, high visibility stop DWI grant, and \$2000.00 for a 2nd grant for stop DWI for \$1800.00, Total took for May is \$23,646.98.

Planning (Councilmember Wykoff):

There is Site Plan Review-Lift Café & Juice Bar, the board made the decision to waive the public hearing for this application. No responses have been received from referral to Water/Sewer, Highway, Police, Fire Dept.

There was also a Site Plan Amendment for Lewis Solar Farm Project. The UCPB referral was not made because we were waiting for the documents requested by Dave Plante for the application to be deemed complete and for the memo to reflect the updated information. The applicant has since provided the requested documents and it's noted in Dave's June memo, they can now submit to the UCPB for their July meeting. The board still needs to decide on whether to hold a public hearing on this application or waive it. If we choose to hold a public hearing, they will also need to send a notice to the Town of Esopus. For new business there is Site Plan Amendment-Parradilla Family Grill on Main Street, Special Use Permit for Royal Blend Dispensary. There is also Minor Subdivision for 471 Lefever Falls Road. The deadline for submissions to be considered at the next meeting is June 27th 11th 2024 and the next Planning Board meeting is on July 11th, 2024.

ZBA (Councilmember Wykoff):

There will be a public hearing regarding an area variance.

Building Department (Councilmember Wykoff)

Took in \$8177.00 for May. There were 23 permits issued in May and all were still open.

Food Pantry (Councilmember Wykoff):

They are always looking for volunteers with trucks and SUV's to help with pick-ups.

Transfer Station (Councilmember Wykoff):

The disposal fee revenue for the month of May was \$8404.00 and the permit revenue was \$3490.00 for May.

Tac Collector (Councilmember Sweeney):

She paid the County \$1,618,614.00; the Town will be getting a check \$17,331.84 from penalties since February and \$326.28 which is their share of the bank account.

Recreation (Councilmember Sweeney):

All the lifeguards and cashiers have been hired that are needed. They did an early sign up for lessons and memberships in May which had a great turnout and will do it every year. Opening weekend happened at the Pool and one day the weather was nice and one day wasn't. Saturday the pool took in \$4,726 and concession was \$207.50 and Sunday \$824 and concession \$13.75. Rentals for April took in \$3,495.00 and \$1504.50 for May. The Pools are both running well and ready to be open 7 days a week around June 26th.

Youth (Councilmember Sweeney):

\$8,652.00 For Summer registration and Summer Camp starts July 1st. Matt plans on having an end of school year party at the Youth Center.

Elder Assistance (Councilmember Sweeney):

They want to promote song club more which is open to the public. This happens on the third Wednesday of every month at 2 pm at Park Heights. The Rosendale Library has been helping to advertise for any of the classes the town offers so seniors in town are aware. Barbara is waiting for the Veteran Care Van to return her call with dates and locations for this area. The speed limit for 32 by the Recreation Center is concerning. Councilmember Sweeney said that Barbara has a big concern about it.

1. Site Plan Review – Ariana Basco represented the event Barning Man and said they reduced the camping hours of the event, so it doesn't exceed the 60 hours camping time frame. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the Barning Man event with approval of all departments and fees paid to the Town Clerk, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

2. Site Plan Review – Kyle Breen represented the event Liquid Light Flight and said this is going to be an exciting event. He handed out little pamphlets with information on them. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the Liquid Light Flight event, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.
3. Resolution 06-2024-#3 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement between the Town of Rosendale and Amy Summers Aquoga classes, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 4 Yes.
4. Resolution 06-2024 -#4 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the supervisor to sign the agreement with New York Communications Company, Inc., 2nd Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.
5. Resolution 06-20240-#5 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the amended agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve bills, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

AUDIT OF BILLS

GENERAL FUND	ABSTRACT 6	VOUCHER #328-348	\$7,911.57
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 6	VOUCHER #104-109	\$5,732.14
RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 6	VOUCHER #950-111	\$10,150.67
SPECIAL LIGHTING	ABSTRACT 6	VOUCHER #6-7	\$979.59
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 6	VOUCHER #78-86	\$5,673.12
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 6	VOUCHER #84-93	\$8,732.17

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 PM, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Donald
Town Clerk