

TOWN OF ROSENDALE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 11, 2024

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:02P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence for John E. Rahl and all lost from 9-11.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jill LaFera; Town Supervisor Assistant, Joseph LaFera; Building Manager, Barbara Piombino; Eldercare Assistance Committee Chair, Kristina Carr; Recreation Commission Chair, and Billy Liggan; Planning Board Chair

**Public Comments-** None

**Community Events –**

Councilmember Wykoff mentioned being a part of the Arts and Culture Plan Committee for Ulster County. There is an online survey that is open until the 15th of this month. It has been extended for completion and she offered to meet anyone after the meeting for more information about it.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board approve the August 14, 2024, Town Board minutes. Seconded by Councilman Hassett; ROLL VOTE 3 Yes, Councilmember Wykoff Recuse.

**Committee Reports:**

**Councilman Hassett –**

RMC- There is a new tenant in the Bistro location on a part time basis. A baker that is doing gluten free and vegan type baking at least once a **week**. There may be the ability to use that kitchen at some point down the road. But for now, the baker needs to keep things clean and separated such as nuts and chocolates. The Building Manager is waiting to hear back from the engineers on potential solutions for the leaking problem along the back end of the building and reviewing quotes to replace the carpet that was installed approximately 10 or 11 years ago. RMC financials for the month of August were \$34,107.69 with a net income of \$9,860.00.

Transfer Station - The new employee Connor Craig is doing a great job with George on vacation this week and Connor is great with the customers and keeping things neat and clean. The month of August financials were \$8,900.35.

Town Clerk’s Office - For the month of August there was one marriage license, six notary, one game of chance, forty-six dog licenses, three building permits, seven landfill permits, three event applications and two coupon disposal fees for a total of \$12,168.00 dollars. \$772.90 went to New York State for DEC for decals, \$54.00 dollars to New York State for animal control for twelve dog licenses and \$22.50 sent to New York State Department of Health for the marriage license, and \$15.00 sent for game of chance license to the comptroller.

**Councilmember Wykoff –**

Planning Board - Last month’s new business was with the Lift Café. Which is a new cafe getting ready to open on Main Street and they returned because they want to add some community events like kids’ parties, a gallery, maybe rentals for small gatherings. They want to amend their hours to 6:00 AM until 9:00 PM, as well as adding a light on the sign outside. There will be a public hearing for that tomorrow at 7:00PM at the RMC room M-1. Tomorrow, there will be a discussion about the fee schedule for the Planning Board because the fees have not been raised. The last time they raised them was in 2021 and Brisa is doing research on what other towns are charging.

ZBA - They conducted a Public Hearing, and another Public Hearing is set for next week for 2 ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units). Applications - one on Bruceville Rd. and another on Main Street, which is a use variance application. They are turning a barn, now a storage and office space, into a residential under ADU law. Brisa has mentioned that our planner Dave Plante will do memos for the ZBA because he's a **Part-Time** employee now for the town. ZBA will be meeting on September 17th at 7:00 at the RMC.

Building Department - Total fees collected in August were \$8665.00 and 24 permits were submitted. All of the permits were still open as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Food Pantry – They are looking for a few volunteers to be on their substitute list. They will soon be organizing for the holidays.

Environmental Commission – Councilmember Wykoff stated her first meeting with them will be this month. They met the same time as the Planning Board on the second Thursday of the month, but now they've changed their meeting day. They will now be meeting on the third Thursday of the month beginning September 19, 2024, so there won't be a conflict. They received a notice today about an \$11,500.00 grant. The Environmental Commission will be tabling at the Rosendale Farmers Market at least once a month until the end of the season to promote the Community Solar Program to raise

awareness. They will look to host an event, possibly at the Library, focusing on Community Solar. Community Composting is still being researched.

Supervisor Walsh mentioned Councilmember Wykoff bringing up the ADU subject and wanted to announce that RUPCO would be having informational sessions in reference to that and grants that will be available to residents. The date is posted on the town website and Facebook page for September 24, 2024, 6PM at the Rosendale Recreation Center. You will need to go to the link to register for the event.

#### **Councilmember Sweeney-**

Youth Department - Matt reports that camp went well this year and there were a lot of happy campers and families. Councilmember Sweeney stated she wanted to say thank you to Matt for such a great program, it's a huge program and he does a really good job of managing the whole thing. The Youth Center is currently hosting 10 to 15 kids a day after school. Matt has a Halloween party tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 27th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM under the Pavilion. He usually does a haunted house set-up, candy, and music. He's hoping to also have an outdoor movie in October and researching the cost to make that happen, as well as brainstorming winter activities for the RMC. The next Youth Commission meeting will be on Monday, October 7th at 7:00 PM at the Youth Center. For the month of August camp registration brought in \$3,629.00. On the scheduled is a game night on Friday, October 18th at the Recreation Center from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. There are several proposals for new programming such as Qigong, a drawing class, the return of line dancing, and possibly a holiday baking class that is on the agenda tonight for Town Board approval. We want to say thank you to Muffy Carr (Recreation Chair) and the Recreation Commission for all the hard work they do creating great programming bringing Rosendale back to life after COVID. Just reminder about the fitness court program that is still ongoing. The next meeting for the Recreation Commission is Wednesday, September 18th at 7:15 PM at the Recreation Center.

Elder Assistance Committee – Maryellen Whittington-Couse, the newest member on the committee has agreed to take on emergency food deliveries for when Judith Minissali or Barbara Piombino (Chair) aren't available. They are still working on reaching out to people who may need wellness checks during weather events. Barbara has also spoken to the person in charge of the Yellow Dot Program, which would be a yellow dot placed on your door or window saying that you have medication in the refrigerator in case of an emergency. Deb Land starts her Song Club at the Recreation Center this week. It will be on Tuesdays from September 17th to November 12th from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Recreation Center. They want more people and seniors involved, so the club is now open to the public. Barbara also wanted me to let everyone know that this is made possible by a donation from the Pickle Festival. The committee is also still working on a brochure to give out helpful information that is available for seniors in Rosendale. The goal is to get them sent out by November. There will be a Community Connections Senior Forum that is happening at the Recreation Center on Wednesday, September 18th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, flyers are available. Seniors in our community are pursuing their passions, finding purpose after retirement, fostering social connections, engaging in activities that are enriching their lives contributing to their healthy aging.

Councilman Hassett wanted to mention Joan Jordan who was the Town Clerk at one point, Tax Collector Clerk, part of the fabric of the community and volunteer to numerous organizations is now leaving us. We truly wish her the best. She will be missed.

#### **Supervisor Walsh – Read Financial Report**

Supervisor Walsh presented the Pride of Rosendale to Fire Chief of Cottekill Fire Department Brad Fiore who is stepping down after twenty-five years of service in the community with dedication and commitment to the Cottekill Fire District.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to appoint Alan Krassowski to the Zoning Board of Appeals term expiring December 31, 2026. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Emily Ferry as Youth Worker effective August 23, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes Councilmember Wykoff.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Brian Ferry as Youth Worker at \$15.00 per hour for up to 12 hours per week effective September 12, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Chloe Goodin as Youth Worker at \$15.00 per hour for up to 12 hours per week effective September 12, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

#### **Site Plan Review – Heart & Soul/Music in The Park**

Speaker- Marie Reidelbach, Billy Liggan, & Amanda Monges –

Deputy Town Clerk Christine Harrison updated the Town Supervisor of all approvals and paperwork needed for the event, but there was concern of not knowing how many people were expected to attend and what the fee should be. Supervisor Walsh mentioned before moving forward with the site plan review the Town Clerk asked the event to not be approved and that there was a need to discuss the cooperation of a group that wants to be part of the community as they assist planners with their events and an inappropriate email the Town Clerk's Office received from Heart & Soul/Music in the Park. Supervisor Walsh had the Deputy Town Clerk read said email out loud and the Deputy also interjected how inappropriate it was with all the hard work the Town Clerk's office does to help get events approved for the residents to enjoy. The Deputy also stated that the Event Application had been updated not too long ago with a checklist to help the planner of the events mark off what they need to send in and a list of contacts, emails, and phone numbers to have easy contact for approval from State, County, Fire Districts etc. The Deputy stated the Town Clerk's office is doing their due diligence as she sees the Town Clerk Mandy Donald work's above and beyond to follow up on these events even though it is the responsibility of the planner to complete the task. Supervisor Walsh stated she would like to hear each of the

Councilmember’s thoughts on whether this event should be approved. All councilmembers agreed that the site plan is good, and they have good intentions as Councilmember Wykoff and Sweeney stated. Councilmember Wykoff reiterated the fact that event applications are to be submitted 60 days prior to the event and this one was presented last minute and it is now 2 weeks prior to the event. They were asked not to advertise the event and that was ignored, which caused the approval to be tabled to the present meeting. Councilman Hassett stated Heart & Soul stated they would abide by what was of them to do and they did not abide by what was asked. They offended the Town Clerk’s office, which also offends the Town Board. He stated he was considering voting No and having them take a year off to come back next year submitting everything correctly with all correct information, but also agrees with the other Councilmembers that this would be an event the residents would enjoy. Maria Reidelbach gave her apologies, admitted they advertised beforehand, and understands now what she considered tedious details that was asked of them to do was so important. Amanda Monges also gave her apologies and agreed to a written apology would be made.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the Heart & Soul/Willow Kiln Concert in the park event for Saturday, September 21, 2024, on the contingency of a written apology and paying the event fee of \$75.00. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to include a \$25.00 application submission fee on the Event and Film event applications requested by the Town Clerk’s office due to the amount of work and time put into assisting planners’ events. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

**Resolution 9-2024- #4** – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of The Town of Rosendale authorizes the Town Clerk to send the necessary letters to New York State Department of Transportation; Deputy Regional Director Nikhil Natarajan, Ulster County Transportation Council, Senator Michelle Hinchey and Assemblywoman Sarahana Shrestha to request a reduced speed limit of 40 MPH on State Route 32 between Madeline Lane, in Rosendale and Grove Street in Tillson and all letters of support, petition and sections quoted in Comprehensive Plan that is made a part of this resolution. Seconded by Councilman Hassett; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

**Resolution 9-2024- #5** – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of The Town of Rosendale accepts the quote from Highway Superintendent, Robert Gallagher, from Robert Green Chrysler Dodge Chevy and Jeep of Monticello, N.Y. for a new truck, which will include the snowplow for a total of \$74,946.88 purchase through “Piggy Back” System using Onondaga County bid. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

**Resolution 9-2024- #6** – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of The Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign a contract with Main Line Commercial Pools for \$4,200.00 for pool winterization. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

**Resolution 9-2024- #7** – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of The Town of Rosendale authorizes Supervisor Walsh to sign the agreement with Jesse Towey for Qigong classes at the Recreation Center. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

**Resolution 9-2024- #8** – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of The Town of Rosendale authorizes Supervisor Walsh to sign the agreement with Goldie Goldberg for line dancing classes at the Rondout Municipal Center Gymnasium. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

**Resolution 9-2024- #9** – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of The Town of Rosendale authorizes Supervisor Walsh to sign the agreement with Patricia Thompson for cooking classes at the Recreation Center. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

**Resolution 9-2024- #10** – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of The Town of Rosendale authorizes Supervisor Walsh to sign the agreement with Wayne Montecalvo to hold a series of Simple Drawing classes over a five-week period at the Rosendale Recreation Center. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilmember Hassett; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

**AUDIT OF VOUCHERS-**

RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 9	VOUCHERS	160 - 165	\$ 2,225.46
GENERAL FUND	ABSTRACT 9	VOUCHERS	251 - 256	\$ 4,727.72
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 9	VOUCHERS	161 - 163	\$ 1,124.26
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 9	VOUCHERS	121 - 123	\$ 6,881.16
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 9	VOUCHERS	110 - 114	\$ 14,193.43
SPECIAL LIGHTING	ABSTRACT 9	VOUCHER	11	\$ 685.56

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Respectfully submitted by

Christine Harrison  
Deputy Town Clerk

Amendments page one and page two in red approved October 9, 2024 Town Board Meeting