

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 13, 2024

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:01PM to discuss matters dealing with the employment of particular persons. Seconded by Councilman Hassett; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes. Supervisor Walsh exited Executive Session at 6:59PM and opened the Town Board meeting to the public at 7:00PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph LaFera; Building Manager, Claudia Joseph; Recreation Commission

Supervisor Walsh mentioned the Towns and the County have periodically posted Burn Bans and that as of this evening, November 13, 2024, the Governor has put into place a Proclamation of a Burn Ban through out New York State that will be placed on our town website and the town Facebook page.

The Bluestone press asked if there was any update on the Public Hearing for the Safety Tower. Supervisor Walsh stated that there is no update about the Public Hearing, but the County has scheduled the Balloon testing for tomorrow to record the data they need if it is not too windy. The Town Clerk's office will post any updates on the town website.

Public Input – Marty Einemann – brought up the Ambulance negotiations.

Supervisor Walsh stated they do not and will not be able to discuss that subject at this meeting and that they are working on a solution.

Community Events –

Councilmember Sweeney wanted to remind everyone that Frozendale is on December 7th from 10AM to 3PM. A lot of local businesses will be involved, and the Town of Rosendale Tree Lighting will be at the Recreation Center at 5:00 PM.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the October Town Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Councilman Hassett; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Committee Reports:

Councilmember Sweeney:

Youth Department - There will be a pie making event at the Recreation Center on Tuesday, November 26th. For more information, please call Matt McClusky at the Youth Center for details. School will be closed on Wednesday, November 27th and the Youth Center will be open for a Full Day Program.

Recreation Department - The Recreation Director reports that the Ulster County Sheriff's Department has installed an outdoor Narcan box at that location. All classes seem to be going well, unfortunately line dancing has been cancelled for the month of November and will update everyone as to when it will begin again. The Recreation Commission wanted to share that Shokoloko, an electro-acoustic improvisational trio, will be hosting a benefit concert at the Recreation Center on Friday, November 22nd at 7:00 PM. Shokoloko will be playing to raise money with a suggested donation of \$10.00 to be donated to the Town of Rosendale Recreation Center for work on landscaping.

Eldercare Assistance Committee – The Eldercare brochures have been made and they will be mailed out next week and will be placed at the Town Hall, Library, and all Post Offices. The committee is in the process of setting up a Medicare informational talk. From May to November the committee has been delivering fresh produce to seniors and would like to thank Jennifer and Peter Buffett for this incredible community service. The Song Club has one more meeting at the Recreation Center and would like to discuss options for funding to continue in the future.

Councilmember Wykoff:

Planning Board – The next meeting is November 14th at 7:00 PM. There are two new business items on the agenda. One of which is an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) site plan review on Bruceville Road that has already been on the ZBA agenda, and the second item is the Eddyville Logging special use permit.

ZBA - Last month there was one primary item on the agenda which was another ADU on Main Street. Councilmember Wykoff's understanding was that the ZBA will make some suggestions to the Town Board about the existing law that the town has. The next ZBA meeting is on the 19th at 7:00 PM at the RMC.

Building Department- Their total fees collected in October was \$6,155.00 with 26 permits issued in October and 24 still open as of November 1st.

Food Pantry - As always, they are looking for volunteers. The Boy Scout drive was successful and thank you to everybody who participated. All the yellow bags that were distributed and picked up gave about a month and a half available donations.

Environmental Commission - They have put the composting program on hold. During the meeting that took place on October 17th there was a discussion of the letters that went out for the Clean Energy Program. Only 54 signed up for the program and they are looking to discuss how we can create more action for sign-ups. The next meeting will be November 21st at 6:30PM.

Ulster County Arts & Culture Plan – An update they have asked me to be Task Force cochair.

Councilman Hassett:

Town Clerk's Office - For the month of November there were seven decals, one marriage license, four certified copies, one completed FOIL, two notary, 53 dog licenses, 3 building permits and 54 land fill permits for a total of \$9,834.24 to the Supervisor.

Transfer Station – For the month of November George and Connor have been dealing with yard debris cleanup and year end waste cleanup bringing in a total of \$9,165.60.

RMC - Joe reports that all the dead electronics throughout the building have been removed from the building. He is still working with Cyber Guardian dealing with the emergency broadcast system throughout the whole building. Carpet cleaning has been scheduled for Friday the 5th throughout the building. Joe turned the furnaces on last week to prepare for the winter season and he's waiting to hear back on a few other projects. For the month of October the RMC totals were \$9,650.87.

Councilman Hassett wanted to say thank you to Louisa Duffy and Jamie Depuy for the help with cleaning up around the Veterans Memorial location where they were able to find the mums and get them planted.

Supervisor Walsh mentioned that, Jill LaFera; Town Supervisor Assistant and Penny Coleman; Environmental Commission worked very hard on the NYSERDA (New York State Energy, Research and Development) Grants totaling \$500,000.00 of which \$200,000.00 will go towards the much-needed upgrades to the Rondout Municipal Building. Other items on the list are two EV cars, one for the Police Department and the other for the Town Hall, to be used by the town employees.

Supervisor Walsh read financial reports.

Resolution 11-2024-#6 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale, County of Ulster, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025 that requires real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General municipal Law, §3-c. Seconded by Councilmember Wykoff; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Resolution 11-2024-#7 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale adopt the 2025 High Falls Water District Budget that was duly publicized for a Public Hearing held on November 6, 2024 and shall become effective upon its passage by both the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale and the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown. Seconded by Councilman Hassett; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Resolution 11-2024-#8 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale, County of Ulster, is hereby authorized to adopt the Final Budget for the fiscal year 2025 as the official budget for the Town of Rosendale. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Resolution 11-2024-#9 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale, awarded \$125,000.00 & \$100,000.00 grants for playground equipment, approves the Supervisor to sign an agreement with BSN Sports to replace the playground equipment at the Rosendale Recreation Center to be paid in payments from ARPA, Capital Recreation, Escrow and General Fund unexpended funds. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

Resolution 11-2024-#10 - Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorized the following budget amendment: Seconded by Councilman Hassett; ROLL VOTE 4 Yes.

GENERAL FUND– Transfer the sum of: \$23,750.00

Increase		Increase		Amount
A3089	State Aid/Other	A1620.2	Buildings Eq.	\$11,250.00
A3089	State Aid/Other	A1620.4	Buildings C.E.	\$5,000.00
A2680	Insurance Rec.	A7140.4	Playground/Rec.	\$7,500.00

Councilman Hassett commended Supervisor Walsh for dealing with the budget with the County not taking the lead for ambulance service and having to deal with the 2025 budget and tax cap override. He was very disappointed the County Legislature worked harder on making sure they received raises as opposed to what was best for the County and safety of the people.

Supervisor Walsh stated she agrees and was surprised and disappointed that the County didn't find a solution, didn't have it at the top of their list and put it onto the towns.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to audit the Vouchers. Seconded by Councilmember Sweeney; ROLL VOTE 4Yes.

RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 11	VOUCHERS	194 - 205	\$ 6,789.13
GENERAL FUND	ABSTRACT 11	VOUCHERS	358 - 377	\$ 14,830.70
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 11	VOUCHERS	184 - 187	\$ 1,300.42
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 11	VOUCHERS	151 - 157	\$ 7,493.76
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 11	VOUCHERS	137 - 142	\$ 2,017.98
SPECIAL LIGHTING	ABSTRACT 11	VOUCHER	13	\$ 717.84

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58PM. Seconded by Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE 4
Yes.

Respectfully Submitted by

Christine Harrison
Deputy Town Clerk