

TOWN OF ROSENDALE  
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2025

Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Albert Schmidt.

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

**Also Present:** Jill La Fera; Assistant to the Supervisor and Joe La Fera; RMC Building Manager, Bob Gallagher; Highway Superintendent, and Penny Coleman; Environmental Commission Chair.

**Public Input/Community Events**

Marty Einneman addressed his concerns about the pool hires and their rate of pay compared to a Rosendale Police Officer.

**Motions**

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the May 7, 2025, minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE:

Councilmember Wykoff	YES
Councilmember Sweeney	YES
Councilman Havranek	ABSTAIN
Councilman Cassidy	YES
Supervisor Walsh	YES

Supervisor Walsh made a to approve the ARC lease until 12/31/2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

**Committee Reports**

Youth (Councilmember Sweeney):

Around 15 kids have been attending after school and Matt McCluskey is planning an end of year celebration on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Matt McCluskey is finalizing camp preparations.

Took in \$11,445.00 which is mostly from camp registration.

There is no July meeting, and the next meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Youth Center.

Recreation (Councilmember Sweeney):

Opening day at the pool was a success with 190 people in attendance.

The credit card machine slowed the line down a little bit and the town is looking into a faster system.

The next meeting is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM.

Elder Assistance (Councilmember Sweeney):

Barbra Piombino is planning to meet with Supervisor Walsh to discuss a peace pole ceremony on September 7, 2025.

St. Peter's Church and the Rosendale Library both have food drives currently happening.

Tax Collector (Councilmember Sweeney):

The season is complete, and the books will be handed over to the Ulster County Treasurer on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Food Pantry (Councilmember Sweeney):

They are looking for volunteers with trucks for food pick up.

Councilmember Sweeney recognized all the volunteers for the Food Pantry and the amazing job they do.

Environmental (Councilmember Wykoff):

They held an event at the Rosendale Theatre for the film Plastic People which was also a collaboration with the Town of Marbletown and planned on doing more events.

They are looking into community compost and plan on presenting it to the Town Board.

The next meeting is June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Economic Development (Councilmember Wykoff):

They need 5 members to be on the working committee and currently there are only 2.

RMC (Councilmember Wykoff):

There have been some drain issues in the Café and are being worked on.

The carpet tile was approved last week and they are waiting for it to come in and schedule the installation.

Lease with ARC is still being worked on, there is a resolution on the agenda to amend/extend the current lease while final details are worked out.

Joe is still researching solutions with the engineer for resolving the issue of the gym flooding, also researching new flooring options for the gym once the flooding issue is resolved.

Transfer Station (Councilmember Wykoff):

The May income for fees \$9,412.95 and a reminder credit cards are now being accepted. The income for permits was \$2,240.00

Planning Board (Councilman Cassidy)

At the May meeting there was a major subdivision at 617 Rt 213 and the applicants re-submitted an application to subdivide the parcel into 3 lots for residential use. A public hearing for June 12<sup>th</sup>.

There was an application for an ADU on a single-family residence at 6 Campbell Street and the Planning Board decided to wave the public hearing based on review of the Site Plan.

There was Special Use Permit for Six Bells hotel to be a Wedding venue. The application will go to Ulster County Planning Board for review and comments. The Public Hearing is set for June 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Ulster County Planning board reports that many towns in the county are amending their STR and ADU laws due to issue and concerns.

ZBA (Councilman Cassidy):

Anissa Kapsales applied for an area variance to erect a one-bedroom apartment on the second floor of the barn in her backyard.

There is an Area Variance for 1904 Lucas Ave for a 10 ft fence on his property to reduce the glare from headlights from the Rondout Municipal Building.

A Public Hearing is set for both on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Marshal (Councilman Cassidy):

Kevin Hines did 2 fire safety inspections and 3 burn permits before he went on vacation.

Building Department

31 fees were collected for a variety of permits and applications with a total of \$3,778.00 in for May.

Justice Department (Councilman Cassidy):

For May Judge Pape's accounts for fines \$ 7,158.00, bail \$13,850.00, Judge Ragucci's accounts for fine \$9144; Bail \$11,321.

Town Clerk

There were 2 new dog licenses and 26 renewal licenses. The fees collected \$220.00 were paid to the Town, and \$38 was paid to the NYS Animal Population Control Program, Building Department fees \$3,778.00, 61 Landfill permits with a total of \$2,260, Miscellaneous fees taken in were \$ 261.04, and the total collected and remitted to the Supervisor for General Fund was \$6,519.04

Town Historian (Councilman Cassidy):

Bill Brooks is soliciting donations to help with equipment, construction and design at the museum. He also mentioned that one substantial donation is likely to be given in the near future. All donations are deposited in an escrow account where they remain until they are used for costs directly related to museum related expenses.

Assessor (Councilman Cassidy):

Grievance period has been closed and said it was a normal year regarding complaints. Assessment Board of review met, changes were resolved, and the tax assessment final roll will be issued on July 1. There were two resignations from the Assessment Board of Review. The Assessor is seeking to fill the positions.

Ulster County Traffic Safety Board (Councilman Cassidy):

NYSDOT has \$90m roadway departure program and DOT determining where to invest funds to increase traffic safety. The Defined Safe Passing law is being championed at the state level to introduce the 3-foot rule for cars passing bike/pedestrians. Rosendale (and New Paltz) traffic study to be made public soon.

Police (Councilman Havranek):

There is one Officer in the academy finishing phase 1 and will begin phase 2 with graduation on July 24<sup>th</sup> and begin field training. They received a grant from STOP DWI for \$9,000.00 and will be applying for another grant for a total of \$15,000.00 and there is currently \$9,500. 00 left for the remainder of this year from the SOPT DWI funding. The new electric car is in service. Calls for service is 1,500, 112 cases, 52 arrests, 3 personal injury automobile accident and 38 property damaged automobile accidents. The next meeting is June 14 a 3:30 PM.

Took in \$278.75.

Marbletown First Aid (Councilman Havranek):

For May there was 41 calls for service, basic life support is 18 and advanced life support was 11.

Water/Sewer (Councilman Havranek):

There was a sanitary survey inspection done by New York State DEC and the USEPA on May 29, 2025. They were overall pleased with the plant.

The Senior Operator John Barlyski has been doing a great job.

The meters have started to be installed again, and the Water/Sewer Clerk Mandy has been setting up the appointments.

Mandy also sent out a mass mailing to all the customers to update phone numbers and email addresses.

The Town has entered into an agreement with the HACH company to bring the town's monitoring equipment out of state out of disrepair and calibration. The previous company H2O left the equipment nonoperational.

Terry said the storage tank may not start until Spring of 2026.

The High Falls water meter installation has been slowed by the contractor. There has been 80 meters installed out of 210.

Water income is \$16,179.40 and Sewer \$16,87.25.

Highway (Councilman Havranek):

Bob Gallgher is going to give the overview of the 284 agreement that is done annually.

They are getting the road ready for paving, inspecting culverts and doing brush and tree removal.

There are wood chips available for the residents in the Binnewater Parking Lot. It is not mulch just wood chips.

Money took in \$4,400.09.

### **Appointments & Resignations**

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Jeff Miller from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective 6/5/25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Christine Harrison as Deputy Town Clerk effective 6/11/2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Jesse Towey as Temporary Per Diem Recreation Aide for Qigong at \$75.00 per weekly class from 7/1/25 to 12/31/25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Sara Schindler Temporary Per Diem Recreation Aide for Artistic Swimming at \$125.00 per week class from 6/11/25 to 08/31/25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Emily Ferry as Temporary Senior Recreation Aide at \$18.00 per hour for up to 37.5 hours per week from 6/24/25 – 8/24/25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Margaret Priest as Temporary Recreation Specialist at \$ 16.00 per hour for up to 37.5 hours per week from 6/24/25 – 8/24/25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Lexus Healy, Kyleigh Healy & Gianna St Hilaire as Temporary Recreation Aides at \$15.60 per hour for up to 37.5 hours per week from 6/24/25 – 8/24/25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Anina Ma, Justin McLaughlan, Kathy Orchen, Jessica Scully & Mia Trumbore as Temporary Recreation Aides at \$15.50 per hour for up to 37.5 hours per week from 6/24/25 – 8/24/25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve Gabriella Knapp as Counselor in Training from 6/24/25 – 8/24/25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve Sadie Hagney for up to 37.5 hours per week effective 6/24/25 – 8/24/25 with an increase to \$15.80 per hour effective 6/24/25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve Brian Ferry & Chloe Goodin for up to 37.5 hours p/w effective 6/24/25 – 8/24/25 with an increase to \$15.60 per hour effective 6/24/25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

### **SPEAKER**

Highway Superintendent Robert Gallagher presented the Board the 284 agreement which covers the 2025 Capital Improvements of town roads and 2025 Capital Truck and Equipment Purchase.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the 2025 Highway 284 agreement for the expenditures of Highway monies for the Town of Rosendale Highway Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

06-2025-#5 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale supports the New York State Assembly and Senate to pass a strong packaging

reduction and recycling infrastructure act, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

06-2025-#6 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorize the budget amendment:

A3620.4 Safety Inspection A9999 App. Fund Balance \$32,272.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to enter executive session at 8:30 PM to discuss the employment of a particular person(s) and invited the Town Clerk to enter. Returned at 9:15 PM with no motions made.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to pay bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

**AUDIT OF VOUCHERS**

General Fund	Abstract 6	Vo #247-264	\$29,281.38
Highway Fund	Abstract 6	Vo #101-105	\$5,304.31
Water Fund	Abstract 6	Vo #77-80	\$247.00
Sewer Fund	Abstract 6	Vo #79-84	\$2,580.95
RMC Fund	Abstract 6	Vo #100-106	\$7,260.53

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Donald  
Town Clerk