

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2025

Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting at 6:00 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Robert Kinlin, John Quick, Don Beale, Henry Jordan, Janet Schimmrich and Debra Marinucci.

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

Also Present: Kenneth Hasett; Deputy Supervisor, Jill La Fera; Assistant to the Supervisor and Joe La Fera: RMC Building Manager.

Public Input/Community Events: Valerie Mathis thanked the Town Board and the Town Highway, Police and Fire Departments for an amazing Street Festival. Deputy Supervisor Hassett said Wreaths Across America was an amazing event and every Veteran has a wreath on their grave.

Motions

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the July minutes with grammatical errors to be corrected, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE:

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

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the WVLT 1/2 marathon waiving the fees with the condition of approval from the Rosendale Police Department, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Other Business

Speaker: Eric Waldheim from Tillson American Legion Post 1219 read a letter to the Rosendale Police Department for the amazing appreciation with helping during the

Memorial Day Parade and presented Officer Kristopher Barnhardt, Officer Aimee Bassett and Investigator Colin Bell with the American Legion Law Enforcement Certificate of Accommodation.

Committee Reports

Youth (Councilmember Sweeney):

The August meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The next meeting is September 1st at 7:00 PM.

The kid's night out event was a good event and there were around 70 kids in attendance. They had pizza, ice cream, swimming, music and dancing.

Elder Assistance (Councilmember Sweeney):

They have not met since last month. They are hoping to organize a fall conference for elders offering information on how to navigate with limited resources.

Food delivery is adequate currently.

Food Pantry (Councilmember Sweeney):

They are looking for volunteers with large SUVs and trucks for food pick up and any donations.

Recreation (Councilmember Sweeney):

Aquoga is ongoing until August 23rd and is Saturday mornings from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. It is \$10.00 for residents and \$15.00 for nonresidents.

Artistic Swimming is in full swing and there are a good amount of youth and adult participants.

Facebook is a great place to look for updates regarding the Pool for early closings.

The landscaping in front of the Recreation Center will begin soon after a few more minor details are sorted out.

Game night will be returning in the Fall.

Economic Development (Councilmember Wykoff):

They are shy of having full membership but now have a quorum.

Environmental (Councilmember Wykoff):

There was no meeting in August, and the next meeting is September 11th at 6:00 PM.

RMC (Councilmember Wykoff):

The ARC main entrance door has been transferred over to RMC control.

Triple J Vending has sent the January through June commission check for a total of \$239.19 (12% of total sales).

Emergency Broadcast phones should be installed soon in ARC rooms and offices, as well as common rooms such as the gym, meeting rooms and other offices. The necessary wiring has been done, and phones are ordered.

Joe is still working on research and obtaining estimates for other projects and capital improvements.

Transfer Station (Councilmember Wykoff):

They took in \$9,747.00 in fees collected and \$2,775.00 in permits for July.

Planning (Councilman Cassidy):

The Six Bells representative responded to the questions from the Planning Board and the public. The Public Hearing was closed, and the application went to the Town Planner for final review. The details of his review will be discussed at the next meeting.

Twin Lakes development, the developer was seeking tax relief for the small portion of the development that is in the Town of Rosendale. The Planning Board determined there was no impact on the Town of Rosendale and had no opposition to the developer seeking tax relief. The applicant for Williams Lake still needs to submit the final plat to the Town before they can apply for an HOA agreement with the State.

They made a motion to update the Comprehensive Plan citing the need to have a more dynamic code to manage changes to the town.

They took in \$495.00 from January 1- July 31.

ZBA (Councilman Cassidy):

The ZBA held a Public Hearing on the area variance to grant Anissa Kapsales permission to build a studio apartment on top of her existing barn. They voted to approve the variance subject to resolution of the lot line adjustment and all fees paid.

They held a Public Hearing for an area variance for a 10-foot fence to block car headlights from shining into the window of the home of Jack Petracelli who lives directly across from the Rondout Municipal Building. There was no public comment. They closed the meeting and approved the variance subject to all fees paid in full.

They reviewed a new application for an area variance at 31 Lake Hill Road for the home of Aaron and Maria Shock for a minimum lot size requirement and relief from setback. A public hearing is set for August 19th

They took in \$325.00 from January 1- July 31.

Fire Marshal

There were 3 fire inspections, 8 fire re-inspections, 2 STR inspections, 2 STR re-inspections, 2 STR re-inspections, 2 property maintenance Inspections and 1 burn permit.

There were 9 appearance tickets issued and one with a court case.

Building (Councilman Cassidy):

55 fees were collected for a variety of permits and applications totaling \$8,688.00.

Justice (Councilman Cassidy):

As of 7/31/25:

Judge Pape's fine account has \$ 6,765.00 and bail account has\$ 13,850.00.

Judge Ragucci's fine account has \$7,041.00 and bail account has \$821.00.

Monthly spot check/audit found no inconsistencies.

Town Clerk (Councilman Cassidy):

The Office sold 43 dog licenses, took in money for 84 landfill permits, 5 marriage licenses and 23 miscellaneous fees.

Total collected and remitted to the Supervisor for General Fund was \$ 4,014.08 plus the \$8688 from the Building Department for a total of \$12,702.08.

Town Historian (Councilman Cassidy):

Thanks to the Town's maintenance crew more box and file cabinets have been moved to the new location.

Bill Brooks mentioned that Board of the Pickle Fest voted to provide the museum with up to 10k to buy necessary items for the museum. Bill will present the list of items to purchase to the Town Board. Bill proposed that the Town Board reviews and bills the Pickle fest.

Assessor (Councilman Cassidy):

Grievance Day for Rosendale was May 27th. The town received 24 Grievances with only one property owner appearing in person. Of the 24 cases, 13 of these grievances were filed by Aventine Properties.

The Assessment Roll became final on July 1, 2025. The town's total assessed value for the Town of Rosendale was \$611,839,651 up \$7,400,000 from the 2024 Total of \$604,439,651. The Total taxable assessed value was \$563,490,347 up \$8,958,084 from the 2024 total of \$554,532,263.

The Assessor is currently reviewing recent sales and will soon be in the field documenting building permit activity.

Highway (Councilman Havranek):

Current paving projects are 50% done.

They repaired culvert pipes on River Road and spot paving on River Road and River Road extension. There also are 3 other roads to be paved, which are Binnewater and Bloomington areas.

They took in \$7,522.17 for July.

Police (Councilman Havranek):

There was no meeting last month.

The electric vehicle is in full operation; the Street Festival went well and there were no issues with the triathlon.

Call for service 2165 to date, 174 criminal cases, 74 arrests, 56 property damage automobile accidents and 9 personal injury automobile accidents.

They took in \$2,074,00 for July.

Water/Sewer (Councilman Havranek):

There are no updates on the water tower except the engineer thinks the Spring of 2026 will be the start of construction.

The Marbletown Town Board approved the 100-kilowatt solar system to be installed on the High Falls Plant property. The bulk of this work will be covered by Marbletown with a grant they received. T-Mobile still plans to install their equipment on the High Falls tank in September.

The EPA violations for High Falls have been settled which were caused by the previous operators in 2024.

Both water systems need to have their monitor equipment replaced as it is outdated and can cost \$50,000.00 per district.

They bought a 2015 Silverado truck from the Highway Department, and the 3 districts will split the cost of \$25,000.00 to the Highway Department. There are now 3 vehicles for the 3 employees.

The Rosendale meters are being installed again the High Falls meters are at about 40% completion.

Rose is scheduled to take one more test to be certified and after that she will be fully certified to run the plant.

Hydrant flushing will be in the Fall for Rosendale.

Water took in \$44,159.07 and Sewer \$38,662.65 for July.

High Falls Water took in \$162,195.00.

Marbletown First Aid (Councilman Havranek):

They had 69 calls for service in July, and it has been increasing.

Supervisors report: READ.

Public Hearing Local Law #1 & #2 of 2025

The Town Clerk opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 PM for Local Law #1 – Camps and Local Law #2 – STR amendment of 2025.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2025, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2025, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve SEQRA Full Environmental Assessment Form for Local Law #1, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve SEQRA Full Environmental Assessment Form for Local Law #2, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to close the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 at 6:45 PM, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to close the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 at 6:47 PM, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy.

Appointments & Resignations

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve Conrad Witte for no more than 20 hours per week for \$25.50 per hour effective 8/27/2025, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Heidi Haynes Deputy Town Clerk effective 8/12/2025, 2nd by Councilman Havranek with regret. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to appoint Stephanie Ellis to the Zoning Board of Appeals term expiring 12/31/2027, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to appoint James Melville to the Economic Development Commission term expiring 12/31/2028, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Kathy Carey Ackerman as Temporary Rec Aide per diem for Gentle Yoga for \$75.00 per weekly class from 9/16/2025-12/31/2025, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolutions

08-2025-#1 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale answers the Ulster County Planning Board required modifications as follows for Local Law #1 of 2025:

1. Access – The Town Board overrides the required modification as the Town Highway Superintendent is familiar with the Town roads and is qualified to make determinations as to the traffic impact of the use of local roadways.
2. Sight Distances – The Town Board overrides this required modification as both State and County have the requirement as part of their access permitting processes and the Town Highway Superintendent has requirements to best determine sight distance on local roadways, 2nd by Councilmember Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

08-2025-#2 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale answers the Ulster County Planning Board required modifications as follows for Local Law #2 of 2025:

The Town Board overrides this required modification as it is in the best interest of the Town to pass the law as drafted and notes that all property owners who are affected by this local law are aware of same, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE:

- Councilmember Wykoff: YES
- Councilmember Sweeney: YES
- Councilman Havranek: NO
- Councilman Cassidy: YES
- Supervisor Walsh: YES

08-2025-#3 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale adopts Local Law # 1 of 2025 annexed hereto and entitled “A Local Law amending Chapter 75 of the Code of the Town of Rosendale adding provisions concerning Camps, Camping and Campground including use of Recreational Vehicles” is hereby adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

08-2025-#4 – supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale adopts Local Law #2 of 2025 annexed hereto and entitled “ A Local Law

amending Chapter 75 of the Town of Rosendale “Zoning” by Amending Section 75.28 Short Term Transient Rentals (STR)” is hereby adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy.

Councilmember Wykoff: YES
Councilmember Sweeney: YES
Councilman Havranek: NO
Councilman Cassidy: YES
Supervisor Walsh: YES

08-2025-#5 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into contract for the annual software support contract for Water/Sewer department billing with Williamson Law Book Company, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

08-2025-#6 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the copier service agreement with Hudson Valley Office Equipment, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

08-2025-#7 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract with Ulster County SPCA, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

08-2025-#8 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement authorizing the retention of new energy project management for predevelopment and project management services for the High Falls Water District solar project, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

08-2025- #9 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale approves the sale of the truck to the Rosendale Water & Sewer Districts and the High Falls Water District from the Town of Rosendale Highway Department, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

08-2025-#10 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign the intermunicipal agreement between the Town of Rosendale and the Town of Marbletown to purchase a paver, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

08-2025-#11 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale accept the quote and authorizes the purchase of 202 Dodge 5500 4WD dump truck with snowplow, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

08-2025-#12 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign the proposal for 2025 landfill and monitoring and reporting services with C.T. Male, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to pay bills, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

AUDIT OF BILLS

General Fund	Abstract 8	Vo #319-359	\$136,461.84
Sewer District	Abstract 8	Vo #85-98	\$7,049.17
Water Fund	Abstract 8	Vo#81-96	\$10,062.02
RMC Fund	Abstract 8	Vo #120-136	\$15,973.27
Special Lighting	Abstract 8	Vo #9	\$607.35
Highway Fund	Abstract 8	Vo #125-140	\$73,761.34

Supervisor Walad made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM, 2nd by Councilman Havranek. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Donald
Town Clerk