

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Estelle Arnold, Merritt Soule, Linda Greenow, John Novi and those we have lost in 911.

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

Also Present: Barbara Piombino; Elder Assistance Chair, Benjamin Talutto; Youth Commission Chair, Kenneth Hassett; Deputy Supervisor, Jill LaFera; Assistant to the Supervisor, Joe La Fera; RMC Building Manager, Susan Gillespie; Environmental Commission and Billy Liggan; Planning Board Chair.

Community Events/Public Comments

Paul Soloman read a draft resolution called the Big Beautiful Bill. Supervisor Walsh said that the Town Board will look over it and they appreciate it being brought to the Town Board.

Susan Gillspie said she supported the resolution and it's very simple the damage it would do to people that can least afford it.

Lindsay Grossman – said she is in support of the resolution because national budget cuts are going to have extreme pressure on state and county.

Motions

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the August 13th, 2025 minutes, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

Committee Reports

Youth (Councilmember Sweeney):

Summer camp went well and adjustments with staff must be made, and a lot tears.

They are accepting kids in the afternoon since school is back in session.

Soon there will be teen night on Wednesdays for children in grades 7 and up 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

The next youth meeting is October 6th at 7:15 PM.

The annual Halloween party is October 26 at 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

The clothing shed brought in \$458.32 and camp brought in \$3,532.00 for August.

Recreation (Councilmember Sweeney):

Game night will be on September 19th at the Recreation Center at 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM and light refreshments will be served.

Gentle Yoga is starting September 16th and is every Tuesday at 5:15 PM.

The Recreation Commission sends a thank you to the Pool Director Ashley Kraus and Recreation Director Dorene Whitaker for their hard work this Summer.

Next meeting is September 17th at 7:15 PM.

Elder Assistance (Councilmember Sweeney):

On October 1st there is an event for seniors at the Recreation from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM and it is a Community Connections forum. Refreshments and lunch will be served and free to attend. This is put on by New York State Senior Action Council.

Food Pantry (Councilmember Sweeney):

They are always looking for volunteers with trucks or large SUV for food pick up.

Planning Board (Councilman Cassidy):

Provided conditional approval for the Six Bells Inn Special Use Permit and requested the Inn's representative to provide further detail on the site plan demarcating the fire lane, detailed delineation of the parking lot, and dark sky compliance lighting.

ZBA (Councilman Cassidy):

The August 19th meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Fire Marshal (Councilman Cassidy):

There was 1 fire inspection, 2 STR inspections, 1 appearance ticket and 1 burn permit.

Justice Department (Councilman Cassidy):

As of 7/31/25:

Judge Pape's fine account has \$3,503.00 and bail account has \$8,850.00

Judge Ragucci's fine account has \$7,307.00 and bail account has \$821.00.

Monthly spot check/audit found no inconsistencies.

Town Clerk (Councilman Cassidy):

The Town Clerk interviewed three candidates for the Deputy Clerk position. An offer was made (and accepted by) Nicole Terpening. Nicole gave notice to her current employer and will begin with the Town of Rosendale later this month.

\$20,421.92 were collected and remitted to the Town Supervisor for General Fund. Of this amount \$15,671 was for building related permits.

Town Historian (Councilman Cassidy):

Bill Brooks stated only one more trip is required to move the remaining boxes to his new office and to Maple Hill. The County historian and archivist visited with Bill to provide ideas on layout and document management for the new Town Museum.

Another post card show at the theatre is scheduled for Spring 2026.

Town Assessor (Councilman Cassidy):

13 SCAR (small claim assessment reviews) cases brought forth by Aventine associates. The Assessor reports that she was successful at defending most of the assessed values. However, a few properties were over-assessed, so she negotiated a fair Market Value.

Traffic Study (Councilman Cassidy):

DOT provided an overview of the proposed options to improve traffic safety at the 213/32 intersection. Each of the options came with an estimated cost. Only the first option, which includes 5 curb ramps, 2 new Crosswalks, new sidewalk - 68' plus 100 feet of paved shoulder (north of Stewarts) and extension of the curb 18' on rt 213 south of Stewarts can be accomplished in the short term under existing DOT contracts. Many of the requests put forth in the Town Board's resolutions to enhance traffic safety on the routes 213/32 were either not addressed or listed in future options.

UCTSB (Councilman Cassidy):

The County is applying for a grant with the Safe Streets for All program to do an analysis of all crashes in Ulster County over the last decade to ascertain where most accidents and fatalities occur. The County is also updating its bicycle and pedestrian policy (aka complete streets policy).

Supervisors Report: READ.

Appointments & Resignations

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Pablo Shine as Temporary Per Diem Recreation Aide for Basic Watercolor at \$125.00 per weekly class from 10/9/2025 – 11/13/2025, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Nicole Terpening as Deputy Town Clerk at \$21.00 per hour with 6 months' probation effective 9/23/2025, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Resolutions

Resolution 09-2025-#3 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale supports the submission of a JCAP Grant application in the amount of \$27,892.89 to the NYS United Court System, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Resolution 09-2025-#4 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale appoints Susan Gentile as Town Assessor for the term of 6 years, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Resolution 09-2025-#5 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale approve the purchase and installation of a door access controller for the A and C wing of the Rondout Municipal Center, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to pay bills, 2nd by Councilman Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Audit of Bills

General Fund	Abstract 9	Vo #385-400	\$27,464.52
Sewer Fund	Abstract 9	Vo #106-113	\$2,743.09
Water Fund	Abstract 9	Vo #100-106	\$581.88
Highway Fund	Abstract 9	Vo #157-161	\$57, 965.74
Special Lighting	Abstract 9	Vo # 10	\$683.40
RMC Fund	Abstract 9	Vo #137-146	\$6,634.19

Supervisor Walsh made a motion at 7:48 PM to enter executive session to discuss a particular employee, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES. (returned at 8:41 PM with no motions made)

Councilman Cassidy made a motion at 8:45 PM to adjourn, 2nd by Supervisor Walsh. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Donald
Town Clerk