

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2026

Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting at 6:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for the deceased, John J Schultz, Anthony A. Aversano, Barbara Ann Schmidt, and Fred Smith.

Present:

Supervisor	Jeanne L Walsh
Councilmember	Robert Fade
Councilmember	Carrie Wykoff
Councilmember	Marc Cassidy
Councilmember	Ashley Sweeney

Also Present: Joe LaFera; RMC Building Manager and Kenneth Hassett; Deputy Supervisor.

Appointments/Resignations:

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Isabella Parisio effective February 6, 2026, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Tyler Mitchell as Transfer Station Attendant at 18.00 per hour for 25 hours per week effective, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Motions:

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from December 16, 2025, with the following amendments-

- Under budget amendments it states (order) instead of (Audit) on page 3.
- On January 7th. The first paragraph at the bottom of the page. (It should be a motion to sign the amendment for the solar contract for RMC with Ulster County.)
- Page 6 should (state two from special lighting, and five from VIP investment account) and (Youth Van Fund) with a V instead of fan fund in that same paragraph.
- On December 3rd the second motion does not have was seconded by, (it was seconded by councilmember Sweeney). Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Kathy Carey Ackerman as temporary per diem record, and it doesn't have a second at the end or roll to vote.
- then page 3 of 3, (respectfully) is spelled wrong at the end.

The motion was 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the donation of \$1000.00 from Hella Beale for Youth program supplies, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to give conditional approval to The Rosendale Street Festival on the condition that their permit lists the festival as a sensitive area, for restriction of firearms, weapons and explosives. They also need to get their letter from the Police Chief, DOT, The Liquor board and their certificate of insurance, naming the Town of Rosendale, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE:

Supervisor	Jeanne L Walsh	YES
Councilmember	Robert Fade	YES

Councilmember	Carrie Wykoff	RECUSE
Councilmember	Marc Cassidy	ABSTAIN
Councilmember	Ashley Sweeney	YES

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the Amendments listed below:

- The 2025 General Fund Budget decreased in A1355.1 Assessor PS, to increase A 1621.4 Building General Funds RMC, \$9,351.00.
- A decrease from A 16 20.2 buildings equipment to A 16 20.4 buildings supplies, \$174.00, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Councilmember Sweeney made a motion to rescind last month’s 2 motions on the following and change them to:

A motion to hire Joseph Davis as temporary per diem record for improv acting class, \$100.00 per month, classes from 3/9/26 to 9/7/26. Weekly resident fee, \$8.00 non-resident fee, \$15.00, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff Roll Vote: 5 YES.

Motion to rehire Pablo Shine as temporary per diem record for watercolors \$150.00 per week, starting 3/5/2026-04/23/2026 for 8 classes, maximum of 12 students per class. Residents\ fee \$15.00, non-resident fee, \$20. 2nd Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Committee Reports:

Town Historian (Councilmember Sweeney):

- Bill Brooks is going to have another postcard show at the Rosendale Theater on April 9th at 6:00 p.m.
- He has been sorting through things at the new location for the museum.
- He has been in touch with the County Historian to come to help him with his archives.
- They are looking for volunteers to help Bill with the setup.

Youth Department (Councilmember Sweeney):

- They didn't meet this month due to lack of quorum. The next meeting is March 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Elder Assistance (Councilmember Sweeney):

At their January meeting, they went over the goals that they set in 2022:

- Rosendale Library and Rosendale Rec have provided classes, tech health, and lectures.
- There is now a system for wellness checks during weather events; food deliveries are ongoing.
- There are repaired and new benches around town.
- The veteran van came to our area about 2 years ago and will be contacting Pat Ryan to provide a visit in the fall.
- Transportation in the County is now free.
- They have distributed flyers about heap and wellness checks during the frigid weather.
- They have had several complaints from elderly people who cannot navigate the sidewalks in town.
- Councilmember Sweeney will be creating an application for a senior poet laureate for Rosendale, and the peaceful celebration when the playground is finished.

Recreation (Councilmember Sweeney):

- January game night was successful. The next one will be February 27th at 6 p.m.
- The annual plant and seed swap will take place on March 22nd from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rosendale Library (Councilmember Sweeney):

- There will be a home boost presentation on March 9th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The home boost program is a partnership with Central Hudson to make homes more energy efficient. The library now has home boost kits available at the library for checkout with your library card.
- The friends of the library sponsor The Dolly Parton Imagination Library and send a free age-appropriate book each month to a child under 5 years of age in Rosendale.
- If you go to the website, you can sign up for the monthly e-newsletter, which lists all the programs and events.

Food Pantry (Councilmember Sweeney):

- We are still looking for volunteers, especially with large vehicles to pick up and transport food.

Planning Board (Councilmember Fade):

- The first subdivision of Williams Lake was given the final plot approval by the board. They need to file with the county clerk, and then they could begin putting plots up for sale.

ZBA (Councilmember Fade):

The ZBA had three issues on the agenda.

- 8 Davis St was tabled; they are awaiting an email from the attorney.
- There was a variance application From Barbara Berti and Vincent Scilla at 59 Greenkill Road looking to put an ADU on their 1.6-acre property. A public hearing was scheduled for February 17th.
- A Second variance application was reviewed for 264 Main Street, The Rosendale Library, for an extension on the northwest corner of the building of 868 square foot which would add a dedicated children's room, a library activity room and a second restroom.
- A public hearing was scheduled for February 17th.
- Planning Board and ZBA Operating Statement:
The Planning Board and ZBA operating statement for January-December 2025. They took in \$19,607.80 and had total expenses of \$20,427.80. This put them slightly over budget by \$87.80

Building Department (Councilmember Fade):

- 34 fees were collected from various permits and applications total of \$4,778.00

Police Department (Councilman Cassidy):

- The January Police Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

For the month of January:

- Calls for Service/Incidents -519
- Criminal Cases - 26
- Arrests - 13
- PI/AA (Personal Injury Auto Accidents) - 3
- PD/AA (Property Damage Ato Accidents - 13
- Medical Calls - 29

- Officer Normann was nominated by our agency for Ulster County Stop DWI "Top Cop" Award with 11 Driving While Intoxicated arrests in 2025.

Chief Schaffrick has sent a draft of the 2025 police report, some of the highlights include:

- 2025 marked the 50th anniversary of the department, originally established in 1975 under Chief Robert Lasher.
- During its 50th anniversary year, the department earned New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation. Only about 167 of more than 500 law enforcement agencies in New York State. Roughly 24–25% have achieved this voluntary accreditation.

Highway Department (Councilmember Cassidy):

- We had 10 Storms in January.
- The Highway Department worked 63 hours of overtime.
- Since January 1st, the Department has ordered 280 tons of salt with a cost of \$20,860.00. They have purchased approximately 350 tons of sand.
- Approximately 300 tons of sand was screened over the past summer at an additional cost of \$10,693.00.
- Snow was removed from the sidewalks on Main Street twice last month.
- Approximately 900 yards of snow/ice from the road and sidewalks were removed with the help of the Town of Marletown, Town of Rochester and the NYSDOT.
- The Highway Department has been pushing back snow and removing snow all over the rest of the town so traffic can flow freely.

Fire Departments (Councilman Cassidy):

- Councilman Cassidy reached out to the departments chiefs to introduce himself and learn more about their operations and meeting schedules.
- The Bloomington Fire Department is working more closely with Cottekill, and preliminary discussions are underway regarding a possible merger of the two departments.

Justice Department (Councilmember Cassidy):

Judge Pape's accounts:	Fine: \$6,260.00	Bail: \$ 8,100.00
Judge Ragucci's accounts:	Fine: \$10,519.00	Bail: \$ 2,621.00

Town Clerk (Councilmember Cassidy):

- In January, the Town Clerk collected \$4,126.50 in fees, licenses, permits and other miscellaneous revenues.

- Together with the revenue from the Building Department (\$4778.00) the Town Clerk received a total of \$8,904.50.

Town Assessor (Councilmember Cassidy):

- The Assessor continues to work on building permit reviews to add taxable inventory and value to the tax roll.
- The State's equalization numbers will be coming out soon. The State usually assigns them in early March. The Assessor is predicting a drop again this year. We were at 63% in 2024, 56% in 2025, and the current sales are forecasting a drop of at least 3 or 4 points this year.

UCTSB (Councilmember Cassidy):

- The Albany/Washington Ave corridor traffic study is being commissioned. The study is expected to include complete streets recommendations to ensure pedestrian and bike safety, and motorized vehicle speed reductions.
- UCTC is initiating a crash history study of all roads in Ulster County to make recommendations on which roads deserve capital improvements to improve traffic safety.

Environmental Commission (Councilmember Wykoff):

- The next meeting is tomorrow in the RMC room M5. There are still 4 openings on that commission; it is a 9-person commission, and we are having trouble having a quorum.

Transfer Station (Councilmember Wykoff):

- The fees for the month of January were \$7414 and 2600.00 in permits.
- Ken, Connor, and I had some interviews yesterday for the open position at the Transfer Station.

RMC (Councilmember Wykoff):

- Fire Inspection was done by the Rosendale Fire Inspector. We are waiting for a scheduled date for a follow-up.
- Maná Café Lease terminates at the end of March. Joe has spoken to Rene and asked him to let us know if he wishes to renew.
- ARC has had the tiling in multiple rooms refinished. Joe has addressed the ceiling tile issue. We are still waiting for them to hear about the renewal of the lease. There was one minor issue with one air handler, which had been fixed.
- We are awaiting one more company to give a quote for the service agreement on all the Town generators.
- Joe has received the Rosendale Street Festival 2026 Draft Site and Safety Plan. He is fine with the use of the parking lot for Festival Parking. He only stipulates that no one is to park in any grassy areas.
- Joe has received a word from NYPA/La Bella about the electrical upgrade. They are almost done with the design stage of the project, about 90%. Once we meet and discuss it, they will finalize the design and then put the project out to bid.
- There is minimal information about the main water tank replacement project from Dennis Larios, Engineer.
- He received a vending machine commission check of \$155.34. He is waiting for their new agreement for renewal.

Economic development (Councilmember Wykoff):

- They are still looking for 2 more positions to be filled.
- The next meeting will be on the 4th Monday of February.

Other Business (Councilmember Wykoff):

- ADA compliant safety officer. I've been in touch with Doreen. I received all the dates of their upcoming meetings, and the dates for workplace violence and CPR training.

Local Sourcing Committee (Deputy Supervisor Hassett):

(We met with Fifth Lake Hudson Valley and reviewed the expenditures; they are as follows):

- Out of 100 employees, 5% was from Rosendale; 5% of the expenditure was from Rosendale.
- 84% of the expenditure came from employees from Ulster County. 11% came from employees outside that area. Some of the outside area's expenditure was made only because there were technical issues related mostly to water treatment, and they needed technical advisors and equipment for that.
- 100% of the contractors came from either Rosendale or Ulster County in 2025.
- All the expenditure on contractors is 100%.
- Suppliers, 8% of these expenditures were from Rosendale; 89% of the expenditure was from Ulster County. 1% was from the 3rd preference, and that's the Hudson Valley region, which is all the counties other than Ulster, extending up to Albany and down to Rockland.
- Vendors, 7% of the expenditure was spent here in Rosendale; 45% of the expenditure was spent in Ulster County. 25% of the expenditure was spent in the Hudson River Valley, and 23% was spent outside of the area.
- They met and exceeded every one of the goals in the agreement from 2014.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to Audit the Vouchers, 2nd by Councilmember Fade. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

AUDIT OF VOUCHERS

GENERAL FUND	Abstract 2	Voucher #68-93	\$18,399.70
HIGHWAY FUND	Abstract 2	Voucher #26-29	\$9,997.85
WATER FUND	Abstract 2	Voucher #15-22	\$2,422.96
SEWER FUND	Abstract 2	Voucher #15-24	\$3,208.55
RMC FUND	Abstract 2	Voucher #21-28	\$7,247.08
Special Light District	Abstract 2	Voucher #38-40	\$743.95

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn at 7:13 p.m., 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Terpening
Deputy Town Clerk