

TOWN OF ROSENDALE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
May 13, 2026

Deputy Supervisor Hassett opened the meeting at 6:00 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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| Present: | Deputy Supervisor | Kenneth Hassett |
|          | Councilmember     | Robert Fade     |
|          | Councilmember     | Marc Cassidy    |
|          | Councilmember     | Carrie Wykoff   |
|          | Councilmember     | Ashley Sweeney  |

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| Excused: | Supervisor | Jeanne L Walsh |
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Also Present – Jill LaFera; Assistant to the Supervisor and Billy Liggan; Planning Board Chair.

**Community Events/Public Comments**

Rachel Helm said the bond vote will be June 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Rosendale Library. She said there was a discussion about it and they decided to keep the vote at the library because that is where it always is. The Town Board expressed their concerns about the vote not being held at the Recreation Center.

**Minutes**

Councilmember Wykoff made a motion to approve the March and April minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Fade. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

**Committee Reports**

Historian (Councilmember Sweeney):

The post card show went well and approximately 250 people attended.

Bill is working on a layout of the museum.

The town is creating a Historic Committee of 3 members.

Elder Assistance (Councilmember Sweeney):

Fresh produce deliveries will begin in about 2 weeks.

They are still interested in creating a senior poet laureate.

After the playground is fully completed they want to have a peace pole celebration.

Youth (Councilmember Sweeney):

The center is busy after school and Matt is still looking for camp staff.

They are planning on a wiffle ball game under the lights for Father's Day and could potentially be June 18<sup>th</sup>.

There are openings for the Youth Commission, and the next meeting is Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Recreation (Councilmember Sweeney):

The pool is getting worked on and hopefully up and running by the middle of June.

There have been a lot of sign-ups for swimming lessons and memberships.

The April book exchange was a success and around 40 people showed up.

Food Pantry (Councilmember Sweeney):

On Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> they are hosting a Wild Food Walk at 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM.

There is an intro to composting workshop May 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Police (Councilmember Cassidy):

From the period of January through April 2026, there has been 1798 Calls for service/incidents, 93 Criminal Cases, 45 Arrests, 7 Personal Injury Auto Accidents, 39 Property Damage Auto Accidents and 82 Medical Calls.

There are 4 full-time and 4 part-time officers.

All vehicles are operational and vehicle 363 has 98 K miles and the Chief will replace it with grant funding they have in escrow.

Chief Schaffrick is applying for two grants: 1) NYS Traffick Safety Grant (\$10k) and Buckel Up NY (\$4k)

Officer Fagerstrom went through basic training in SWAT with UC Sheriff's department.

RPD and NPPD will conduct joint training with the new firearms in May.

1 complaint received regarding a traffic stop; and investigation was carried out by the Sergeant and reviewed by the Chief and no malfeasance was found.

Highway Department (Councilmember Cassidy):

Bob Gallagher reported that the sweeper truck is still under repair, but thanks to the mutual aid from the Village of New Paltz and the Town of Ulster, the department was able to complete most of the road sweeping.

In May/June the department will be replacing culverts of Mountain Road before they do shim work in preparation to oil and chip that road from Elting to Mossy Brook roads. The Highway Department will also be doing some additional shim work on Kallop Road and River Road in preparation for oil and chip on those roads. These roads will be temporarily closed starting on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Justice Department (Councilman Cassidy):

April accounts:

Judge Pape's fine account \$ 7,632.00 and bail account \$3,300.00.

Judge Ragucci fine account \$15,994.00 and bail account \$3,071.00

Town Clerk (Councilman Cassidy):

In March, the Town Clerk collected \$14,597.61 in fees, licenses, permits and other miscellaneous revenues. This figure includes \$ 11,295.00 for building permits and fees from the Building Department.

Assessor (Councilmember Cassidy)

Below are the Tentative roll totals and the delta between last year's Final Roll and this year's Tentative Roll. The tentative Roll is subject to change slightly. This depends on any stipulations achieved and the decisions made by the Board of Assessment Review.

The Board of Assessment Review meets on May 26th this year.

#### 2026 Tentative Roll Totals

Total Assessed .....\$615,901,628

Town Taxable.....\$568,488,573

#### 2025 Final Roll Totals

Total Assessed.....\$611,839,651

Town Taxable.....\$563,490,347

Assessed Total increase from 2025 Final Roll.....\$4,061,977

Taxable Town Total increase from 2025 Final Roll...\$4,998,226

Increase of Assessment notices were sent out last Thursday. The Assessor is holding informal meetings (by appt.) this week and next for property owners who would like to come in and discuss their assessment. She does not anticipate too many complainants this year as most changes were due to either new construction, additions, improvements or discovery of unpermitted construction.

UCTSB (Councilmember Cassidy):

The Region 8 DOT has been filling potholes on state roads that pass-through Rosendale. Every month Councilmember Cassidy mentions that there is still no update from DOT on last year's traffic study in Rosendale.

UC Traffic ('crash") study is out for bid – data will be vital for 2027-28 for County SS4A grants.

New Paltz Police Dept have purchased e-bikes to help patrol the rail trails and to enforce traffic laws regarding bicyclists (and E-bike) riders who are breaking the law. NY State is considering legislation to regulate e-bike that are more like electric motorcycles than electric bicycles.

Discussion on need for better signage to connect O&W and WVRT via Sawdust—Cottkill road

Governor's Traffic Safety Coult grants are now open.

Planning (Councilmember Fade):

Meeting was cancelled.

ZBA (Councilmember Fade):

Meeting was cancelled.

Water/Sewer (Councilmember Fade):

Both Rosendale and High Falls Water meetings were cancelled.

Building (Councilmember Fade):

51 fees were collected from various permits and applications with a total of \$11,295.00

Fire Marshal (Councilmember Fade):

3 – Fire Inspections, 4 – Fire Re-inspections, 2 – Short Term Rental Inspections, 5 – Short Term Re-inspections, 4 – Property Maintenance Inspections and no burn permits.

Supervisor report read by Deputy Supervisor Hassett.

Councilmember Sweeney made a motion to hire Amy Summers as Recreation Aide for Aguoga at \$150.00 for \$150.00 per class for 8 sessions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Wykoff.  
ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

Councilmember Fade made a motion to re-appoint Lori Graham to the Rosendale Water & Sewer Commission with a term expiring 12/31/2029, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney.  
ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

Councilmember Sweeney made a motion to accept the resignation for Erica Knapp-Gagnon from the Youth Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

### **Other Business**

Speaker – Tabatha Biggande; Assistant Superintendent RVSD – Tabatha presented the school budget to the Town Board and explained all expenses and salaries and what the taxes pay for.

### **Events/Site Plans**

Farmer’s Market – Billy Liggan said the parking and vendor plans are finalized and the Market is ready to go.

SRT Run – Ken Posner – He said it is the same format as the race has been for the past 11 years. They have donated almost \$400,000.00 to various projects. The Town Clerk reminded Ken to make sure the Binnewater parking lot is cleaned up after the event. Councilmember Wykoff made a motion to approve the SRT run with the conditions of the certificate of liability, payment for the event and all approvals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Fade. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

Alpha Win – Councilmember Cassidy made a motion to approve the Alpha Win race with the conditions of payment and WVLT letter of approval, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney.

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| ROLL VOTE: | Councilmember Wykoff  | Recuse |
|            | Councilmember Sweeney | Yes    |
|            | Councilmember Cassidy | Yes    |
|            | Councilmember Fade    | Yes    |

### **Resolutions**

Resolution 5-2026-#8 – Councilmember Fade made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Accessory Dwelling Unit amendment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

Resolution 5-2026-#9 – Councilmember Wykoff made a motion that the Town of Rosendale authorize the Supervisor to sign the lease with Debbie Lan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 4 YES.

Resolution 5-2026-#10 – Councilmember Wykoff made a motion to set a Public Hearing May 27, 2026, at 5:00 PM in relation to the proposed increase and improvement of the Sand Hill Water Tower, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Fade. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Councilmember Sweeney made a motion to pay bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Cassidy.  
ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

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| GENERAL FUND     | ABSTRACT 5 | VOUCHER #185-200 | \$9788.02   |
| HIGHWAY FUND     | ABSTRACT 5 | VOUCHER# 94-95   | \$7,987.88  |
| WATER FUND       | ABSTRACT 5 | VOUCHER #68-78   | \$11,595.57 |
| SEWER FUND       | ABSTRACT 5 | VOUCHER #69-76   | \$685.49    |
| SPECIAL LIGHTING | ABSTRACT 5 | VOUCHER #36-37   | \$839.09    |
| RMC FUND         | ABSTRACT 5 | VOUCHER #76-81   | \$1,508.12  |

Councilmember Fade made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Sweeney.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Donald  
Town Clerk