

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 8, 2026

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

Also present - Jill LaFera; Assistant to the Supervisor and Kenneth Hassett; Deputy Supervisor.

Supervisor Walsh opened the meeting at 6:00 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence for William Wilkens and Dave Allen a local fireman and who was the Building Inspector and recently retired from Marbletown. Dave Gagnon a local fireman also passed away while answering a call to remove a tree from the road along with Cottetkill Fireman. Deputy Supervisor Hassett read the Fireman's Prayer as a tribute to the fallen firemen.

Supervisor Walsh reiterated that the town is in a State of Emergency. Dorene and Nick have spoken with Red Cross to help with housing, food and shelter. Supervisor Walsh also went over what steps to take if there is a tree on a house, they are to call the Building Inspector and the Fire Marshal must inspect the house. At this time 2 houses will possibly be condemned to be unsafe. Supervisor Walsh publicly thanked the Town of Ulster and Town of Olive for helping the town clean up. Dorene has done an enormous amount of work, Kevin and Nick going door to door and Mandy fielding emergency calls. Supervisor Walsh also stated that the town has a great staff here and Deputy Supervisor Hassett helped to direct Mandy on setting up a special email address for people to send pictures and write about any damage. Website is stormdamageinfo@townofrosendale.ny.gov.

Lindsay Grossman, Ulster County Legislator, updated the town on topics with the County of Ulster. Rosendale Theatre landed a \$99,000 grant, Habitat for Humanity Housing working on a new tax exemption, County Pool in New Paltz operating budget and working on a swimmer's grant. Also updated on the funding for the local Ulster County Community College.

Community Events

Councilmember Wykoff wanted to remind everyone of the Rosendale Street Festival July 18th and 19th, 2026, and are still looking for volunteers.

Motions:

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve May 13, 2026 minutes, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to waive permits fees for rebuilding homes damaged due to the July 4th storm, 2nd by Councilmember Fade. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Committee Reports

Building (Councilmember Fade):

There were 57 fees collected from various permits and applications totaling \$8,503.00.

ZBA (Councilmember Fade):

Meeting cancelled

Planning (Councilmember Fade):

Meeting cancelled.

Fire Marshal (Councilmember Fade):

There were 6 fire inspections, 3 fire re-inspections, 5 short term rental inspections, 2 Short-term re-rental inspections, 3 property maintenance inspections, 1 appearance tickets and 5 burn permits inspections.

Police Department (Councilmember Cassidy)

Police Commissioner Meeting was in June 2026. Troy Hajba was hired as a temporary officer. Officer Evan Norman will now be leaving as a full-time officer but staying on as part-time officer effective 6/23/26.

The vehicles are in good condition, although mileage is high.

For the future an electric Chevy Blazer is being investigated and funding is being researched. Technology upgrades left over from the grant will be used for other computer work being done.

Chief Shaffrick applied for and received a \$10,200 STOP DWI Grant to support regular DWI patrols in 2027. Sergeant Brianne Quigley applied to the U.S. Deputy Sheriff's Association and received ballisticshield for the department.

The department is doing more community service and outreach and purchased a pop-up tent for more upcoming events including the Street Festival.

Officer Vincent went to bike school a few years ago, and Officer Bassett will also be going. A purchase will be made for a future bike to use. Firearms switchover is complete and one Deputy will train with the Sheriff's Office. All handguns will be sent back to the company and will get a reimbursement check.

There have been 2,486 calls for service, 141 criminal cases, 62 arrests, 10 personal injury accidents, 50 property damage accidents, 118 medical calls.

Highway Department (Councilman Cassidy):

Bob Gallagher stated highway completed culverts and chip work on Mountain, Kallop and River Road.

Justice Department (Councilman Cassidy):

Judge Ragucci Fine Account has \$8,622.00 and bail account has \$3,321.00.

Judge Pape's Fine Account has \$7,312.00 and bail account has \$5,800.00.

Town Clerk Department (Councilman Cassidy):

They took in \$11,819.25 fees, licenses and permits, and miscellaneous revenue. Also included is the \$8,500.00 in building permit fees.

Marbletown Rescue

They were 56 calls

Town Assessor (Councilmember Cassidy):

Grievance Day was held on 5/26/26 with 3 people attending and only 27 grievances filed. A list of changes can be found in the Assessor's office. The Assessment Board of Review still needs a member.

Ulster County Traffic Safety Board (Councilman Cassidy):

"Safe Start to Summer" campaign starts through the County with Jen Metzger approving road safety. E-Bike training for officers and citizens took place on 6/18/26. A 12-month UCTC (Ulster County Traffic Counsel) took off and happened all over county with public engagement. There has been no word from NYS DOT traffic safety study for sidewalks, also checking with culvert by Mohonk, indefinitely postponed, design issues.

Environmental (Councilmember Wykoff):

They are putting together a presentation to come in and show a demonstration of composting. Lots of change in the Transfer station, holding off on any updates for now. Researching a dark skies initiative, down 3 members, next meeting tomorrow at 6:00pm, no meeting in August.

Transfer Station (Councilmember Wykoff):

They have no computer, so they did not have a report, but the Town Clerk's report includes their permit fee numbers.

RMC (Councilmember Wykoff):

A sheltering plan for 2027 is being worked on for both Rosendale and Marbletown. The facility use application and several government documents have been sent to the town attorney for approval. Joe has been working on final details for renting the café and the lease will be ready shortly. He is also obtaining estimates for the replacement of the split HVAC system for the Court Clerk's office.

Economic Development (Councilmember Wykoff):

They currently have 1 person actively in the committee.

YOUTH CENTER (Councilmember Sweeney):

Youth Center had no meeting for July. Matt reports summer camp is going well, had to deal with the high temperatures and they used the recreation Center to stay cool. Next meeting Monday, August 3rd at 7:00pm at the Youth Center.

RECREATION CENTER

The pool is open! With the recent storm bathhouses and the Recreation Center have been opened for people in need of showers, and electric. The Recreation Center was also opened as a cooling center from July 1st July 3rd which were the extremely hot days. Thank you to Ashley and Dorene for all they do. Next meeting July 15th at 7:15pm at the Recreation Center. They will be doing resolutions regarding Yoga & Artistic Swimming tonight.

Library (Councilmember Sweeney):

Saturday, July 11, Irish Folk Dancing 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Rosendale Recreation Center Pavilion. Signups for their summer reading program and unearth a story is on their website. Crafter Noons for kids June 25-August 6th. Every Thursday at 3:30pm. The libraries website is great too and encourages everyone to check it out www.rosendalelibrary.org.

Food Pantry (Councilmember Sweeney): .

They could use egg cartons and can be dropped off Saturdays 10:00 am-1:00 pm and Monday's 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Elder Committee (Councilmember Sweeney):

Barbara would like to get info about weather events in town and would like to touch base with Supervisor.

Historian (Councilmember Sweeney):

Tonight the board will be appointing people to the historic committee. Councilmember Sweeney suggested a meeting for all to exchange contact information and plans including Supervisor Walsh.

Appointments/Resignations

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Connor Craig, solid waste attendant on 7/13/2026. 2nd by Councilmember Fade. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve Althea Werner to the Historical Committee expiring on 12/31/2031. 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve Michael Sweeney to the Historical Committee expiring on 12/31/2030. 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve Brian Sweeney to the Historical Committee expiring on 12/31/29. 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a made a motion to transfer Evan Normann from full time to part time (20 per hour per week) effective 6/22/26. 2nd by Councilmember Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a made a motion to increase the salary for Ashley Kraus to \$22.50 effective 3/30/26. 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a made a motion to hire Sara Schindler Temporary Per Diem Recreation Aide for Artistic Swimming \$75.00 per class for 8 classes. July 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 & August 4 & 11th, 2026. Resident fee \$75.00/non-resident fee \$100.00 for all 8 classes. 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Motions

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to have continuation of public hearing for local law #1 of 2026-ADU on 8/12/26 at 6:00 pm and authorize the Town Clerk to publish notice of same. 2nd by Councilmember Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolutions

Resolution 07-2026 #1 -Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement for the expenditures of Highway Department 2026. 2nd by Councilmember Cassidy. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 07-2026 #2/3 -Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale approve the increase and improvement of the facilities of the Rosendale Public Library District Public Interest Order, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 07-2026 #4 -Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of Rosendale authorizes the removal and disposal of two sludge oil tanks from the town Transfer Station, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 07-2026 #5 -Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the purchase of a single-wide trailer for use as the Transfer Station office, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff.

ROLL VOTE:	Councilmember Cassidy	NO
	Councilmember Fade	NO
	Councilmember Wykoff	YES
	Councilmember Sweeney	YES
	Supervisor Walsh	YES

Resolution 07-2026 #6 -Supervisor Walsh made a motion with the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign said Proposal for 2026 Landfill Monitoring and reporting services from C.T. Male Associates office, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 07-2026 #7 -Supervisor Walsh made a motion with the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign agreement for Hadar Kaly for Recreation Yoga Classes at the Rosendale Recreation Center, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 07-2026 #8 -Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the contract for the Rondout Municipal Center Solar PV Project to the lowest responsible bidder, 2nd by Councilmember Wykoff. ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

Resolution 07-2026 #10 -Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to apply for consolidated funding grant and any other grants for repairs and enhancements to the town pool, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney ROLL VOTE: 5 YES.

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

AUDIT OF BILLS

GENERAL FUND	ABSTRACT 7	VOUCHER # 248-306	\$ 71,660.17
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 7	VOUCHER # 121-144	\$ 24,882.08
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 7	VOUCHER # 91-103	\$ 1,898.43
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 7	VOUCHER # 81-94	\$ 3,198.75
SPECIAL LIGHTING	ABSTRACT 7	VOUCHER # 52-54	\$ 65,875.27
RMC	ABSTRACT 7	VOUCHER # 95-105	\$ 6677.81

Councilmember Fade made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:52pm, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Cain
Deputy Town Clerk