

TOWN OF ROSENDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2024

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM followed by the pledge. A moment of silence was observed for John Rahl, Diana Hofbauer, Diane Weeks, John Musick and Robert Ryan.

Present:	Supervisor	Jeanne L. Walsh
	Councilman	Kenneth Hassett
	Councilmember	Ashley Sweeney

Excused:	Councilmember	Carrie Wykoff
	Councilman	Joseph Havranek

Also Present: Billy Liggan; Planning Board Chair, Jill La Fera; Assistant to the Supervisor, Joseph La Fera; RMC Building Manager, Benjamin Talutto; Youth Commission, Barbara Piombino; Elder Assistance; Marc Cassidy; ZBA Alternate and Lisa Jerkowski; Recreation Commission.

Public Comments – Martin Einneman; Rosendale Resident – Martin addressed his concerns with Spectrum. He said the Price keeps going up, but Spectrum keeps dropping channels. He said he has been going back and forth to Spectrum and they aren't helping. Supervisor Walsh said there is not much the town can do as they are the only provider in the area. Supervisor Walsh suggested that Barbara Piombino helps him with the Office of the Aging to see if they have any programs available. Barbara Piombino said that the Street Festival this year was wonderful and a great job to all who put it together.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the July minutes, 2nd by Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Committee Reports:

Town Clerk (Councilman Hassett):

The DEC has changed the use of the valeron paper for licenses and replaced it with 8 1/2 inch by 11-inch white paper which will not hold up well out in the woods. The Town Clerks office found affordable and comprable waterproof paper to print on for the hunters and they will have a license that will hold up. They have been going through the safe in the office and came across documents from the 1800's all the way up to the 2000's. They have also been busy with going through the archival room. The shredding company is set to come September 9th.

For the month of July \$14,522.85 paid to the Supervisor, \$9.44 for decals and New York State Animal Control Population \$66.00 and \$45.00 for marriage licenses for a total of \$14,643.29.

Transfer Station (Councilman Hassett):

The new hire Conner Craig is doing an excellent job. They took in \$9,055.20.

RMC (Councilman Hassett):

The Engineers are still looking for a solution with the gym floor flooding and the flooding at the back end of the building.

Joe will be meeting with BOCES towards the end of the month about installation of sidewalk on the Marblatown side of the building, and possibly do repairs on the Rosendale side.

He has been working with Cyber Guardian on intercom systems for emergency broadcasting to all 3 wings.

There was an issue with the septic system and Johnny on the Spot came right away and found the issue. The repair was made and is up and running again.

Money took in for July is \$19,751.42 in income and expenses were \$10,224.00 for a net income \$9,527.42

Youth (Councilmember Sweeney):

For the month of July, they brought in \$5,840 in camp registration. Camp has been doing well and has been busy.

Kids night out was a fantastic event and over 70 kids attended. It was \$20.00 per child to attend, and it included pizza, over an hour swim, dance party, drinks and ice cream.

The next Youth Commission meeting is September 9th at the Youth Center at 7:00 PM. They are still in need of both adult and youth members.

Recreation (Councilmember Sweeney):

The Recreation Center rentals are just about full every weekend from Friday-Sunday.

People are also interested in renting the Maple Hill location and has someone renting it 3 nights a week for dance classes.

The Pool has been busy since the County pool has been closed. The financials for the pool from May 1st-August 13th for the pool are \$100,973.75 and other Recreation income is \$9,346.00 for a total of \$110,319.75.

The Recreation Committee meetings are every third Wednesday of the month at 7:15 PM at the Recreation Center.

The Pool is tentatively closing September 1, 2024.

There is an instructor who is going to teach how to use the Fitness Court and must sign up with Dorene. It is \$2.00 for non-residents and free for residents.

There is Aquoga class at the pool and there are a decent amount of people attending.

Elder Assistance (Councilmember Sweeney):

Barbara has followed up with Sarahana's office on transportation waiting on a new bill to be passed to allow towns to participate in deciding the speed limits with no expense surveys which should open more options. There are concerns about the speed limit on Route 32 by the Recreation Center. Supervisor Walsh said that will only be for local roads it won't help with state roads which DOT still have control over.

Martha Steuding from Statewide Action Counsel has invited the committee to a senior forum community connection to discuss elders' experiences epidemic of isolation on Wednesday September 18, 2024 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Recreation Center and a free event.

The Committee wants to work with the Supervisor on a brochure implementing all the things available to our seniors.

Supervisor Report: READ.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Sydnie Dreher as Court Clerk effective 7/12/2024, 2nd by Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the retirement of Stanley Galewaler as MEO effective 10/5/2024, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept the resignation of Erich Funccius as Police Officer effective 8/8/2024, 2nd by Councilman Hassett with regret. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Kala Rizzo as Recreation Aide at \$18.00 per hour per diem effective 9/6/2024, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire India Secreto as a Cleaner at \$16.00 per hour per diem effective 8/15/2024, 2nd by Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Travis Merrick as a Police Officer at \$28.00 per hour for up to 20 hours per week effective 8/14/2024 contingent upon completion of background, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire John Barylski as Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator at \$27.00 per hour for 37.5 hour per week effective 9/3/2024, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to hire Rosemary Moschetto-Martorana as Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator at \$27.00 per hour for 37.5 hours per week effective 9/3/2024, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to increase Roy Weinmann to \$28.00 effective 9/3/2024, 2nd by Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to increase the salary for Terry Johnson \$5,000 for Superintendent of Water & Sewer effective immediately, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to give a \$4,000.00 stipend to John Barylski as Senior Operator effective 9/3/2024, 2nd by Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to give a \$2,000.00 stipend to John Barylski and Rosemary Moschetto-Martorana for Rondout Municipal Center Water Testing effective 9/3/2024, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to give a \$3,000.00 stipend to Taylor McGrane and Mandy Donald for Water & Sewer Clerk duties effective 8/12/2024, 2nd by Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to give \$1,000.00 stipend to Christine Harrison for Water & Sewer Clerk duties effective 8/12/2024, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

1. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to accept a \$1,000.00 donation from Mohonk Preserve to put in Recreation Fund, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.
2. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve the Gunk's Climbers Coalition contingent with approval from the Rosendale Police Department and Rosendale Highway Department, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

3. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approval the Wallkill Valley Land Trust ½ Marathon, 2nd by Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to waive the fee for the Wallkill Valley Land Trust ½ Marathon, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

4. Supervisor Walsh made a motion to approve Wild Earth Day at Stone Mountain Farm contingent on approval from the Rosendale Police Department, approval from the landowner and the fee, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Mary Lee – She said she is from the Rosendale Bridge Plaza and said there was an incident the other day where a car had to go around a car to avoid hitting it and it took down the posts along Route 32. She is asking if there is a way they could have a guard rail there instead of the posts which are filled with cement. Supervisor Walsh said this is a Police matter and got his recommendation and Highway. She said the Town Board would have to take their advice before they can proceed. Supervisor Walsh also said this is a state road and it would also have to go through NYS DOT. Councilman Hassett explained the process that must be done to move forward.

5. Speaker – Billy Liggan; Willow Kiln Concerts- Supervisor Walsh said the application has a group of people listed, but she asked who is going to be responsible for the event. Billy Liggan said that it will be Heart and Soul. The range of people for this event is between 35-50 and Supervisor Walsh said that is a decent amount of people. There will have to be another portable bathroom. Billy said there will be no food or alcohol, and he is hoping to bring business to Main Street. Supervisor Walsh said also the garbage will need to be maintained. Supervisor Walsh said let's get a firm date of the event and have him come back to the next meeting. Councilmember Sweeney said there should be no advertising until after the event is approved. Supervisor Walsh also said she feels the hours are long and should be shortened or earlier. She also said that it opens at 7 and it's not fair to them to have a full parking lot. Councilman Hassett said the site plan has information about a UCAT transportation and that seems it will be a larger event than said. He said they should come to the next meeting to address the board.
6. Review – Supervisor Walsh said the Chief of Police has requested a resolution to one side of the street parking on Madeline Lane and Grist Mill Road because they are having problems because of the restaurants and the Muse. The firetrucks or emergency services are not going to be able to get down those roads when people are parked on both sides. This is put over until next month.
7. Resolution 08-2024-#1 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the amendment #2 to DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign, 2nd by Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.
8. Resolution 08-2024-#2 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Cummins for the Rondout Municipal Center Generator maintenance, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.
9. Resolution 08-2024-#3 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter a contract for annual software

support for Water/Sewer department billing, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney, ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

10. Resolution 08-2024-#4 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign the copier service agreement with Hudson Valley Office Equipment, 2nd by Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.
11. Resolution 08-2024-#5 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale authorizes the Supervisor to sign the memorandum of agreement between the Town of Rosendale and the Rosendale Police Benevolent Association, 2nd by Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.
12. Resolution 08-2024-#6 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign the proposal for 2024 Landfill monitoring and reporting services, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.
13. Resolution 08-2024-#7 – Supervisor Walsh made a motion that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Wind River Environmental DBA Earthcare for Wastewater Treatment Plants, 2nd by Councilmember Sweeney. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract with the Church of St. Peter to purchase a portion of St. Peter’s Cemetery, for the purpose of erecting a new water tower, and to forward a down payment check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the seller’s attorney to be held in escrow, 2nd by Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

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

AUDIT OF VOUCHERS

GENERAL FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHER #150-207	\$51,407.29
HIGHWAY FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHER #125-143	\$95,402.65
WATER FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHER #109-128	\$21,200.62
SEWER FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHER #101-117	\$14,833.26
RMC FUND	ABSTRACT 8	VOUCHER #130-152	\$24,194.50

Supervisor Walsh made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM, 2nd Councilman Hassett. ROLL VOTE: 3 YES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Donald
Town Clerk