

**TOWN OF ROSEBOOM**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**July 8, 2021**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Roseboom Town Board was held on July 8, 2021. Supervisor Gustafson called the regular board meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Patti Gustafson, Councilpersons: Curtis Vandewerker, Allegra Schecter, and Charles Diamond. Highway Superintendent Dan Gage.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Excused: Steve Gridley

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** County Rep. David Bliss

**VISITORS LISTING:** See Attachment #1

**AGENDA:** See Attachment #2

**PRESENTATION:** None

**MINUTES:** A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Diamond to approve the minutes from the June 2021 regular meeting. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

**SUPERVISORS/FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** See Attachment #3

- **Committee Meeting Minutes/Notes:** Supervisor Gustafson reviewed the July 2021 committee meeting minutes & notes and gave the supervisors report. A **motion** was made by Councilperson Vandewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve the committee notes/supervisor report. All were in favor, **Motion** carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS/MOTIONS:**

- **Highway Department Equipment:** A **motion** was made by Councilperson Vandewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve Highway Superintendent Gage to move forward with the purchase of 1 new 4x4 pickup fleet truck in the amount up to 30,000. Once found, Superintendent Gage will complete a voucher for the item and have the board sign off in order to expedite the purchase.
- A **motion** was made by Councilperson Diamond and seconded by Councilperson Vandewerker to approve Highway Superintendent Gage to move forward with the purchase of 1 new Volvo Loader with fixed bucket, with trade in of old loader, final price of \$108,304. All were in favor, **Motion** carried. Superintendent Gage will complete a voucher for the item and have the board sign off in order to expedite the purchase(s).
- **CHIPS 2021:** A **motion** was made by Councilperson Vandewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve the following reimbursements:

Stannard Hill Road:	Paving	\$66,156.20	Suit Kote:	
Gage Road:	Chip Seal	\$5,353.09	Suit Kote	
Doc Ahlers Road:	Chip Seal	\$4,633.34	Suit Kote	\$76,142.63
Pollack Mtn Road 734ft	Paving & Chip	\$8,100.00	Suit Kote	\$23,181.65
Town Front Apron & Pkg	Paving & Chip	\$15,081.65	Gorman	
Beaver Street:	Chip Seal	\$2,691.54	Gorman	
John Deere Street:	Chip Seal	\$2,507.24	Gorman	
Honey Hill Road:	Chip Seal	\$17,668.17	Gorman	
Hansen Road:	Chip Seal	\$3,369.71	Gorman	\$26,236.66
Lwr Hoose & Stannard Hill	Tubes	\$5,533.26	Town	
Equipment	Plow	\$8,530.60	Town	
Equipment	Wing	\$4,287.90	Town	\$18,171.76

- Town Garage Front Parking Area: obtaining quote from Suit Kote (Note: deferred Side Areas for 2022)

- Gridley Excavation - \$14,000 est: Replace Hwy Garage Apron

All were in favor, **Motion** carried.

- Councilperson Schecter shared that while reviewing a National Grid bill, upgrading to LED streetlights have reduced kilowatt hours from just over 10,000 to 1,993 annually.
- A **Motion** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Vandewerker for The Town of Roseboom to adopt the Otsego County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan. The town has met all requirements for this. All were in favor, **Motion** carried.

**ABSTRACTS:**

- General Fund Abstract - July 2021 \$2,886.24
- Highway Fund Abstract - July 2021 \$17,679.59

A **motion** was made by Councilperson Diamond and seconded by Councilperson Vandewerker to approve the General Abstract(s) and Highway Abstract(s) as referenced above. All were in favor. **Motion** carried.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Sourcewell contract application requested, approved, and completed during board meeting
- Dan took a drug and alcohol identification course offered through Emerson Testing
- 133 loads of ditching have been removed from ditches
- Coal Patch applied on Gage Schoolhouse, Thompson Hill, and one other road
- Prepping for dust control has been done
- 80 ft of weeps on piers hill
- Most mowing has been completed

- Prices obtained for new loader. Fixed Bucket 129,909. 22,000 trade in value. 395 doc fee \$108,304 total cost.
- Hauling costs- Dan looked at hauling costs to compare cost of hiring local trucker to haul vs. highway guys
- Hauling material with town equipment. Comparison shared with board to determine best benefit to the town.
- Determined that in most situations, more effective to hire local trucker to haul vs wear and tear on town equipment and time spend by highway personnel.

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: by Town Clerk Seeley**

- A.1603 Vitals: 3 total for \$30.00 (Town)
- Marriage Licenses: 2 total \$20.00 (Town) and \$45.00 (NYS Dept of Health)
- Total payment to Town Supervisor \$50.00 (ck#3132)
- Total payment to NYS Dept of Health \$45.00 (ck#3131)
- Total deposited & Disbursed .....\$95.00

**ASSESSORS REPORT: Matt Lippitt**

- Not Present

**JUSTICE REPORT:**

- Not Present.
- Court Fees for June: \$414.00
- The Town Board needs to complete the Annual Audit.

**COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: David Bliss**

- Sales Tax is up.
- County voted to approve hunting for individuals 12 years and older
- County working to open back up

• County continues to work to improve cell service in the area

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Lloyd Stannard**

- Not Present

**PLANNING BOARD: Allegra Schecter, Planning Board Liaison**

- Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Meetings are held at the town barn and are open to the public.
- Meetings are currently not being held due to COVID 19.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Mark Mable came to address concerns over lack of cell service. This impacts his ability to effectively run his business and execute his role as Cherry Valley Fire Chief. Mark discussed this with the board and County Rep. David Bliss.
- Mark also asked that the Town reach out to Verizon regarding landline battery packs. Mark said that Verizon is supposed to replace the batteries so that phones will work for 6 hours in the event of a power outage. These batteries are dead and this causes a safety concern.
- Mark addressed a concern regarding lack of participation in EMS. Discussed possibility going forward of staffing an ambulance or fly car- local towns would need to contribute.
- EOC and 911 center- rumor that the two are being combined- this is a bad idea- please do not move forward with this- both are full time operations.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Town Barn, located at 126 Co. Hwy 50.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING:** will be held Friday, August 6, 2021 at 7:30 am at the Town Barn/Office, located at 126 Co. Hwy 50. Meeting is open to the public and all are welcome!

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

- A MOTION to adjourn the July 8th meeting was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Seely

Town Clerk/Collector