TOWN OF ROSE

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2026

A regular Town Board meeting was held at the Rose Town Office Building, located at 5074 North Main Street, North Rose, Wayne County, New York, on September 22, 2026, with Supervisor Christine M. Rice presiding.

PRESENT

- Christine M. Rice, Supervisor
- Richard A. Lasher, Councilman
- Phil Torrey, Councilman
- Scott J. Converse, Councilman
- Jennifer M. Murphy, Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Paul Fordham; Planning Board Chairman Steve Guthrie; Roger Betts; Barb Betts; Richard Wigfield; Les Carr; Donna Guthrie; Clerk to the Supervisor Tara Learo; Historian Tish Miller; Water Plant Manager Mike Sehm; Senator Pam Helming; Gary Helming; North Rose-Wolcott Superintendent Mike Pullen; North Rose-Wolcott Principal Nicole Sinclair; Mark Humbert; Town Clerk Ann Gonzalez; Scott Peters; Tamara Virts; Melanie Maybe; Philip Maybe; Parker Maybe; and Scott Johnson.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Senator Pam Helming presented Parker Maybe with a New York State Senate commendation award for “restoring and cleaning historic headstones throughout Wayne County and beyond.” The award was described as one of the highest honors offered by New York State.

Mark Humbert was also invited to speak during the privilege of the floor. He spoke about the Town and community being like a family and emphasized the need to support one another and work together toward common goals.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

CEO Fordham reported the following activities for the month of August:

- 6 building permits
- 1 appeal
- Attendance at 1 Planning Board meeting and 1 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting

- $850.00 collected in fees
- 1 septic inspection, which passed
- 1 911 response on Brick Schoolhouse Road
- 1 verbal warning

HIGHWAY REPORT

The Highway Department has been applying asphalt to all cross pipes that had previously been replaced. With permission from the railroad, the department paved over the railroad crossings on Buchanon Road and Lasher Road.

The department used 146 tons of asphalt and hauled in approximately 800 tons of crusher run for the shoulders along Brown Road and Buchanon Road. Department personnel also worked with the County on painting projects.

Several trees around the water building were cleared to prevent damage. The clutch on Truck No. 3 was replaced, and the radiator and radiator crossmember support on Truck No. 1 were replaced.

WATER REPORT

Well No. 2 pumped 1,266,000 gallons, Well No. 3 pumped 0 gallons, and Well No. 4 pumped 6,344,000 gallons, for a total of 7,610,000 gallons pumped.

Water samples were tested and returned negative results for E. coli and coliform. A broken hydrant on Glenmark Road and another on Fifth Road were repaired. The department completed two water service installations, replaced five meters, and painted and serviced the fire hydrants.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The Town Historian has been focusing on the Old Wolcott Jubilee. She was still seeking businesses and individuals willing to share their family histories. She has also been researching information for various residents.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The following amounts were collected and paid:

Description	Amount
Paid to the Supervisor for the General Fund	$1,336.60
Paid to NYS DEC for DECALS	$164.40

Description	Amount
NYS Population Control Fund	$31.00
Total	**$1,532.00**

A motion was made by Councilman Torrey, seconded by Councilman Lasher, and unanimously carried to accept the reports as written.

ABSTRACTS

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2026

A motion was made by Councilman Lasher, seconded by Councilman Converse, and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

Ayes: 5 — Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice
Nays: 0

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes payment of the following amounts on Abstract No. 9, with a modification of $56.16 to be taken from A1990.4 (Contingency) rather than A1330.4 (Tax Collection).

Fund	Voucher Numbers	Total
General	125–142	$7,659.36
Highway	111–116	$32,093.22
Water	125–142	$19,771.01
Street Lighting District No. 1	9	$1,628.99
Street Lighting District No. 2	9	$1,234.99
Total		**$62,387.57**

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Converse, seconded by Councilman Torrey, and unanimously carried to accept the minutes as written.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Councilman Converse, seconded by Councilman Lasher, and unanimously carried to accept the Supervisor's report as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Sales Tax Payback

Councilwoman Murphy contacted the Treasurer's Office with questions regarding the sales tax payback. The Board had asked Jamie Corteville whether an extension could be obtained to repay the amount owed. The request was denied, and the Town must make the payment by December 31, 2026.

The Town will use incoming sales tax revenue, which is distributed quarterly, to repay the amount before the deadline.

NYAOT Training

The New York State Association of Towns (NYAOT) hosts a training school each year. Towns receive a discounted registration rate if they register by a specified date. The Board discussed the training opportunity. Supervisor Rice and Councilman Converse did not support the Town paying for the training because of the location in New York City and the associated costs. The matter was tabled.

EGS

Councilwoman Murphy researched alternatives to EGS, an energy consulting firm, and ultimately determined that EGS offered the better value.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2026

A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Converse, and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

Ayes: 5 — Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice
Nays: 0

RESOLVED, that EGS Advanced Energy Solutions be authorized to audit the Town's utility and telecommunications bills.

Water Department Part-Time Summer Help

The Board had interviewed an individual and offered the person the part-time position. However, no acceptance was received. Because it was the end of September, the Board decided to remove the position from consideration for hiring.

A motion was made by Councilman Converse, seconded by Councilman Lasher, and unanimously carried to remove the summer help position.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2026 — LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2026

A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Torrey, and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

Town of Rose Flood Damage Prevention

I. REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT

Local Law No. 2 of 1990, as amended by Local Law No. 1 of 1992, entitled "Flood Damage Prevention Law," is repealed and replaced with the following provisions.

II. STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE

III. FINDINGS

The Town of Rose finds that the potential and/or actual damages from flooding and erosion may pose a problem for residents of the Town of Rose. Such damages may include the destruction or loss of private and public housing; damage to public facilities, whether publicly or privately owned; and injury to or loss of human life.

To minimize the threat of such damages and achieve the purposes and objectives set forth herein, this local law is adopted.

IV. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this local law is to promote public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flooding in specific areas through provisions designed to:

1. Regulate uses that are dangerous to health, safety, and property because of water or erosion hazards, or that result in damaging increases in erosion, flood heights, or flood velocities.
2. Require that uses vulnerable to flooding, including facilities that serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction.
3. Control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers that accommodate floodwaters.
4. Control filling, grading, dredging, and other development that may increase erosion or flood damage.
5. Regulate the construction of flood barriers that would unnaturally divert floodwaters or increase flood hazards to other lands.
6. Qualify for and maintain participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

V. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this local law are:

1. To protect human life and health.
2. To minimize the expenditure of public funds for costly flood control projects.
3. To minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public.
4. To minimize prolonged business interruptions.
5. To minimize damage to public facilities and utilities, including water and gas mains, electric and telephone lines, sewer lines, streets, and bridges located in areas of special flood hazard.
6. To help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of areas of special flood hazard, thereby minimizing future flood-blighted areas.
7. To notify developers when property is located in an area of special flood hazard.
8. To ensure that those who occupy areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions.

SHORT TITLE

This local law shall be known as the "Town of Rose Flood Damage Prevention Law."

All Seasons Bid

Councilman Torrey requested that All Seasons visit Town Hall to assess the lighting situation and estimate the cost of repairing and replacing certain lights. All Seasons would charge a $25.00 fee for the estimate.

Councilman Torrey made a motion to have All Seasons bid on the project. Councilmen Converse and Lasher opposed the proposal. As no second was received, the motion failed. The matter was tabled.

Hanson Vanfleet Payment

The payment for the well service is $43,955.00. The Board discussed which line item the funds should be drawn from and whether a portion of the payment should be withheld until the work is completed. The matter was tabled.

Meter Pit Installation at Hilkert's

The Board asked Water Plant Manager Mike Sehm for an update on the repairs at Mr. Hilkert's property following damage caused during a nearby fire. Mr. Sehm reported that the water service comes from Dix Street and that the Town's insurance would not cover the cost.

A motion was made by Councilman Converse, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, and unanimously carried to authorize a work order for the Water Department to install a meter pit at Mr. Hilkert's property.

NEW BUSINESS

OSC Audit

Supervisor Rice opened the floor for community members to ask questions regarding the Town's audit.

Roger Betts expressed concern that the negative response from the auditors could prevent the Town from receiving grants or loans in the future. He noted that the failure to file documents such as the Annual Financial Report for two years was concerning to the Town's taxpayers.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Converse, and unanimously carried to appoint Jack Fitzpatrick to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The appointment was made to ensure that the previously approved appointment of Mr. Fitzpatrick was properly recorded.

Highway CD

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2026 — TO REINVEST FUNDS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Converse, and unanimously carried to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Rose currently holds a Certificate of Deposit with a balance of $36,913.40 in account No. 217764241 at The Lyons National Bank, which has reached its maturity date; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it to be in the best financial interest of the Town of Rose to reinvest the $36,913.40 into a new Certificate of Deposit for the Capital Reserve Fund for a Highway Department plow truck;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Rose Town Board hereby authorizes the reinvestment of funds from CD account No. 217764241 into a new Certificate of Deposit at The Lyons National Bank for the Capital Reserve Fund for a Highway Department plow truck.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Rose is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, agreements, or instructions required by The Lyons National Bank to finalize this transaction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by the Town Board.

Ayes: 5 — Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice
Nays: 0

Mileage

The state mileage reimbursement rate increased from $0.725 per mile to $0.76 per mile.

A motion was made by Councilman Converse, seconded by Councilman Lasher, and unanimously carried to increase the Town's mileage reimbursement rate to $0.76 per mile.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilman Converse, seconded by Councilman Lasher, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Gonzalez
Rose Town Clerk