

A REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WAS HELD AT THE ROSE TOWN HALL LOCATED AT 5074 NORTH MAIN STREET, NORTH ROSE, WAYNE COUNTY, NEW YORK ON APRIL 21ST, 2026 AT 7:00PM WITH SUPERVISOR CHRISTINE M. RICE PRESIDING.

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

ABSENT: Ann M. Gonzalez, Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Highway Superintendent Jeff Jay, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Fordham, Animal Control Officer Flo Miller, Heather Luther, Steve Guthrie, Mark Anthony, Roger Betts, Barb Betts, Dennis Wigfield, Richard Wigfield, Shannon Moore, Laryssa Moore, Melissa Arthur, Kathy Rowley, Chester Martin and Deputy Town Clerk Tara Learo.

Supervisor Rice called the meeting by leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRIVELGE OF THE FLOOR:

Melissa Arthur and Laryssa Moore addressed the board regarding some projects the Girl Scouts would like to do at Glenmark Park. Laryssa is working towards her gold award project, which has a global impact. With permission from the board, she would like to create a pollinator garden near the main entrance. Laryssa still needs to figure out funding for the project; she said she is looking for donations or she can use some of the funds from the troop. To complete the project, she will need to put in 80hrs of work. The board will be meeting with Laryssa at Glenmark Park to map out the pollinator garden. The project is estimated to start in the summer of 2026.

Melissa also addressed the board about the younger girl scout troop wanting to plant a flowering tree for Arbor Day at Glenmark Park.

The board approved both projects and are looking forward to seeing them after completion. The board has asked Laryssa to keep in contact and come to future board meetings to keep them up to date on the progress.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Fordham had 8 inspections, 10 building permits, 2 planning/zoning appeals, 2 written mowing violations for the month of March.

WATER REPORT

Water pumped for the month of March:

Well no. 2: 1,565,000

Well no. 3: 0

Well no. 4: 7,506,000

Total: 9,068,00

Sold monthly's: 4,134,235

Checked oil in pick up & both generators. UFPO's DOH report & DEC report. DEC report, water withdrawal report, shop work & cut grass.

Councilwoman Murphy asked about when the testing and cleaning would be done on the wells.

Supervisor Rice said the well cleaning and testing is projected to start May 11th, 2026.

Supervisor Rice suggested that our water clerk come in a few extra hours a week to paint hydrants. This discussion was tabled and will have further discussion about other options.

Water clerk took her workplace harassment course online, took resident phone calls & resolved issues and is working with Williamson Lawbook on device metering errors.

Water clerk would like to know how to handle giving out information on final reads, she has received phone calls lately that could be phishing and wants to know how to make sure they are legitimate people asking for that information.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Winter is finally winding down, March had 7 plow trips. Intersections, hills and curves have all been swept. Plow equipment has been taken off from 3 of the plows and the guys are starting yard repairs.

The Town Board was given three (3) quotes for plow equipment for the new truck; Jeff would like to go with a quote from Viking. The board will look over the quotes and discuss at a future meeting.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

Animal Control Officer received 4 calls in March. Also stated that she would like the floor of the dog kennel to be sealed.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The Bicentennial is moving forward and the committee will begin meeting twice a month starting in June.

Councilman Lasher asked Jeff Jay about using the highway truck to pull the float in the parade.

An updated events paper is attached.

PLANNING BOARD/ ZONING BOARD REPORT

Chairman of the planning board, Steve Guthrie, made a recommendation to continue moving forward with the above ground fuel tanks and changing zoning map in reference to the comprehensive plan making the 414-corridor hamlet general business. Councilwoman Murphy asked why some of the parcels on the map were being rezoned when they didn't have road frontage on 414, Mr. Guthrie was not sure why and that would be a question to ask our town attorney.

The side setback for above ground fuel tanks is 25ft off from the property line per NYS fire. The town has the authority to make stricter guidelines if they feel it's needed to protect the residents.

The town's attorney joined the meeting via zoom. He proposed the Local Law #1 map amendment addressing the comprehensive plan- enhancing the attractiveness in local business.

Discussion was had about changing zoning from hamlet residential to hamlet general business, and what properties that would change. Residential would still be allowed in hamlet general business.

Definition change: Special conditions permit will be needed because the town currently prohibits above ground tanks at motor vehicle filling stations. DEC encourages above ground tanks.

Recommendation from the planning board will need to have a public hearing at the next board meeting. The hearing needs to be advertised 10 days prior to the next board meeting in the paper, on a sign board and the towns website.

Councilwoman Murphy asked the town attorney about the parcels that were highlighted but do not have road frontage on 414 as to why they were being zoned hamlet general business. The attorney said they had preexisting non-conforming use. Hamlet general business can go up to 500ft from the road.

Councilman Converse asked the board and members of the planning board in attendance if they were ok with a more industrial look in our town with the above ground tanks? Councilwoman Murphy asked the attorney if other townships have gone above and beyond the minimum requirements for landscaping.

750.00 Yes- that can be done because it will require a special condition permit.

Supervisor Rice read the resolution aloud.

RESOLUTION 18-2026

On a motion of Councilman Lasher, seconded by Councilman Torrey, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Torrey, Lasher, Rice
Nays 2 Murphy, Converse

RESOLVED, that resolution was passed introducing the proposed Local Law 1-2026.

Councilwoman Murphy would like it noted that her nay is due to the fact she feels a more in-depth conversation needs to be had with the planning board pertaining to concerns some board members had brought up and changes that might need to be made.

HEARING

A motion was made by Councilman Lasher and seconded by Councilman Torrey to set the hearing for Tuesday May 19th, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Town of Rose Town Hall. 3 ayes (Lasher, Torrey, Rice) 2 nays (Murphy, Converse)

Planning Board Members

Motion was made by Councilman Lasher and seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to accept the appointment of Lynne Owens as the planning board alternate. 5 ayes (Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice) 0 nays

Motion was made by Councilman Lasher and seconded by Councilman Torrey to move Chester Martin from the position as a planning board alternate to a permanent planning board member.

ASSESSORS REPORT

Bar Appointments

RESOLUTION 19-2026

On a motion of Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Torrey, the following Resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice
Nays 0

RESOLVED, to appoint Dennis Smolinski for a term of Nov 1st, 2025 -Sept 30th, 2030 and Henry Dunphy for a term from Oct 1st 2025- Sept 31st, 2031.

TOWN CLERKS'S REPORT

Paid to the Supervisor for General Fund	\$2625.67
Paid to NYS for Decals	\$39.00
	\$2664.67 – Total Disbursements

A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Torrey and agreed upon by all to accept the Reports. 5 Ayes (Murphy, Lasher, Rice, Torrey, Converse) 0 Nays.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION 20-2026

On a motion of Councilman Lasher and seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice
 Nays 0

RESOLVED, that

The town accepts the JCAP Grant in the amount of \$29,750.00 into line item A1110.4.

ABSTRACTS

RESOLUTION 21-2026

On motion by Councilman Converse, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy and agreed upon by all the following Resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Torrey, Lasher, Rice
 Nays 2 Murphy, Converse

RESOLVED, for authorization by the Town Board for payment of the following amounts on Abstract No. 4: with the following amendments:

Add commonwealth to the general abstracts in the amount of \$100.00

Move voucher #46 from highway abstract to general line item A5132.4

General Fund (Vouchers 95-127)	\$22,882.92
Highway Fund (Vouchers 44-55)	\$15,883.68
Water Fund (Vouchers 49-64)	\$12,197.48
N. Rose Street Lighting (Voucher 4)	\$1,037.99
Rose Street Lighting (Voucher 4)	\$806.99
	\$52,809.06 - Total Disbursements

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Lasher, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy and agreed upon by all to approve the minutes of March 17th, 2026. 5 Ayes (Murphy, Lasher, Rice, Dunphy, Converse) 0 Nays.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lasher and agreed upon by all to accept the March 2026 Supervisor’s Report as submitted. 5 Ayes (Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice) 0 Nays.

OLD BUSINESS: discussions on matters brought up at previous meetings.

Justice Update:

Due to the timeline of training needed once a Justice is appointed, the board will not be appointing a judge to fill the vacancy at this time. Wayne County Courts will appoint other judges to sit in on cases for now. Elections will be held in November.

Policy Approvals: Approve town board meeting rules. Motion was made by Councilman Lasher and seconded by Councilman Torrey. 5 ayes (Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice) 0 nays. Procurement policy approval is tabled until our next workshop being held at The Town of Rose Town Hall May 5th, 2026 at 5pm.

Allied CPA: Our CPA came in and spoke with Supervisor Rice and the clerk to the supervisor to set up when they will be in to help with data entry and getting our AFR filed.

Insurance Claim: In Oct of 2025, there was an accident at the corner of Galen Road & Lasher Road that damaged a historical sign. The sign has been replaced and an insurance claim has been made. The town should be getting a reimbursement for that.

Library Quote: A motion was made by Councilman Torrey and seconded by councilwoman Murphy to approve the donation from Josh Klino of the outside spigot at the library. 5 ayes (Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice) 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 22-2026

On a motion of Councilman Converse and seconded by Councilwoman Murphy the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice
Nays 0

Resolved, that

The town will increase the bailiff Lester Carr's pay.

Appointing Justice Contractor:

A motion was made by Councilman Lasher and seconded by Councilman Converse to accept the bid presented by C.P Millworks to do the work for the court. 5 ayes (Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice) 0 nays.

The court schedule will be revised due to construction. May 4th, 2026 will be the last court date until the completion of the project, June 8th, 2026. There will be no court cases held during his time, the court clerk will still hold office hours.

Mowing Contract:

A motion was made by Councilman Lasher and seconded by Councilman Torrey to accept the mowing contract presented by A.M Lawncare. 5 ayes (Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice) 0 nays
Code enforcement officer Fordham was impressed with the quick response and efficiency when called for delinquent mowers. All unpaid mowing bills will be put on taxes. Fordham and Town Clerk Gonzalez will be working together to make sure bills are sent out and taken care of in a timely fashion.

Executive Session

A motion to go into executive session was made at 9:02pm by Councilman Lasher, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy and agreed upon by all. 5 Ayes (Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice) 0 Nays.

9:06pm the board entered executive session.

Motion was made at 9:59 by Councilman Converse and seconded by Councilman Lasher to exit Executive session. All were in favor. 5 ayes (Murphy, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Rice) 0 nays.

The board then re-entered the Regular Board Meeting at 10:01 pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Lasher to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tara Learo, Deputy Clerk