

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 JANUARY 20, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M. WITH SUPERVISOR CHRISTINE M. RICE PRESIDING.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Code Enforcement Officer Paul Fordham, Highway Superintendent Jeff Jay, Water Plant Operator Mike Sehm, Chairman of the Planning Board Steve Guthrie, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals Mark Anthony, Historian Tish Miller, Clerk to the Supervisor Tara Learo, Dennis Wigfield, Brandi Miller and Town Clerk Ann Gonzalez.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Fordham had 7 inspections, 10 building permits, 2 passing septic inspections, 2 written warnings, 1 written violation, 2 violation warnings, 2 structures condemned, and collected \$1,784.44 in fees for the month of December.

HIGHWAY REPORT

The Highway Department made 31 plow trips for the month of December; 40 for the season. They cleaned up trees that had fallen due to excessive wind and did preventative maintenance on the CAT excavator.

WATER

The water department read 590 quarterly meters, 5 monthly meters, replaced 1 meter and had 4 final readings. They replaced a hose to fix a coolant leak and did an oil change on the generator at well 2.

Water Pumped:

Well no. 2	1,040,000
Well no. 3	0
Well no. 4	6,285,000
Total	7,325,000

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

Animal Control Officer, Flo Miller, had her annual inspection with the Department of Agriculture and markets. She did not pick up any dogs for the month of December.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The Tour of Honor has selected the Town of Rose’s “Heroes of Rose” mural at the Rose Cemetery for the 2026 season. Motorcycle riders will visit individually or in small groups, pay their respects, and document their visit with photos. The season will stretch from April 1, 2026 through October 31, 2026.

The town will create/purchase a banner welcoming the riders and place it next to the mural. It was noted to possibly have a brochure/pamphlet available with points of interest in the town, available for the riders to take.

PLANNING BOARD/ZBA REPORT

The Planning Board and Code Enforcement office will work together along with the town’s attorney to create a local law for residential rental properties to be inspected regularly.

A motion was made by Councilman Converse, seconded by Councilman Lasher and agreed upon by all to reappoint Mark Humbert to the Planning Board, reappoint Steve Guthrie as the Chairman of the Planning Board and reappoint Dennis Wigfield to the Zoning Board of Appeals. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Lasher, seconded by Phil Torrey, and agreed upon by all to appoint Heather Luther as the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT

A motion was made by Supervisor Rice, seconded by Councilman Converse and agreed upon by all to appoint Henry Dunphy to the Board of Assessment Review. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

Clerk Gonzalez submitted a Monthly Report for December as well as an Annual Report for 2025.

December Disbursements

Paid to the Supervisor for General Fund	\$1,916.44
Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets	20.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,936.44

Annual Disbursements for 2025

Paid to the Supervisor for General Fund	\$22,900.68
Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets	376.00
Paid to NYS DEC for DECALS	1,309.49
Paid to NYS Department of Health for Marriage Licenses	202.50
Total Disbursements for 2025	\$24,788.67

A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lasher and agreed upon by all to accept the reports. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

ABSTRACTS

Clerk to the Supervisor Learo informed the board there needed to be an amendment for Abstract 1 of the General Fund. The Lyons National Bank credit card bill, with a total of \$562.00, needed to be added to General Abstract 1 and Voucher number 25 for Ely & Leene/Mead Maloy Agency in the amount of \$694.00 needed to be deleted.

The following Resolution was motioned by Councilman Lasher, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy and agreed upon by all. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 3-2026

TO REMOVE VOUCHER NO. 25 FROM GENERAL ABSTRACT 1 AND ADD A PAYMENT OF \$562.00 TO GENERAL ABSTRACT 1 TO PAY LYONS NATION BANK.

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Murphy	Aye
Councilman Lasher	Aye
Councilman Torrey	Aye
Councilman Converse	Aye
Supervisor Rice	Aye

RESOLVED.

Fund	Vouchers	Totals	
General	1-33	\$19,300.23	(\$19,168.23 after amendment)
Highway	1-13	39,353.52	
Water	1-16	13,184.61	
Light Dist. 1	1	1,037.99	
Light Dist.2	1	806.99	
Total		\$73,683.34	(\$73,551.34 after amendment)

The following Resolution was motioned by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Torrey and agreed upon by all. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 4-2026

TO ACCEPT THE ABSTRACTS WITH THE AMENDMENT AND PAY THE BILLS.

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Murphy	Aye
Councilman Lasher	Aye
Councilman Torrey	Aye
Councilman Converse	Aye
Supervisor Rice	Aye

RESOLVED.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Lasher, seconded by Councilman Torrey and agreed upon by all to accept the December Board Meeting minutes and the Organizational Meeting minutes. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The following Resolution was motioned by Councilman Lasher, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy and agreed upon by all. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 5-2026
TO ACCEPT THE SUPERVISORS REPORT.**

ROLL CALL:	Councilwoman Murphy	Aye
	Councilman Lasher	Aye
	Councilman Torrey	Aye
	Councilman Converse	Aye
	Supervisor Rice	Aye

RESOLVED.

OLD BUSINESS

Spectrum Internet

Supervisor Rice contacted Spectrum to discuss the speed of the internet in the Town Hall. If the town wanted to have faster internet the cost would be significantly higher. We are currently “grandfathered” in at our current speed and rate. The topic was tabled until the board could meet with the town’s IT person.

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Feasibility Study

The Towns of Huron and Sodus will be conducting a sewer study for \$60,000.00. If the Town of Rose wanted to participate, it would cost approximately \$21,000.00. This cost would just be for the study by an engineering firm. After much discussion a motion was made by Councilman Converse, seconded by Councilman Lasher and agreed upon by all to hold a workshop to discuss the Sewer Feasibility Study with MRB Group and the Wayne County Water and Sewer Authority on February 11, 2026 (tentatively with the response from both parties) at 5:00 pm at the Rose Town Hall. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

Resignation

A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lasher and agreed upon by all to accept the resignation by Justice Kathleen Rowley.

The following Resolution was motioned by Councilman Converse, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy and agreed upon by all. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 6-2026

**TO HAVE JUSTICE WHITNEY FURGUSON TAKE ON JUSTICE KATHLEEN ROWLEY'S COURT SCHEDULE
UNTIL THE OFFICE IS FILLED WITH THE ADDED COMPENSATION.**

ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Murphy Aye
 Councilman Lasher Aye
 Councilman Torrey Aye
 Councilman Converse Aye
 Supervisor Rice Aye

RESOLVED.

Loitering

The board discussed what action should be taken for the RV that has been parking in the Town Hall parking lot. After much deliberation, a motion was made by Councilman Converse, seconded by Councilman Lasher and agreed upon by all to refresh the current, "No Loitering" signs to say, "No Overnight Parking." 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Lasher, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy and agreed upon by all to go into executive session at 8:52 p.m. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Lasher, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy and agreed upon by all to come out of executive session at 9:28 p.m. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lasher and agreed upon by all to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. 5 ayes (Rice, Converse, Torrey, Lasher, Murphy) 0 nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Gonzalez, Rose Town Clerk.