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 MARCH 18, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M. WITH SUPERVISOR SCOTT J. CONVERSE PRESIDING.

**PRESENT:** SCOTT J. CONVERSE, SUPERVISOR

HENRY D. DUNPHY, COUNCILMAN
CHRISTINE M. RICE, COUNCILWOMAN
RICHARD A. LASHER, COUNCILMAN
JENNIFER M. MURPHY, COUNCILWOMAN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Highway Superintendent Jeff Jay, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Fordham, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals Mark Anthony, Mark Humbert, Phil Torrey, Barb Betts, Roger Betts, Animal Control Officer Flo Miller, Brian Rohen of Revize via zoom, Derek Anderson of MRB Group and Town Clerk Ann Gonzalez.

## PRIVLEGE OF THE FLOOR

#### Revize

Brian Rohen of Revize is a website consultant that attended with Zoom. He gave an overview of government websites. He showed the possibilities of different set up and the cost of each. Councilwoman Rice believes that the cost was too much and that our website is "just fine." The board discussed looking into a more cost appropriate alternative.

## MRB Group

Derek of MRB Group attended the meeting to summarize the previous workshop that was held on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2025. Well number 3 on Catchpole Road has not been running due to off PH balance, brown water and sulfide smell. During the workshop the engineers discussed the steps needed to begin the process. The first step would be to retain a Preliminary Engineering Report. A proposal was written to the Town from MRB Group. Outlined on the proposal was a list of all the services that MRB Group will provide for the agreed upon amount.

The following resolution was moved by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lasher and agreed upon by all. 5 ayes (Murphy, Lasher, Rice, Dunphy, Converse) 0 nays.

#### **RESOLUTION 5-2025**

FOR THE TOWN OF ROSE TO APPOINT MRB GROUP TO PREPARE A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT TO EVALUATE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED TO MEET CURRENT AND FUTURE WATER DEMANDS FOR THE SUM OF \$42,000.00.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Murphy Aye
Councilman Lasher Aye
Councilwoman Rice Aye
Councilman Dunphy Aye

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Code enforcement officer Paul Fordham had 9 inspections, issued 2 building permits, 3 septic inspections, 3 Planning/Zoning appeals and 1 complaint concerning an ongoing investigation.

#### **HIGHWAY REPORT**

Highway Superintendent Jeff Jay reported the month of February was busy with snow and wind. They had 36 plow trips, made equipment repairs, and pushed a lot of snow back with the excavator. Clean-up day's will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Superintendent Jay asked the Board if they would want to collect electronics this year. Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation in Lyons host's electronic recycling 2-3 times a year. The Board asked Jeff to get a quote for how much the cost would be for the Town of Rose.

#### WATER REPORT

Water Plant Treatment Operator maintained both generators, checked the oil in the pickup, 10 UFPO report, DOH report, and DEC reports were done for the month of February. There was a water leak from frozen pipes on route 414, the house is vacant and the water was shut off.

# Water Pumped

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5,931,000
6,804,000
4,047,000

## **HISTORIANS REPORT**

March 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 was the first meeting for the Rose Bicentennial event. It will take place August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026. A large festival at Marshall Park and a car show are a couple of items on the agenda.

# **PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT**

The Towns Lawyer will draft a local law for the moratorium. It will begin in 2 months. EDF is going to have a public forum for residents to attend at the Community Building located at 10734 School Street in Rose on May 28<sup>th</sup>,2025.

## **ASSESSORS REPORT**

The following Resolution was moved by Councilman Dunphy, Seconded by Councilman Lasher and agreed upon by all. 5 ayes (Murphy, Lasher, Rice, Dunphy, Converse) 0 nays.

RESOLUTION 6-2025
TO REAPPOINT CHRISTINE WATKINS FOR
THE POSITION OF BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW.

**WHEREAS,** New York State Law requires that the Town of Rose maintain an Assessment Review Board by which members are appointed by the Supervisor with confirmation by the Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Board of Assessment Review member Christine Watkins, served a term of service that terminated on September 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** the Supervisor is appointing Christine Watkins, residing in Rose, New York, to be re-appointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of five (5) years commencing immediately and lasting through September 30, 2029; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary that the Rose Town Council does approve the re-appointment of Christine Watkins for a term of five (5) years to the Board of Assessment Review.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Rose Town Council does hearby appoint Christine Watkins to be a member of the Board of Assessment Review for a term five (5) years commencing immediately and lasting through September 30, 2029.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Murphy Aye
Councilman Lasher Aye
Councilwoman Rice Aye
Councilman Dunphy Aye

## **RESOLVED.**

A motion was made by Councilman Lasher, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to accept the Reports.

## **ABSTRACTS**

Water

\$8,000.00 per month is being paid to RG&E just for Water.

Street Lighting

The street lighting bill are on budget billing. Supervisor Converse will be calling RGE to discuss how much electricity is being used monthly compared to the budget billing. He will also be inquiring about LED lights.

With no other questions or comments, a motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lasher and agreed upon by all to accept the abstracts. 5 ayes (Murphy, Lasher, Rice, Dunphy, Converse) 0 nays.

## **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Lasher, seconded by Councilwoman Rice and agreed upon by all to accept the February Board meeting minutes.

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#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A motion was moved by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lasher and agreed upon by all. 5 ayes (Murphy, Lasher, Rice, Dunphy, Converse) 0 nays.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

A workshop will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 via Zoom with the Town's Lawyer to discuss Intervener funds at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Councilwoman Murphy would like to see the Town take advantage of the free LED lighting program that was previously discussed. Applications are due by November.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A finance school will be available on line hosted by Suny Potsdam and the Office of the State Comptroler for fall of 2025. The class with be 2 semesters for full credentials.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 7-2025**

TO FUND TARA LEARO \$1070.00 TO ATTEND THE ONLINE FINANCE SCHOOL FOR THE FALL 2025 AND WINTER 2026 SEMESTERS PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND SUNY POTSDAM.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Councilwoman Murphy Aye
Councilman Lasher Aye
Councilwoman Rice Aye
Councilman Dunphy Aye

## **RESOLVED.**

A workshop was scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Rose Town Hall for the Board to speak with Wayne County Water Authority.

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilman Dunphy, seconded by Councilwoman Rice and agreed upon by all to Adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. 5 ayes (Murphy, Lasher, Rice, Dunphy, Converse) 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Gonzalez Rose Town Clerk