

Summary
Rhinebeck Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2025

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Present: Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia
 Deputy Supervisor Chauncey Walker
 Councilperson Allan Scherr
 Councilperson Chad Kleitsch
 Councilperson Dana Colleen Peterson

Resolutions

The Town Board (TB) addressed 14 resolutions, passing all 14 unanimously. Below is a summary of the major resolutions addressed and passed. Other resolutions addressed by the board may be viewed on the town's website as noted in the opening paragraph.

RESOLUTION 2025-234 – Resolution to Adopt Parking Regulations

The TB established a System of Schedules in the Town Code for the purpose of maintaining an accurate record and enforcement of vehicle and traffic regulations throughout the Town of Rhinebeck. Additionally, Highway Superintendent Bob Wyant will now have the authority to remove any illegally parked vehicles.

For a complete list of the town's Vehicle & Traffic Law, including penalties, go to the agenda page for the November 24th TB meeting, found at <https://ecode360.com/RH0960/document/753204350.pdf>. The vehicle and traffic codes are located on pp. 2-10.

For a complete list of parking regulations in the Hamlet of Rhinecliff, go to the TB agenda page for December 8th meeting at <https://ecode360.com/RH0960/document/753207754.pdf> and scroll down to pp. 3-5.

RESOLUTION 2025-265 – Authorize Sloop Clearwater to Dock at Rhinecliff

The TB approved the resolution allowing the Sloop Clearwater to dock at the Rhinecliff town dock from May 8, 2026 through to May 17, 2026.

RESOLUTION 2025-267 – Hillside Fire District Intermunicipal Agreement

Because the Hillside Fire Department has been successful in enrolling additional members, the TB renewed its agreement with Hillside which will provide fire protection services to a certain portion of the Rhinebeck Fire Protection District for 2026 – 2028. The cost for this service is:

\$41,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

\$42,500.00 for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027

\$44,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2028 through December 31, 2028

RESOLUTION 2025-268 – Appointing Attorney for Mining and Road Regulations

The TB approved the resolution retaining the legal services from the law firm of Zarin and Steinmetz to assist the TB in amending the Town Code and Zoning Map with respect to the Mining Overlay District and related road and other regulations.

RESOLUTION 2025-271 – Establish User Fee for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station

The TB approved the resolution to begin charging \$.14 per kilowatt hour at the EV charging station located behind the Starr Library beginning 12/09/2025. Grant money then, more recently local tax money, had been used to provide this service free to consumers.

Town Board Discussion Items

Village Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Matter – In 2025, the Village commenced improvement work at its WTP at Slate Dock Road in the Town of Rhinebeck. Due to the fact that these improvements would necessitate the construction of an additional structure at the site, the Town’s Zoning Enforcement Officer informed the Village that it would need a Special Use Permit from the Town’s Planning Board. In response, the Village adopted Resolution #11252025-01 this past November, stating that the proposed construction should be exempt from site plan requirements (Special Use Permit) of the Town’s zoning code because it is a governmental function that benefits residents in both the Village and Town. This resolution would sidestep the need for the town permit and oversight. Spinzia stated that the TB will ask the Village’s Engineer to come to the January TB meeting and openly discuss this matter.

Brookmeade Matter – John Kemp, an attorney representing the Community at Brookmeade, spoke to the TB about the ongoing zoning issue between the Town and Brookmeade regarding use of the community room for special events in the Pavilion building. The Town maintains that if Brookmeade wants to continue holding such events in the community room, it will require an amendment in the zoning code. Kemp asked the TB to work with Brookmeade at finding a way to resolve this matter, which Supervisor Spinzia readily expressed her support.

Rhinecliff to Rhinebeck Path – Councilperson Peterson will resume her work in creating a walkway/path from Rhinecliff to the Village of Rhinebeck. She will apply for grant money to help fund this project. The TB approved her request for funding postcards to be mailed to all property owners along the proposed pathway informing them of this project and its progress.

The next TB (Re-Organizational) meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM.