TOWN OF ROSEBOOM

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**March 13th, 2025**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Roseboom Town Board was held on March 13th, 2025. Supervisor Curtis VanDewerker called the regular board meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

**PRESENT**: Supervisor Curtis VanDewerker. Councilpersons: Jack Barrett, Steve Gridley, Allegra Schecter, Carol Vosatka. Highway Superintendent Dan Gage.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED**: **NONE**

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: None**

**VISITORS LISTING: Bob Schecter**

**AGENDA:** See Attachment #2

**PRESENTATION:** **None**

**MINUTES:** A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Barrett seconded by Councilperson Gridley to approve the minutes from the February regular meeting held on February 13th, 2025. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

**SUPERVISORS/FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT:** See Attachment #3

* **Committee Meeting Minutes/Financial Reports:** Supervisor VanDewerker shared his committee and financial report, copies were provided to all board members.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Gridley to approve the supervisors committee and financial report. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS/MOTIONS:**

* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Gridley and seconded by Councilperson Barrett to appoint Carol Vosatka as Town Councilperson; effective 3/13/25. Carol fills the term of Curtis VanDewerker; from March 13-December 31st, 2025. All in favor, **MOTION** carried. To continue in this board seat, Carol will need to run in the November 2025 election.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Barrett and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve the termination of the Otsego County Snow and Ice contract and to terminate the NYS snow and Ice contract; both effective 4/1/2025. Superintendent will verbally notify Otsego County and New York State. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. Town Supervisor VanDewerker will draft a letter and send sharing the board’s decision to terminate the contracts. Termination was based on in depth cost analysis.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Gridley and seconded by Councilperson Barrett to approve the written resignation of Cody Duncan as Highway Department HEO; effective 4/30/25. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Vosatka and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve terminating the vacant Full time Highway Department HEO position. This will be a cost savings to the town tax payers of $73,640. (Salary, Fringe, overtime, health insurance, retirement, social security, and various clothing allowances). All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Gridley to approve and create a budget line to fund part time help in the amount of $18,000. This Personnel Services line will be funded from cost savings from the termination of the one full time HEO. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Gridley and seconded by Councilperson Barrett to approve changing the date of the April Town Board meeting from Thursday April 10th to Wednesday April 9th. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. Town Clerk will post a notice.

**ABSTRACTS**:

* General Fund Abstract 03- March 2025 $9,214.19
* Highway Fund Abstract 03- March 2025 $43,207.19
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Barrett seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve the ***General Abstract(s) and Highway Abstract(s)*** as referenced above. All were in favor. **Motion** carried.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Dan Gage**

* **BUILDING REPAIRS**ope to rollover
* No updates
* **ROAD REPAIRS**
* Large limbs were trimmed.
* Coal patch was applied in several areas.
* Problem with logging company on stoney squabble, damage is 70 feet in length, in discussion regarding repair options, this would be on the logging company.
* **EQUIPMENT**
* The chipper was serviced and is ready to go, the radiator had to go out for repair due to a leak. New knives installed.
* Gradall issue was resolved, issue was a valve.
* One of the trucks is in the shop, they are working to narrow down the issue, believes its wires.
* **OTHER**
* Dan attended the superintendents meeting in Oneonta about CHIPS, no resolution or plans.
* Letter of resignation received from one of the highway men, 4/30/25.

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT: by Town Clerk Seeley**

* NO MONIES WERE RECEIVED FOR JANUARY 2025.
* Taxes- All balances have been paid and remaining monies will be paid to Otsego County. Collection will continue through the end of April. Residents continue to use the pay by card option on the tax website. A total of 639 parcels have been paid through February 2025.

**ASSESSORS REPORT: Matt Lippitt**

* No updates

**DOG CONTROL REPORT: Bob Jorgenson**

* No updates

**JUSTICE REPORT: Steven Mosenson – not present**

* Court Fees: January-0, February- 125.
* JCAP Grant 2024-2025 $30K- JCAP application was submitted and received by the courts.

**COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**: **David Bliss**

* Not Present

**ARPA (Federal Stimulus Funds): Allegra Schecter**

* No update

**CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASKFORCE: Allegra Schecter**

* **Heat Pump/Additional Solar Panels-** quote received for the heat pump and solar panels, the NYSERDA grant will be used to purchase both.
* **Community Solar-** sign up is still open for Residents to join and save on their electric bill.
* **NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities**- The Town of Roseboom received a $100k grant, motions were made tonight for two purchases using this money. Additional purchases will be for building upgrades including insulation, siding and windows. The town received a purchase order and updated the scope of work and payment schedule

**PLANNING BOARD: Allegra Schecter, Planning Board liaison**

* Meetings will not take place during the winter, meetings will resume in April.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  NONE

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** will be held on Wednesday, April 9th, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Town Barn, located at 126 Co. Hwy 50.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING**: will be held (if needed) Friday, April 4th, 2025 at 7:30 am at the Town Barn/Office, located at 126 Co. Hwy 50. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome!

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**:

* A **MOTION** to adjourn the March 13th, 2025 meeting was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Gridley. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Seeley

Town Clerk/Collector