TOWN OF ROSEBOOM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 8th, 2026

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Roseboom Town Board was held on October 8th, 2026. Supervisor Curtis VanDewerker called the regular board meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

PRESENT: Supervisor Curtis VanDewerker. Superintendent Dan Gage. Councilpersons: Carol Vosatka, Steve Gridley, Allegra Schecter, Jack Barrett. Town Clerk Seeley

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: County Rep- Leslie Berliant

VISITORS LISTING: Bob Schecter

AGENDA: See Attachment #2

PRESENTATION: Budget Presentation- The meeting began with the tentative budget presentation by Supervisor VanDewerker. The budget was reviewed line by line, discussing all changes in detail.

MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Barrett seconded by Councilperson Gridley to approve the minutes from the September meeting held on September 10th, 2026. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Gridley seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve the minutes from the Special September meeting held on September 23, 2026. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

SUPERVISORS/FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

- **Committee Meeting Minutes/Financial Reports:** Shared by Supervisor VanDewerker
- Supervisor VanDewerker reviewed the 2027 tentative budget in detail. All Councilperson questions were answered. The increased dollar amount is $29,797, which equates to a 5.22% increase overall.
- Supervisor VanDewerker shared the rates to continue with the current health insurance plan, the cost increased significantly, therefore Supervisor VanDewerker has begun to shop for other plans, this was also discussed with our County Rep. Our rate increase under CDPHP was an increase of $252.45 per employee, per month. Supervisor VanDewerker shared details regarding comparable plans and costs, currently he had pricing for MVP. He will be reaching out to other carriers for rates. The board will need to decide what plan to go with for 2027.
- Budget- A Public Hearing will be held next month on November 5th at 5:30 regarding Local Law 2026-1 regarding the Tax Cap Override and the presentation of the Preliminary Budget. A special meeting will then follow for the Adoption of the 2027 Town Budget.
- 2026 CHIPS Reimbursement is scheduled for a payment date of 12/8/26. We are also still awaiting reimbursement of a 2025 CHIPS balance of $35,653.78.
- The RAN that was discussed at the Special September meeting is in process. Town Supervisor VanDewerker and Town Clerk Seeley will meet with the Town Attorney next week to sign the final documents.

OTHER BUSINESS/MOTIONS:

- A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Barrett to approve **RESOLUTION 2026-4** authorizing Town Justice Steve Mosenson to apply for the Justice Court Assistance Program Funding for the current cycle. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. **RESOLUTION** passed.
- A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Vosatka and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve the tentative budget as presented, a 5.22% increase, this now becomes the preliminary budget. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. The Preliminary Budget was posted on our website.

- A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Gridley and seconded by Councilperson Vosatka to approve holding a Public Hearing on Thursday November 5th at 5:30 pm regarding Local Law 2026-1 Tax Cap Override and the presentation of the preliminary budget. This will take place at the town barn. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. Town Clerk Seeley has posted a notice on the website and sent the notice to the Penny Saver.

ABSTRACTS:

- General Fund Abstract 10- October 2026 $2200.91
- Highway Fund Abstract 10- October 2026 $30,069.10
- A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter seconded by Councilperson Vostaka 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**
  - Doors were painted on the Town Barn.
  - Wiring in the office was completed.
  - Clean out occurred and everything upstairs was moved so that Spray Foam can occur. This will happen in about 2 weeks.
  - There have been some septic issues occurring, Dan will reach out to have the septic pumped.
- **ROAD REPAIRS**
  - Honey Hill and Hansen Rd. have new shoulders.
  - Fog Sealed Honey Hill Rd, Hansen Rd, Doc Ahlers Rd, Thompson Hill Rd.
  - Brush cutting has occurred on several roads.
- **EQUIPMENT**
  - The spare truck is at Palmers for repair.
- **OTHER**
  - Cherry Valley Fire Dept will purchase the town a new AED, they will then dispose of the outdated.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: by Town Clerk Seeley

- A1603 Vitals: 5 total death certificate seal totaling $50.00 for the Town.
- The Town Clerk/collector collected $50.00. Supervisor VanDewerker received a check in the amount of $50.00 (check #3304) on October 8th, 2026. No monies were received or sent to NYS Ag & Mkts or Dept of Health.
- Clerk Seeley has reached out to confirm price for the same tax software that has been used in previous years and it has gone up $100, totaling $1,200 for the 2027 tax year. Supervisor VanDewerker was informed of this increase which was to be included in the 2027 Town Budget.

ASSESSORS REPORT: Matt Lippitt

- No updates

DOG CONTROL REPORT: Alicia Jones

- No updates

JUSTICE REPORT: Steven Mosenson

- 2026 Court Fees: January-$0, February- $118, March $0. April $142. May $0. June- $188 July- $0 August- $0 September- $0

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: **Leslie Berliant**

- Shared information regarding a Verizon concern that has been brought to the Town and Counties' attention. A notice went out to residents discussing the elimination of landline phone services. A phase out date beginning Nov 30,2026 was given in this notice. The FCC did not approve the phase out of landlines; this was instead delayed. Wording indicates that landlines can't be phased out in communities where there is not viable cell

service. The question is what is considered viable regarding cell service. Leslie has been talking with public officials regarding this concern.

- Health Insurance concerns were also discussed; this has become a major concern for towns due to the drastic increases. Leslie is asking that each town send her an email and share information regarding their proposed rate increases for 2027 plans.
- The County is going to be offering meetings for local towns; these will begin in January. The meetings will provide an opportunity for local town officials to come together and discuss concerns, receive information, training, resources, etc.
- The Deckard Technologies project will begin in January, and this will examine local short-term rentals in the area and compare them to those currently paying bed tax. Results will not be available for a bit as work will begin in January.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASKFORCE: Allegra Schecter

- **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, and the building project was approved. First installment of $21,040 received from NYSERDA on 5/23. Deposit payment of $11,676.25 made to NP Environmental for the Heat Pump. Deposit Payment of $12.496 made to Stowell Construction for siding (Majority from NYSERDA first installment, remaining from municipal building reserve savings, which will be reimbursed when NYSERDA money is received). 2nd NYSERDA installment of $3,960 received on 6/4, paid to Revolution Solar. Remainder of balance paid to Stowell Construction $17,950 for siding. Remainder was paid to Revolution Solar $11,126.25. Another NYSERDA payment of $30,962.38 was received on 12/23. The remaining payment for the heat pumps was received in March; the amount was $32,643.37. We have approximately $1800 remaining on this grant, and the town has submitted spray foam for approval, it was approved, this will be close out the grant. Spray Foam will be completed by the end of October.
- **Watershed Resilience Grant**- this is something Allegra is exploring as the Town has been encouraged to apply for this, unfortunately we do not have a project that meets the needs for this.
- The NYSERDA case study regarding the towns climate smart successes was approved, thank you Councilperson Schecter. The study will be shared on the website once a final version is received.

PLANNING BOARD: Allegra Schecter, Planning Board liaison

- Meetings are held on first Monday of the month at 6:30pm, held at the town barn. Next meeting will be November 2nd.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

PUBLIC HEARING: Regarding Local Law 2026-1 on the Tax Cap Override and the Preliminary 2027 Budget, Thursday, November 5th, 2026 at 5:30 pm at the Town Barn, located at 126 Co. Hwy 50.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: will be held on Thursday, November 12th, 2026, at 6:30 pm at the Town Barn, located at 126 Co. Hwy 50.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- A **MOTION** to adjourn the October 8th, 2026, meeting was made by Councilperson Gridley and seconded by Councilperson Barrett. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Seeley
Town Clerk/Collector