TOWN OF ROSEBOOM

 TOWN BOARD MEETING

**September 11th, 2025**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Roseboom Town Board was held on September 11th, 2025. Supervisor Curtis VanDewerker called the regular board meeting to order at 6:42 pm.

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED**: None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** None

**VISITORS LISTING:** Bob Schecter

**AGENDA:** See Attachment #2

**PRESENTATION:**

**MINUTES:** A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Barrett seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve the minutes from the August regular meeting held on August 20th, 2025. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

**SUPERVISORS/FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT:**

* **Committee Meeting Minutes/Financial Reports:** Supervisor VanDewerker provided his report to the board, copies were provided.
* Supervisor VanDewerker and the bookkeeper are working on the initial draft of the 2026 budget. The Tentative Budget will be filed with the clerk by Sept. 30th. Tentative Budget will be presented at the regular October board meeting, held on October 9th.
* Our equalization rate has been set at 70% by the county.

**OTHER BUSINESS/MOTIONS:**

* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Gridley and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve hiring Paul VanBreukelen as a full time HEO- effective Sept 15th. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Barrett and seconded by Councilperson Gridley to approve the new highway salary schedule. This puts the new FTE at $25.50 per hour, the Deputy Highway Superintendent at $27.50 per hour, and the Highway Superintendent at an annual salary of $62,000. This will be effective Sept 15th. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. There will be no additional raises considered until Jan 27, this will serve as the Jan 26 raise.
* Further discussion took place regarding the 2025/2026 JCAP Grant. The Town of Roseboom will not apply this year. The reconciliation for the last project is due on 9/26.

**ABSTRACTS**:

* General Fund Abstract 09- September 2025 $2,144.26
* Highway Fund Abstract 09- September 2025 $ 146,240.74
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Gridley 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
* The main portion of the addition has been completed. Interior will be finished by the highway dept as time allows. The roof extension has not yet been completed yet.
* Dan has met with several of the contractors that we received quotes from for building improvements, such as the spray foam.
* **ROAD REPAIRS**
* Most driveway aprons were completed; the rest will be completed when shoulder work is completed.
* Sealing is scheduled for next Wednesday; shoulder work will be the following week.
* **EQUIPMENT**
* Truck #3 was sold to Advanced Fabricating Solutions for parts in the amount of $6,286.
* Both boxes are off and the frame is ready for paint on truck #2.
* Dan went to look at a used truck today, with plow and wing. This is being considered as the spare truck that was previously discussed. Currently at $4,100. We have approved Dan to spend up to $10,000. Auction ends tomorrow evening at 7:45.
* **OTHER**
* CHIPS- 2024 Rollover $6,244.35, 2025 CHIPS $137,981.48, 2025 Pave NY $29,065.44, 2025 EWR $25,281.72, 2025 POP $19,376.96

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

* A1603 Vitals: 10 death certificates and 1 marriage license copy for the Town, totaling $110.00
* The Town Clerk/Collector collected $110.00 for the month of August 2025. The Town Supervisor received a check in the amount of $110.00 (check #3207) on September 11, 2025. All monies have been deposited into Cherry Valley NBT Bank on September 11, 2025.
* The Town’s Amazon account has been set up and tax-exempt form has been submitted and approved.

**ASSESSORS REPORT: Matt Lippitt**

* The notice was posted for completion of Final Assessment Roll- The roll is at the town barn and the public is welcome to stop to view it anytime between now and October 1st.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT: Alicia Jones**

* Town Clerk updated the website to add Alicia’s contact information; her phone number is 607-435-2603.

**JUSTICE REPORT: Steven Mosenson**

* Court Fees: January-$0, February- $125. March- $1,045 April- $50 May-$0 June $125 July $0 August $0

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

* County currently working on the budget, salaries have increased driving the budget up. The Tax cap override was needed. There are also still a lot of vacancies within the county.
* Dave will not be running again; this is his last term.
* Dave was asked about the cell phone tower, he has no updates.
* The ambulance service is very busy; reimbursement is a struggle from insurance companies.
* No shared services grants were awarded that Dave has heard of. Roseboom’s application was denied.

**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, 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 paid to Revolution Solar $11,126.25. Awaiting next payment from NYSERDA.

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

* The last meeting was held on September 8th. The planning board will meet one more time before the end of the year to finalize the updated comprehensive plan.  All Planning Board meetings are open to the public.
* Planning board chair Kim Gray will be leading a project to install veteran banners on light poles in the town. Family or friends would pay for the banners, highway dept would install them.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  NONE

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** will be held on Thursday, October 9th, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Town Barn, located at 126 Co. Hwy 50.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**:

* A **MOTION** to adjourn the September 11th, 2025, meeting was made by Councilperson Gridley and seconded by Councilperson Vosatka. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Seeley

Town Clerk/Collector