

TOWN OF ROSEBOOM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 10, 2026

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Roseboom Town Board was held on September 10, 2026. Supervisor Curtis VanDewerker called the regular board meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Excused: Councilperson Vosatka

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: None

VISITORS LISTING: Bob Schecter, Autumn Tripp, Lucy Proper, Liam Orourke

AGENDA: See Attachment #2

PRESENTATION: None

MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Barrett seconded by Councilperson Gridley to approve the minutes from the August meeting held on August 13th, 2026. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

SUPERVISORS/FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

- **Committee Meeting Minutes/Financial Reports:** Shared by Supervisor VanDewerker
- Supervisor VanDewerker asked that all councilpersons and the highway superintendent review budget lines and email any changes. The tentative budget must be filed with the Town Clerk by 9/30/26. Public hearing for Budget will be set, see motion below.
- Supervisor VanDewerker discussed the need for a workday or night at the town barn to clean and organize the loft. This was set for Monday October 5th at 6pm.
- Building Reserve Savings has a balance of \$1,883.93 after Sept. expenses.
- Payment was received for the damage to the Red Truck.
- Supervisor VanDewerker asked that all council members review the site plan law and provide feedback and comments.
- Sales tax for the month was \$10,761. Total year to date is \$69,403.62.
- The upcoming JCAP grant application was discussed, the Town will begin work on this as the deadline is 9/22.

OTHER BUSINESS/MOTIONS:

- A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Gridley to approve **RESOLUTION** 2026-3 adopting the Otsego County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. **RESOLUTION** passed.
- A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Gridley and seconded by Councilperson Barrett to approve changing the time of the October 8th board meeting, the meeting will start at 5:30 instead of 6:30. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. Town Clerk will post the notice on the website.
- A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Barrett and seconded by Councilperson Gridley to approve setting a Public Hearing for the 2027 Budget on Thursday, November 5th at 5:30pm. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. Town Clerk Seeley will post a notice in the Pennysaver and on the town website.
- A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Barrett to move the dates for the town wide garage sale from October 10 and 11th to October 17 and 18th, the change is to align with the Tractor Pulls. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

ABSTRACTS:

- General Fund Abstract 09- September 2026 \$3,992.75
- Highway Fund Abstract 09- September 2026 \$120,213.27
- A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Barrett seconded by Councilperson Gridley 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**
 - One outside light was installed.
 - Clean out day set so that final insulation can be installed in the loft.
- **ROAD REPAIRS**
 - Honey Hill is all paved, driveway entrances are done.
 - Millings are here for shoulders.
 - 1 round of pothole filling
- **EQUIPMENT**
 - The Red Dodge has been repaired outside of a bumper that is on backorder.
- **OTHER**
 - Edwards Road concern, someone has moved in as a full-time resident. Sharon Springs school bus will not go down the road, they turn around at the intersection of County 50 and Edwards Rd. Dan spoke to the property owner regarding the road and it being seasonal and there not being a possibility of the town plowing the road.
 - Spare truck- computer arrived, it should be installed on Sunday.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: by Town Clerk Seeley

- A2544 Dog License: 1 dog, unaltered, 13.00 total. 10 for the town, 3 for the state.
- The Town Clerk/collector collected \$13.00. Supervisor VanDewerker received a check in the amount of 10.00 and NYS Ag and Markets was sent a check in the amount of 3 dollars on September 10th.
- A request was made to continue with the same tax software as last year, this will need to be budgeted for. Town Clerk Seeley will reach out to confirm price.
- The SPCA held a rabies vaccination clinic at the town barn, Town Clerk was available to license dogs, however no Dogs from the town of Roseboom attended. We will work to hold another clinic in the future, ideally with a better time and more advanced notice to increase participation.

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

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Leslie Berliant

- Shared information about an opportunity to have someone work with the Town on water systems, this includes funding opportunities.
- There has been some logging happening on County Forest Land, the County is working to refine the communication plan to ensure that neighbors are aware of this. County Forest Dept will be working to communicate locations of logging with Leslie so that she can communicate it to impacted towns.
- The planning department is working on Farmland preservation, this is something that may benefit the town to have a conversation with the county about, the contact is Sydney Waller.
- At the last board meeting a contract was approved with a company that will be tracking long-term rentals and positive impact. Once data is collected it will be shared with towns. Leslie also mentioned that a lot of

towns are looking at short term rentals that are not paying bed tax, which is a loss in revenue for towns and municipalities.

- Leslie congratulated the town on the approval of the NYSEERDA approved case study regarding our climate smart community efforts.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASKFORCE: Allegra Schecter

- **Community Solar-** sign up is still open for Residents to join and save on their electric bill.
- **NYSEERDA Clean Energy Communities-** The Town of Roseboom received a \$100k grant, and the building project was approved. First installment of \$21,040 received from NYSEERDA 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 NYSEERDA first installment, remaining from municipal building reserve savings, which will be reimbursed when NYSEERDA money is received). 2nd NYSEERDA 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 NYSEERDA 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.
- **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 NYSEERDA 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 on hold for the summer and will resume in October.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Autumn Tripp brought a concern regarding the concerts that are happening on 165 in the south valley area. She also brought up the recent concerns in the town of Seward regarding animal carcasses. Her concern is regarding how these things can happen in our town and other local towns. Her concern is regarding noise, traffic, impact on neighbors and property values. She asked questions regarding the comprehensive plan and the planning board. Supervisor VanDewerker discussed his proposal regarding a Site Plan Law, this is something that Cherry Valley has implemented, and this would provide some regulation for business venues. Supervisor VanDewerker discussed the concerns regarding general, blanket noise ordinances and unintended consequences to residents.
- Autumn and Lucy both addressed concerns regarding a wedding venue that is in development, the website was shared for further information.
- Lucy also brought it to the boards attention that there are some properties that are planning multifamily dwellings
- Autumn expressed interest in the vacant Board of Review seat, Curtis will share further information on how to move forward with this and the training needed.
- Lucy also shared that the dates of the tractor pull will be moving back a weekend, now October 17th and 18th. Lucy proposed that the town consider changing the

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING: will be held on Thursday, October 8th, 2026 at 5:30 pm at the Town Barn, located at 126 Co. Hwy 50. This is one hour earlier than the typical meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- A **MOTION** to adjourn the September 10th, 2026, meeting was made by Councilperson Barrett seconded by Councilperson Schecter. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Seeley
Town Clerk/Collector