TOWN OF ROSEBOOM

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**January 9th, 2025**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Roseboom Town Board was held on January 9th, 2025. Supervisor Gustafson called the regular board meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

**PRESENT**: Supervisor Patti Gustafson. Councilpersons: Curtis VanDewerker, Steve Gridley, Allegra Schecter.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED**: Councilperson Jack Barrett

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: None**

**VISITORS LISTING:** Mark Mabie, Bob Schecter

**AGENDA:** See Attachment #2

**PRESENTATION:** **None**

**MINUTES:** A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve the minutes from the November regular meeting held on December 12, 2024. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

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

* **Committee Meeting Minutes/Financial Reports:** Supervisor Gustafson shared her committee and financial report, copies were provided to all board members.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Gridley and seconded by Councilperson VanDewerker to approve the supervisors committee and financial report. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
* Equipment has been ordered for Starlink.

**OTHER BUSINESS/MOTIONS:**

* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson VanDewerker to approve the NYSERDA Agreement for $100k. Supervisor Gustafson will sign and submit to NYSERDA for final execution. All in favor, **MOTION** carried.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Gridley to approve the reappointment of Richard Hansen for a 4 year term 10-1-24 through 9-30-29 for the Board of Assessment review. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. Note: BAR as 1 vacancy.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Gridley to continue to pursue the shared services agreement to purchase a roller with a neighboring town, Decatur. The town will need to continue discussions with Decatur, gather necessary documents and complete the requirements needed to submit by the deadline of 1/24/25. All were in favor of applying, **MOTION** carried.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Gridley to approve Supervisor Gustafson to sign the agreement for shared highway services with Otsego County, this is an inter municipal agreement between the county and multiple local towns. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-1**- adopting the 2025 Organizational Chart and Bi-Laws, effective 1/1/2025. This resolution includes: 1a- Hourly Employees Rate of Pay Cap, 1b- Official Depository/Financial Institution /Fiscal Officer, 1c- Prior Written Notice of Defective Conditions, and 1d- Highway Department Specific Documents and Forms- which includes the Highway Employee Handbook, Highway Employee Evaluation Form, and Progressive Discipline Policy and Forms. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried, **RESOLUTION** passed.

**ABSTRACTS**:

* General Fund Abstract 12A – December 2024 $2,480.55
* General Fund Abstract 01- January 2025 $33,046.23
* Highway Fund Abstract 12A– December 2024 $41,469.00
* Highway Fund Abstract 01- January 2025 $3,147.87
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson VanDewerker 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
* Additional progress on addition.
* **ROAD REPAIRS**
* Brush clean up as needed, road plowing.
* **EQUIPMENT**
* 5 quotes received for rollers.
* **OTHER**
* Lots of plowing.

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

* A1603 Vitals- 6 total death certificates totaling $60.00 for the town
* A2544 Dog License- 1 total dog totaling $13.00. $10.00 for the Town and $3.00 for NYS Ag & Mkt’s
* A total of $73.00 was collected for the month of December 2024. Town Supervisor Patti Gustafson received a check in the amount of $70.00 (ck #3196) on January 9th, 2025 and NYS Ag & Mkt’s was sent a check in the amount of $3.00 (ck #3197) on January 9th, 2025. All monies were deposited into NBT Bank on January 9, 2025.
* Town Clerk Seeley has started collecting taxes for 2025. Supervisor Gustafson received 3 checks on January 9th, 2025 for the following: $28,000 (ck #3148) for Fire Protection, $20,744 (ck #3149) for General Fund and $12,096 (ck #3150) for Highway Fund. Balances remaining: $63k for General and $400k for Highway.

**ASSESSORS REPORT: Matt Lippitt**

* No updates

**DOG CONTROL REPORT: Bob Jorgenson**

* No updates

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

* Court Fees: Sept.- $0.00, Oct.- $595.50, Nov.- $268.00, December- not yet reported. YTD= $2,151.50
* JCAP Grant 2024-2025 $30K- JCAP application has been submitted and received- pending approval.

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

* Not Present

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

* No update

**CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY TASKFORCE: Allegra Schecter**

* **JOULE –** no updates
* **Heat Pump-** in process through 100k grant
* **CCA-** sign up is still open for Residents to join and save on their electric bill.
* **NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities**- The Town of Roseboom is currently the regional leader in points, earning a total of 5000 points. The town applied for and received a $100k grant.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mark Mabie came on behalf of the fire department and EMS to share that the Cherry Valley EMS Squad is no longer a certified EMS provider. The County EMS system will be the responding agency for all 911 calls. The Cherry Valley Fire Dept. still has some designated first responders who will answer if available. Surrounding agencies will still be called for mutual aid when necessary and will respond in their personal vehicles.

Mark also expressed concern over the lights flickering, other residents have expressed the same concern, Councilperson VanDewerker will call National Grid on behalf of the town residents.

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** will be held on Thursday, February 13, 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, February 7th, 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 January 9th, 2025 meeting was made by Councilperson VanDewerker and seconded by Councilperson Gridley. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Seeley

Town Clerk/Collector