TOWN OF ROSEBOOM

TOWN BOARD MEETING

**May 8th, 2025**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Roseboom Town Board was held on May 8th, 2025. Supervisor Curtis VanDewerker called the regular board meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

**ABSENT/EXCUSED**: Steve Gridley

**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 Schecter to approve the minutes from the April regular meeting held on April 9th, 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 Vosatka to approve the supervisors committee and financial report. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS/MOTIONS:**

* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Vosatka and seconded by Councilperson Schecter to approve hiring Derek Utter at a wage of $23/hr. for the open Per Diem position. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. The total spend cap for this position is 16k.
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Schecter and seconded by Councilperson Barrett to pre-approve the purchase of a used dump truck with a max spend of 10k, at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
* Starlink internet has been installed. Hughes Net has been cancelled and a bill credit will be issued.
* Health Insurance coverage was terminated for the staff who left. Next months bill will have a credit for the May premium.
* Resilient NY Flooding Grant- Allegra and Dan discussed the grant and requirements, which would cover culvert replacements in the town to prevent flooding. Roads that would be considered are Adair Rd, Morton Rd, and the intersection of Gage Schoolhouse Rd, Morton Rd, and Stannard Hill Rd. Dan will look into the qualifications and review with DEC. Minimum grant award is 150k, with a 10% match by the town, including labor dollars.

**ABSTRACTS**:

* General Fund Abstract 05- May 2025 $3,038.56
* Highway Fund Abstract 05- May 2025 $12,721.11
* A **MOTION** was made by Councilperson Barrett seconded by Councilperson Vosatka 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
* Building project work will begin in May and all will be completed by Fall.
* **ROAD REPAIRS**
* All roads were swept in, scooped, then swept again.
* 31 loads of ditching done on two roads.
* All dirt roads have had pot holes filled once.
* Paving- no NYS budget so no final total for CHIPS money. $230k is the estimate.
* Paving Projects- Shim Doc Ahlers- 55k, then a full pave next year. 2 pave aprons for all dirt roads (5) from here until Schoharie County line. Approximately 200 ft into each. With the state plowing, they will be using straight salt. This will protect the road. $15,500 in total for all. Middlefield Rd- 1 inch shim pave, it was last paved 5 years ago, so this will require a special application, which Dan will complete and submit. Section of Thompson Hill Rd at the top- full pave from Co. Hwy 34 to where the road flattens, followed by a chip seal to the dirt road section. (35-40k estimate)
* **EQUIPMENT**
* The Gradall was down last week but has been repaired.
* The truck that was purchased from the County 2 years ago has a buckled frame, this makes it no longer usable. Options discussed for repairs/truck swap outs. Currently we are down to one truck, this will need to be addressed before summer. An amount was set for a spend on a used truck. Dan will also contact the insurance company.
* Our spare truck #5, was sold at auction, bringing in $1,148 after commission. This truck was removed from our insurance policy.
* **OTHER**
* Several applicants were received and reviewed for the open Per Diem position. Interviews were conducted and a candidate has been chosen, see motion above for approval to hire.

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

* A1603 Vitals- 1 marriage license certificate totaling $10.00 for the Town.
* A2544 Dogs- 1 dogs totaling $1.00 for NYS Ag & Mkt’s and $4.00 for the Town
* The Town Clerk/Collector collected $15.00 for the Month of April 2025. A check was sent to NYS Ag & Mkt’s in the amount of $1.00 (ck #3200) on 5/7/2025 and the Town Supervisor received a check in the amount of $14.00 (ck #3201) on 5/8/2025. All monies have been deposited into NBT Bank on May 8th, 2025.
* Taxes- The 2025 tax season is officially closed and awaiting to close out with Otsego County. All town balances have been paid and remaining monies will be paid to Otsego County. The Tax Collector will close out with Otsego County on May 22nd, 2025.

**ASSESSORS REPORT: Matt Lippitt**

* Notice has been posted in the Pennysaver for the Tentative Assessment roll, the Assessor will be available to hear complaints on May 6th from 9a-1p at the town barn. The Board of Assessment Review will meet on June 3rd from 4-8pm.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT: Bob Jorgenson**

* SPCA inspection was completed, no concerns.

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

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

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

* Not Present

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

* No update

**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, the proposed projects have been approved. Work will begin May 19th, several aspects will be done on weekends to avoid interruption in town work.

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

* Supervisor VanDewerker met with the planning board chair and let her know that the board did not wish to pursue any land use regulations. The chair was going to report this back to the planning board, they may decrease the frequency of meetings moving forward.
* Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. If any dates fall on a holiday, the meeting will be held on the following Monday instead.  All Planning Board meetings are open to the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  NONE

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING:** will be held on Thursday, June 12th, 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, June 6th, 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 May 8th, 2025 meeting was made by Councilperson Barrett and seconded by Councilperson Vosatka. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Seeley

Town Clerk/Collector