

***Town of Rutland***  
**Town Board Minutes**  
**Public hearing**

**October 10, 2024**

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**Call to Order-**

Proceedings of the Town Board Public Meeting held at the Rutland Municipal Office on October 10, 2024.

The first Public Hearing was opened at 7:05PM by Supervisor Eddy for the purpose of discussion on the 2025 Preliminary Budget. Supervisor Eddy led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Absent for this Hearing was Councilwoman Bossuot and Councilman Gary Eddy. There was no discussion on the Preliminary Budget for 2025. Motion was made by Councilman Les Berghorn and seconded by Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III to approve the 2025 Preliminary Budget.

Ayes: 3 Nays : 2- Per the two absent members of the Town Board, Councilwoman Bossuot and Councilman Gary Eddy. Motion was carried to accept the 2025 Preliminary Budget. Motion to close this Public Hearing at 7:08PM. Motion carried.

The second Public Hearing for the purpose of approving the 2025 Preliminary Water rates was opened at 7:10PM. Hearing no discussion a motion was made by Councilman Les Berghorn and seconded by Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III to accept the 2025 Preliminary Water Rates for 2025.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 2-Per the two absent Town Board members; Councilwoman Bossuot and Councilman Gary Eddy. Motion to close the Second Public Hearing was made by Councilman Les Berghorn and seconded by Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III at 7:15PM. Motion carried.

The third Public Hearing was called to order for the purpose of discussion on the 2025 Sewer rates at 7:20PM. Any discussion. Hearing no discussion a motion was made by Councilman Les Berghorn and seconded by Councilman Kenneth E. Eddy III to accept the Preliminary 2025 Sewer rates.

Ayes: 3 Nays : 2 per the two absent Town Board Members Councilwoman Bossuot and Councilman Gary Eddy. Motion carried. A motion to close the Third Public Hearing at 7:25PM was made by Councilman Les Berghorn and seconded by Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III. Motion Carried.

Respectfully given:

*Samantha Sawyer*

*Town Clerk*

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**Call to Order-**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Supervisor Logan Eddy.

Council Member Present-

Supervisor Logan Eddy-	Present
Town Councilman-Kenneth E. Gleason III-	Present
Town Councilwoman-Jennifer Bossuot-	Absent
Town Councilman- Gary Eddy-	Absent
Town Councilman-Les Berghorn-	Present

Communications- None

Monthly Reports-

**Town Supervisor- Logan Eddy** Approval of Bills

**Deputy Supervisor-Claude Phelps** He is working on the water bill issues while closing out his Highway Superintendent position. He is learning the various reports within the water system. The undeliverable mail has gotten some better but still an issue. Deputy Clerk Marianne is working through the undeliverable list and is working on the Meter Change Forms along with updating the Binary Numbers.

**Assessor – Jim Rounds** No Report

**Highway Superintendent-Shawn** reported that repairs are coming along. The new gate will be installed soon. I'm looking for the budgeted amount for the replacement vehicle. It is up to \$8000.00. The Sand Pit is all set and we will begin paving of Co. Rte. 50.

**Zoning Board- James Harter**

**Judges Report-** Resolution 24-11 was brought forward to apply for grant for security camera for the court system.

**Planning Board-** No Report

**Town Clerk-Samantha Sawyer** A motion was made by Supervisor Logan Eddy and seconded by Kenneth E. Gleason III to accept the minutes of the July, August and September meetings. The Special and Budget meetings were also approved.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 2 per the two absent Town Board members Councilwoman Bossuot and Councilman Gary Eddy. Ayes are Supervisor Logan Eddy, Councilman Les Berghorn and Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III. Motion carried.

**Supervisor Logan Eddy** presented Abstract # 10 bills # 24-00522 to 24-00560 in the amount of \$46,906.00. Councilman Les Berghorn made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 2 per absent Town Board Members, Councilwoman Bossuot and Councilman Gary Eddy. Ayes were Supervisor Logan Eddy, Councilman Les Berghorn, and Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III. Motion Carried.

**Old Business-**

Discussion on the resident Arthur and Penny Keen water bill issue. The policy of the Town is for the Town Clerk to email DANC along with a Meter Change Form and ask for water to be shut off or turn water back on. There also can be a request for a Meter Read or replacement. Then after the request is completed they send the clerk an email back stating the results of the request. Supervisor Eddy asked Deputy Supervisor Claude to contact the Keens about our policy. No credits will be issued. It was discussed that we need a procedure if water residents do not pay their bills. Deputy Supervisor Claude will contact our lawyer for a procedure. Also we need to confirm the fees charged by DANC and if needed adjust our fees accordingly. It was stated that we are charging \$50.00 and DANC is charging us \$75.00. We need to look at our fee chart and see what needs to be adjusted and review with the Board.

Discussion on changing our regular meeting hours to begin at 6:30 PM instead of 7:30 PM was discussed. Effective January 1, 2025 we will begin our meetings at 6:30 PM. The Board members present agreed with this change. Discussion was also held on putting in a Drop Box for Tax payments and where to place the box. Deputy Supervisor Claude brought up about the clerk and highway department windows condition. The wood is warped and the windows aren't able to be lock properly. Deputy Supervisor Claude will look into the Drop Box and window replacements for the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the new Email Policy. Ann from Superior reminded all that the third page needs to be signed. Donna Martel stated she would like a new email. Ann from Superior Computers will issue her one. When approved a copy needs to go to Donna to put into the employee folder.

**New Business-**

Supervisor Logan Eddy would like a Public Hearing held on November 14, 2024 at 7:35 PM to discussion on Local Law #2 which overrides the tax levy. Motion made by Supervisor Logan Eddy and seconded by Les Berghorn to accept this motion. Roll Call vote needed. Ayes : 3 Nays: 2 per the two Board Members that are absent, Councilwoman Bossuot and Councilman Gary Eddy. Ayes were Councilman Les Berghorn, Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III and Supervisor Logan Eddy. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on the Resolution 24-11. This is the grant for \$30,000.00 for the court system to put in security cameras. Number of cameras and placement will be forthcoming. Discussion on getting another quote from our current security company. Town Justice Christine was present to discuss the court's needs. A motion was made by Supervisor

Logan Eddy to go forth with the grant application, seconded by Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III.

Ayes: 3 Nays : 2 Per our two town board members absent, Councilwoman Bossuot and Councilman Gary Eddy. Ayes were Supervisor Logan Eddy, Councilman Les Berghorn and Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III. Motion carried.

Resolution 24-12-Budget transfer Amendment- A roll call vote is needed. Motion was made by Supervisor Logan Eddy and seconded by Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 2-per our two town board members absent. Ayes: Supervisor Logan Eddy, Councilman Les Berghorn and Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III. Motion carried.

Discussion on Snow and Ice Contract- It was stated that there are three contracts to be signed. The 2022-2023 year, 2023-2024 year The 2024-2025 year is the five year extension and would extend to 2029. Donna Martel asked for the budget amount. It was stated to be \$80,333.54. Motion made by Supervisor Logan Eddy, seconded by Councilman Les Berghorn to accept the Snow and Ice Contract.

Roll Call Vote is needed. Ayes: 3 Nays: 2- per our two town board members absent, Councilwoman Bossuot and Councilman Gary Eddy. Ayes were Supervisor Logan Eddy, Councilman Les Berghorn and Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III. Motion carried.

Supervisor Logan Eddy brought up Amendment 1 in the amount of \$80,000.00. He stated he wanted to be sure all agreed before he signs. All are in agreement.

Before the meeting adjourns Supervisor Logan Eddy would like approval to credit Tina Sawyer water bill.. This issue has been going on for a year. He will make the changes to her water bill per the Towns Water Laws. Supervisor Logan Eddy made the motion, seconded by Councilman Les Berghorn. Ayes : 3 Nays: 2 Per our two absent town board members, Councilwoman Bossuot and Councilman Gary Eddy. Ayes are Supervisor Logan Eddy, Councilman Les Berghorn and Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:14PM was made by Councilman Les Berghorn and seconded by Councilman Kenneth E. Gleason III . Motion carried.

Respectfully given:

*Samantha Sawyer*

*Town Clerk*