



**Town Board Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, September 18, 20018**

**This regular meeting was held at the Rondout Municipal Center and began at 7:00pm**

**Present:** Supervisor Rich Parete and Town Board members Tim Sweeney, Eric Stewart and Joe Borzumato

**Absent:** Don LaFera

**Also, Present:** Heather Moody; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, George Dimler; Highway Superintendent, Jill McLean; Youth and Rec Director; Student from Rondout Valley 'Participation in Government' class; Rod Bicknell; Shawangunk Journal and Jodi LaMarco; Blue Stone Press.

Supervisor Parete called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and Councilman Borzumato lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Town Clerk Moody submitted the following vouchers for approval:

<b><u>August 2018 Amendments</u></b>	<b><u>Vouchers</u></b>	<b><u>Total Payment</u></b>
<b>General Fund</b>	V#540	\$8,815.75

Total amount of August vouchers	<b>\$47,307.49</b>
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<b>Highway Fund</b>	V#300	\$46.39
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Total amount of August vouchers	<b>\$83,108.98</b>
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A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Borzumato to approve this voucher.  
4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

<b>High Falls Water</b>	V#90	\$10,950.65
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Total amount of August vouchers	<b>\$19,027.57</b>
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A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Borzumato to approve this voucher.  
4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

**RMC**

V#122

\$2,500.00

Total amount of August vouchers

**\$17,631.49**

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Borzumato to approve this voucher.  
4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

September 2018

## Vouchers

**Total Payment**

## General Fund

#542-598

\$37,287.16

## Highway Fund

#301-333

~~\$44,881.46~~

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Borzumato to approve this voucher.  
4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

# High Falls Water District

#91-99

\$16,475.81

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Borzumato to approve this voucher.  
4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

# RMC September

#123-136

\$17,910.99

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Borzumato to approve this voucher.  
4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

## ESCROWS

## Zoning (5)

**\$2,657.50**

## Planning (7)

**\$3,003.75**

A motion was made by Councilman Sweeney and seconded by Councilman Borzumato to approve this voucher.  
4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried.

## LIASON REPORTS:

**YOUTH & REC (Councilman Stewart):**

- Town Park - Field use busy with area youth sports programs; soccer, LAX.
- Extended parking area is on the highway schedule for improvement.
- Community Center is busy with private rentals on the weekends and classes/meetings during the week.
- Youth Programs – Current programs; Gymnastics and Ninja Warrior (4) classes full with waiting lists.
- Pre-school story hour started today at the S.R. Library.
- Registration going on for Youth Wrestling that begins November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- After school programs are in high demand so we are researching to add more.
- Summer Camp went really well with all 6 sessions filled with waiting list.

**RAIL TRAIL (Councilman Stewart):**

- O&W Rail Trail is in negotiations with a local property owner to exchange a piece of land.

### **HISTORIC COMMISSION (Councilman Stewart):**

- The commission has established a code of ethics for their commissioners.

### **ZBA (Councilman Sweeney):**

- ZBA report was read for the record.

### **ASSESSOR'S (Councilman Sweeney):**

- The 2018 Reval project was the first year of a five-year Cyclical Assessment Program recently adopted by the town. As part of this plan a data verification of select parcels during the next year will happen. 329 parcels have been inspected.
- The process for the 2019 Assessment Roll has started. Sub-divisions and new construction are being reviewed.
- During September the office will start to put together the renewal applications for Senior Citizens and Enhanced Star Exemptions. Due to changes to Real Property Tax Law Senior Citizens will be required to complete three separate applications for next year. In the past they only need to complete one application. We anticipate that this will create additional work in the office, since we will have to provide more assistance to taxpayers this year than in the past. The plan is to post a notice on the town web site prior to the applications going out in October.

### **PLANNING (Councilman Sweeney):**

- Planning report read and submitted for the record.

### **HIGHWAY (Superintendent Dimler):**

- The Highway Department has two vehicles they would like to put on International Auctions; a 1993 Gradall and a 7600 Tandem truck (dump truck, paver, plower). A motion was made by Supervisor Parete and seconded by Councilman Borzumato to approve putting these two vehicles on International Auctions; 1 absent, motion carried.
- The new truck should be in the first week of December.

### **OTHER TOWN BUSINESS (Supervisor Parete):**

- The High Falls Water District has approved the purchase of 200 new meters. The town is in the process of getting quotes to install the meters.
- Terry Johnson, High Falls Water District, will be retiring in June 2019, after 37 years.
- Sprint could be submitting an application to put on our antenna, which could result in approximately \$2,500 - \$3,000 a month.
- The town employees are starting to go through their yearly training of Workplace Violence, CPR, and Sexual Harassment. This year they will start including Active Shooter training.
- We are looking into quotes for upgrading the server that backs up all the town computers and looking into upgrading computers along with our e-mail system, as what we are using now will not be supported in 2019. The total cost of these upgrades could be between \$25,000-\$30,000.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Motion made by Supervisor Parete, seconded by Councilman Borzumato, 1 absent, motion carried, to move into Executive Session at 7:30pm to discuss matters relating to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law and Acquisition, lease or sale of real property or securities when publicity would substantially affect the value.
- Motion was made by Supervisor Parete, seconded by Councilman Sweeney, 1 absent, motion carried to close the Executive Session and that the Board return to regular session at 8:45pm.
- No actions or votes were taken during this Executive Session.

**Motion to adjourn:** There being no further discussion Councilman Sweeney made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Borzumato; 4-0 Aye, 1 absent, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Moody  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector