

The Regular meeting of the Town of Rockland was held on February 18, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.. in the Town Hall, Main Street, Livingston Manor, New York with the following members:

PRESENT:                   SUPERVISOR               ROBERT EGGLETON  
                                  COUNCILPERSON        GLEN CARLSON  
                                  COUNCILPERSON        PETE DEVANTIER  
                                  COUNCILPERSON        JOANN RYDER

ABSENT:                    COUNCILPERSON        EDWIN EDWARDS

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy Newman, Town Clerk, Theodore Hartling, Highway Superintendent, and several members of the public:

Supervisor Eggleton called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag.

### **7:15 PM - OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #1**

At 7:17 PM Supervisor Eggleton opened the public hearing for comment on Local Law #1 for 2016 entitled: a law amending Chapter 158, entitled "Taxation", of the Code of the Town of Rockland. No public comment. Supervisor Eggleton closed the hearing.

### **RESOLUTION - ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1 FOR 2016**

On a motion of Ms. Ryder, seconded by Mr. Devantier, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to adopt local law #1 for 2016 amending Chapter 158, entitled Taxation, of the Code of the Town of Rockland.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Devantier and carried, the minutes of February 4, 2016 were approved as distributed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Sullivan Renaissance walking advocate for a Healthy Community seminar at Bethel Woods on March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Rupco/Green Energy - NYSERDA Home performance with ENERGY STAR Program information packet set via email from Michael D'Arcy, Program Manager

**David Bodenstein, owner of Mike Preis, Inc** presented the Board with the 2016 Insurance Proposal for the Town. Mr. Bodenstein review all the sections of the proposal and asked for questions on same. The premium for this year is \$48,558.35. There was discussion on the new Town Barn/Office and the Livingston Manor Sewer upgrade being insured. Mr. Bodenstein will check on these buildings and contact Supervisor Eggleton on his findings.

### **RESOLUTION - APPROVE INSURANCE THROUGH MIKE PREIS, INC.**

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Ryder, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve insurance proposal from Mike Preis, Inc for a total of \$48,558.35, FURTHER RESOLVED - to pay voucher upon receipt.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Updates on Projects** Supervisor Eggleton gave updates on the following projects: Highway Barn/Office (electrical work needed and floors grinded down), Livingston Manor Sewer Treatment (poles are up for covering over the drying beds and the project is on schedule with construction), Solar Project (Zoning Variance has been approved by Liberty Planning Board, we are looking at alternate sites in the Town of Rockland to allow for tax exempt status).
- **LP Gas Rate** prices were reviewed and we currently are paying CES .45 over wholesale; Mirabito is .50 over wholesale and Lechner did not reply to our request.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Relief from Moratorium** - Sam Kovalyov, Haven for Humanity Inc appeared before the Board requesting relief from the Moratorium. Mr. Kovalyov presented the Board members with a mission statement and definitions as defined by Haven. Supervisor Eggleton advised them that

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in 10 months the moratorium will be null and void and they are free to apply for a building permit at that time. With this information, Mr. Kovalyov, felt that this would no longer pertain to their building schedule.

**Russell Budd, Private Research Consultant** appeared before the Board to address updating the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. He recommends keeping the plan current every five years to increase securing State grants and loans. Some of the changes would incorporate new information and delete outdated statements. The updates should incorporate the 2010 U.S. Census demographic, property tax rates, land use maps and any changing needs of the Town. Russell advised that for grant writing he charges \$65 per hour, but since he is not a planner, he will charge \$55 per hour to assist the Town Board with this issue. A special committee will be created to address changes.

Harvey Susswein, a resident on White Roe Lake Road appeared before the Board and agrees that updating the Comprehensive Plan is a good idea. He provided the Board with a petition that was presented several years ago stating “ We believe that the existing Rural conservation Zone which allows subdivisions as small as two acres is inadequate to preserve the rural residential nature of our neighborhood. We request that 1. the Town of Rockland establish a new zone with a minimum lot size of five acres. 2. That our neighborhood, as well as other neighborhoods that may request it, be re-zoned from Rural Conservation to the new five-acre-zone.”

**APPOINTMENT - DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

Judy Newman, Town Clerk distributed a memo to the Board advising that Maureen Gorr, Deputy Town Clerk will be moving out of the area. Mrs. Newman hereby appoints Dawn Eggleton, Deputy Town Clerk. The rate of pay will be the same as current deputies.

**RESOLUTION - WAIVE 30-DAY NOTICE FOR LIQUOR LICENSE CPG MANOR, LLC dba CATSKILL PIZZA GARDEN**

On a motion of Mr. Devantier, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the following resolution was ADOPTED - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - that the Town of Rockland Board waive the 30-day notice requirement for CPG Manor, LLC dba Catskill Pizza Garden, located at 39 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY to submit their application to the New York State Liquor Authority in order to expedite the application process.

**Marilyn Walters - Water Leak** was reported. Councilman Devantier will get a letter from Ms. Walters plumber advising that the water did not go into the sewer system. At that time this issue will be addressed.

**APPOINTMENT - ALTERNATE ZONING BOARD**

On a motion of Mr. Devantier, seconded by Mr. Carlson and carried, to appoint Art Riegal to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate members. 4 Ayes

**Water/Sewer Log** was distributed.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent** reported that his department has been busy plowing.

**RESOLUTION - APPROVE TED TO ATTEND HIGHWAY SCHOOL**

On a motion of Ms. Ryder, seconded by Mr. Devantier and carried, the Board approved Ted to attend Highway School in June, 2016. 4 Ayes

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Mr. Devantier, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve the bills on the abstract #4 in the following amounts:

Barn Highway Project	7 to 8	\$ 59,974.61
General Fund	55 to 71	11,145.33
Highway	48 to 67	37,185.56
Liv. Manor Sewer	21 to 25	1,785.80

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Roscoe Rockland Water	20 to 26	2,766.90
Liv Manor Water	22 to 25	1,800.75
Roscoe Sewer	26 to 32	2,271.21
Roscoe Rockland Light	5 to 6	1,260.08
Livingston Manor Sewer Construction	3 to 5	137,606.78
Hazel Light	3 to 4	62.53
Liv. Manor Light	3 to 5	2,427.66

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion of Mr. Devantier, seconded by Ms. Ryder and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

