

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Rockland was held on June 19, 2014 at 7:00P.M. at the Town Hall, Livingston Manor, New York with the following members

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR EDWARD WEITMANN
 COUNCILPERSON WILLIAM ROSER JR
 COUNCILPERSON ROBERT EGGLETON
 COUNCILPERSON EDWIN EDWARDS

ABSENT: COUNCILPERSON GLEN CARLSON

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy Newman, Town Clerk, Theodore Hartling, Highway Superintendent, Robert Wolcott, Water and Sewer Superintendent and several members of the public.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Eggleton, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the minutes of June 5, 2014 were approved as presented by the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

CORRESPONDENCE

- Energy in the Bank - Letter of Authorization - there was no objection from the Board to allow Supervisor Weitmann to sign said authorization
- Town of Liberty - Joint Fuel Bid
- New York State Department of Ag & Markets - RFP for Farmland Protection Implementation Projects
- Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent - Beaverkill Covered Bridge DOT rehabilitation project will be delayed for a year
- New York State Public Service - Their goal to identify at-risk natural gas pipelines to allow utilities to make necessary repairs

OLD BUSINESS

Town Barn Project - Supervisor Weitmann reported that they are working with the grant writer to acquire estimates and they will continue to seek funding for said project.

RESOLUTION (AMENDMENT) SUPPORTING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY DIVISION OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN APPLYING TO THE NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PLANNING PROGRAM TO FUND A COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE UPPER MAIN STREET COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND ADJACENT BLOCKS IN LIVINGSTON MANOR.

WHEREAS, the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation provides funding through the Office of Community Renewal (“OCR”) under the New York State Community Development Block Grant (“NYS CDBG”) for small, rural communities and counties to undertake activities that focus on community development needs such as creating or expanding job opportunities, providing safe affordable housing, and/or addressing local public infrastructure and public facilities issues; and

WHEREAS, OCR has made available approximately \$25 million in NYS CDBG funding statewide through the 2014 New York State Consolidated Funding Application (“CFA”), inviting eligible applicants to submit proposals for public infrastructure, public facilities, economic development and planning projects by the application deadline of June 16th, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the NYS CDBG Planning Program provides grants up to \$50,000 per project for either of two activities, Community Needs Assessments or Preliminary Engineering Reports, and whereas with these projects at least one of two national objectives must be met: 1) at least 51% of the persons who would benefit from implementation of the plan are low- and moderate-income persons; or 2) the plan addresses a slum or blighted area in the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Livingston Manor Renaissance, the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce, Sullivan Renaissance and the Town of Rockland organized a series of visioning workshops to seek and obtain input from area residents on community development priorities in the hamlet of Livingston Manor; and,

WHEREAS, the outcome of the visioning workshops was the creation of three working groups to focus on Upper (South) Main Street Revitalization; Parks, Trails and “Walkable Communities”; and Youth Programming, as key themes for further planning and implementation measures; and

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF ROCKLAND, JUNE 19, 2014

WHEREAS, in early 2014 representatives from the Town of Rockland, Sullivan Renaissance and the Upper Main Street working group approached the County of Sullivan (the "County"), through the Division of Planning and Environmental Management ("SC DPEM") and the Division of Public Works ("DPW"), seeking assistance with opportunities to fund sidewalk and stormwater infrastructure improvements in the area of Upper Main Street; and,

WHEREAS, through further discussion, representatives from SC DPEM, the Town, Sullivan Renaissance and the Working Group determined that further needs assessment and planning were needed before funding for sidewalk improvements could be secured, and that such planning efforts might also consider flood mitigation measures proposed at the intersection with Pearl Street, commercial vacancies on Main Street, nearby vacant and industrial parcels, and access to existing and proposed parks and trails within the hamlet; and

WHEREAS, the County has offered to apply for and, if successful, to administer a NYS CDBG Planning Program grant of \$50,000 on behalf of and in collaboration with the Town of Rockland and other partners listed above, in order to conduct a Preliminary Engineering Report focused on the area of Main Street and Pearl Street as well as the Upper Main Street District in Livingston Manor;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Rockland does support the County submitting said NYS CDBG Planning Program grant application through the 2014 CFA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if awarded, the Town of Rockland offers its cooperation and collaboration in implementing the work plan for the NYS CDBG Planning Program Grant for Livingston Manor's Upper Main Street district.

Moved by: Mr. Roser, Seconded by: Edwards and duly adopted on Motion, June 19, 2014

Welch Property - Supervisor Weitmann reported that he has submitted payment and signed documents to the Treasurers Office for the purchase of the former Welch property.

NEW BUSINESS

Energy in the Bank sent information on a proposal for solar panel projects on Town Property. The Town Board discussed this issue and they are in favor of looking into solar panels with this company and possibly others.

Willowemoc Motel - A letter was sent to the owner of the Willowemoc Motel from Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer. The letter addresses violations with smoke detectors and electrical issues. Glenn also sent a letter to Livingston Manor Central School on questions about floodplain requirements for development of a dugout on their property. They are required to apply for a floodplain development permit.

Supervisor's monthly report - was presented. Motion by Mr. Eggleton, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to accept the Supervisor's monthly report. 4 AYES - Carried

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent reported that his department is working on cold mix paving this coming Monday on Craigie Clair Road. He also advised that he will be purchasing chipping stone from Cobleskill at \$4 more than the current distributor. The stone from Cobleskill is limestone, which is much harder than what they previously have purchased. He feels that it will hold up longer on the roads. The Board concurred with Ted's decision on the purchase of limestone.

Bob Wolcott, Water and Sewer Superintendent reported the communication alarm system recently went out from the Livingston Manor Water Plant to a surge protector. Bob suspects that it was hit by lightning. He reported on the meeting in New Paltz with the DEC and our engineer. They are requesting engineering for an Inflow and Infiltration Study. Bob also reported on a complaint about rusty water from the Roscoe Distillery, located on Union Street, Roscoe. To clear their water up, the water department will flush the lines and try and work with them to get the matter resolved.

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF ROCKLAND, JUNE 19, 2014

Buy-out of Flood Damaged Homes - Supervisor Weitmann is working with Brian Brustman, District Manager for Sullivan County Soil and Water to secure funding to purchase the two properties (Krupp & Bear) damaged from flooding. If funding is secured, they will work with the County to possibly have them take ownership of the parcels as they border a county road and bridge..

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Roser, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve the bills on the abstract #12 in the following amounts:

General Fund	209 to 226	\$ 15,011.81
Highway	189 to 206	72,681.35
Liv. Manor Sewer	97 to 104	8,625.79
Roscoe Rockland Water	87 to 91	2,050.91
Liv Manor Water	88 to 93	3,987.58
Roscoe Sewer	73 to 76	1,575.74
Roscoe Rockland Light	22 to 23	959.53
Hazel Park Light	10 to 11	47.65
Livingston Manor Light	12 to 13	1,852.46

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mr. & Mrs. Zanger, representing the Roscoe-Rockland Chamber appeared before the Board to address issues relating to the Comprehensive Master Plan and High Density Housing. They also requested permission to place a storage shed at the end of the parking lot in Roscoe, which is owned by the Town. The Board does not want anything to be put on the parking lot. Other locations were suggested for placement of the storage shed.

David Bodenstein, the Town's insurance agent appeared before the Board. He presented a check in the amount of \$514.79. This check represents a return on the Town's original capitalization.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Mr. Roser, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Newman, Town Clerk

