

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Rockland was held on June 5, 2014 at 7:00P.M. at the Town Hall, Livingston Manor, New York with the following members

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy Newman, Town Clerk, Theodore Hartling, Highway Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer, Cynthia Theadore, Assessor 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 May 15, 2014 were approved as presented by the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

- Sullivan County Division of Public Works - letter from Town looking for support from the County to secure a parcel of property formerly owned by the County and now owned by Roscoe-Rockland Fire District
- Senator Bonacic - Notice of funding opportunity under a program for municipalities with a need for municipal improvements
- Army Corp of Engineers/DEC - determination of dam structure at airport
- Sullivan County Treasurers Office - regarding acquisition of former Welch property known as SBL# 17.-1-36.14
- Alma Denman - letter thanking the Board for restoring the sign at Catskill Regional Medical Center identifying the Roscoe-Rockland section of the garden
- NYS DOT - letter regarding transmittal of 2013 bridge inspection reports
- NYS DEC - notice of violations at the Livingston Manor Sewer Treatment Plant, meeting set for June 10, 2014

OLD BUSINESS

Golden Feather- funds were received in the amount of \$49,999.67 for the first phase of the sidewalk project in Roscoe. Supervisor Weitmann advised that these funds are from 2008 Renaissance grant that were awarded to Roscoe-Rockland Chamber.

Comprehensive Master Plan needs to be reviewed, updated and approved. A meeting will be set with the Code Enforcement Officer, Planning, Zoning and Town Board to accomplish this requirement.

Russell Budd, Grant Writer completed a grant application from EFC for the Roscoe Sewer Treatment Plant improvements.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION - 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

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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

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 Community Needs Assessment focused on the Upper Main Street District of 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. Eggleton Seconded by: Mr. Carlson and duly adopted on Motion, June 5, 2014

RESOLUTION - APPROVE DRAFT BID SPECS & APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR TOWN BARN PROJECT

On a motion of Mr. Roser, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 5, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve Joe Gottlieb Engineering to draft specs for the Town Barn Project; FURTHER RESOLVED - to apply for State & Municipal Facility Capital Program Funding for the Town Barn Project.

RESOLUTION - APPROVE PURCHASE OF FORMER WELCH PROPERTY FROM COUNTY

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 5, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve purchase of the former Welch property to be added to the Highway Department Property; FURTHER RESOLVED - authorize Supervisor Weitmann to sign real property transfer form for purchase of said property.

RESOLUTION - APPROVE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ROSCOE STP

On a motion of Mr. Roser, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 5, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to apply for State & Municipal Facility Capital Program Funding for the Roscoe Sewer Treatment Plant.

RESOLUTION - APPROVE SPEED REDUCTION SECTION OF COUNTY ROAD 152

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Roser, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 5, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED, that the Town of Rockland hereby request the Sullivan County Division of Public Works, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles

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may proceed along a section of County Road 152 in the location of the Trout Club Property, Lew Beach, New York.

RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT ROBERT ECKERT TO PLANNING BOARD

On a motion of Mr. Eggleton, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to appoint Robert Eckert to the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Carol Park to expire December 31, 2019. 5 AYES - Carried. Supervisor Weitmann wished to thank Carol Park for her seven years service on the Planning Board.

Dog Control Report for the past two months were presented.

Town Clerks monthly report and the final report for the Collection of Taxes for 2014 were presented.

Water/Sewer Weekend Schedule was presented.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent recommends to bid the Town Barn Project as a whole building. Ted was contacted by the New York State DOT. They are looking for a recipient to take approximately 1000 yards of road material. Ted advised that the Town could use the material, but he needs a location to store it. He is looking at the site of the former sand bank. There was discussion. The Board had no objections to obtain the road material from the State, providing it is clean.

Cindy Theodore, Assessor advised that the Town broke even with the tentative assessment roll. She reported that grievance day was slow with only three in person applications presented to the Assessment Board. Twelve applications were received via mail.

Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer presented his report of permits issued. He advised that he has a few violations for high grass and he addressed an issue with raw sewage running on the ground on a parcel in Morrston. There is excess debris on a parcel located on Willouby Street. Ted advised there is also an issue with boundary lines of said property. There were no objections to allow Glenn to hire Jim Severing to survey the area of discrepancy.

The 11th annual trout parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th in Livingston Manor. The parade steps off at 1:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Roser, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 5, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve the bills on the abstract #11 in the following amounts:

General Fund	187 to 208	\$ 30,116.39
Highway	163 to 188	86,870.77
Liv. Manor Sewer	84 to 96	10,988.81
Roscoe Rockland Water	77 to 86	3,328.90
Liv Manor Water	81 to 87	3,548.72
Roscoe Sewer	66 to 72	5,169.60
Roscoe Rockland Light	20 to 21	343.59

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Newman, Town Clerk

