

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Rockland was held on June 16, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, Livingston Manor, NY with the following members:

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR EDWARD WEITMANN
 COUNCILPERSON GLEN CARLSON
 COUNCILPERSON WILLIAM ROSER JR
 COUNCILPERSON ROBERT EGGLETON
 COUNCILPERSON EILEEN MERSHON

Others present: Judy Newman, Town Clerk, Theodore Hartling, Highway Superintendent, Charles Irace, Code Enforcement Officer 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. Roser, seconded by Mrs. Mershon and carried, the minutes from June 2, 2011 were approved as presented by the Town Clerk. Councilman Carlson abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

- New York State Department of Transportation: Beaverkill Covered Bridge Agreement re: notification on repairs
- NYMIR: subscriber accounting statement
- Sullivan County Division of Planning: Roundtable discussion to be held at Bethel Woods on June 23 from 4 PM to 6 PM
- New York State Urban Community Forestry Council re: Conference to be held in New Paltz July 14th to 16th
- New York State Public Service re: Energy Efficiency Awareness Campaign for the summer
- New York State Department of Transportation re: New Signage Policy
- Invitations were sent to Bonacic and Gunther to attend the parade On June 17th in celebrations of the Livingston Manor Central School Softball and Baseball State Winners
- Sullivan Renaissance - Scholarships for volunteers
- Time Warner re: program changes

OLD BUSINESS

Livingston Manor Sewer Treatment Plant - a draft consulting contract was received from Russell Budd regarding a grant writer position to assist the Town with acquiring grant fund and/or loans for reconstruction of the sewer facility.

Trout Parade - held on June 11th was a success and there was a good turnout.

AFLAC - will hold an Insurance Informational meeting on Tuesday, June 21st @ 7:30 A.M. in the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

MMTF - RESOLUTION - TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING LOCAL ROADS

Resolution Moved by Mr. Roser

Seconded by Mr. Eggleton

WHEREAS, the Town of Rockland is a participating member of the MultiMunicipal Gas Drilling Task Force, which Task Force consists of the Towns of Tusten, Cochection, Bethel, Callicoon, Delaware, Highland, Lumberland and Rockland (collectively, "the MMTF"), all being located in Sullivan County, New York, and

WHEREAS, the MMTF has engaged Delta Engineers & Architects, P.C. ("Delta") and

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Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, LLP (“WOH”) to develop a proposed local law and permitting program to be considered for enactment and administration in each of the MMTF member Towns for the purpose of preserving local roads; and

WHEREAS, enactment and administration of any such local law would be considered an Unlisted Action for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and a 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the member Towns determined to act as Co-Lead Agencies for the SEQRA review of the proposed road preservation and restoration program and determined that the adoption of laws for the preservation and restoration of roads may have a significant effect on the environment requiring the preparation of a DGEIS and, thereafter, published notice of its positive declaration in the Environmental News Bulletin; and

WHEREAS, the member Towns intend to assess the potentially adverse environmental impacts which may be attributable to any such law through the preparation of a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“DGEIS”); and

WHEREAS, the MMTF, with the assistance of Delta and WOH prepared and submitted to each of the MMTF and each member Towns a draft Scope to guide the preparation of the DGEIS; and

WHEREAS, notice of scoping was published in The River Reporter, the Sullivan County Democrat and the Environmental Notice Bulletin, and public comment on the draft Scope was accepted in person at a public scoping session held on July 22, 2010, and in written form through August 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS, no involved or interested agency comments, or public comments were received by the MMTF or member Towns on the draft Scope; and

WHEREAS, each of the member Towns of the MMTF received a copy of the Final Scope for the DGEIS and adopted the same; and

WHEREAS, the MMTF and the member Towns have been advised by Delta and WOH that the DGEIS has been prepared and is adequate with respect to its scope and content for the purpose of commencing public review, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.9;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Rockland hereby determines that:

1. The DGEIS is complete and hereby accepts the DGEIS as adequate with respect to the scope and content for the purpose of commencing public review, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.9; and
2. Pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.9 (a) (3), written comments on the DGEIS will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. on July 18, 2011 at the offices of Whiteman Osterman and Hanna LLP One Commerce Plaza, Suite 1900, Albany, NY 12260 Attn: Mark Sweeney, Esq. or by Fax at (518-487-7777 or email at msweeney@woh.com or at any Town Clerk’s office of the member Towns; and
3. The member towns and the MMTF will hold a public hearing on the DGEIS, the proposed local law for road preservation and restoration and road use agreement templates on **June 30, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.** at 6604 State Route 52 Lake Huntington, NY 12752, at which time the hearing will start with a public information session on DGEIS document, followed by an opportunity to comment on the DGEIS, the road preservation and restoration program as well as the proposed template laws and road use agreements to be adopted; and
4. A Notice of Completion of the DGEIS and Notice of Public Hearings shall be filed with involved and interested agencies and published in accordance with the requirements of 6 NYCRR 617.12 and the member Towns’ local laws; and

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5. The Town Clerk of each town is directed to file, publish and distribute the DGEIS as required by 6 NYCRR 617.12.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call: Mr. Carlson AYE, Mrs. Mershon AYE, Mr. Roser AYE, Mr. Eggleton AYE, Mr. Weitmann AYE - YES 5 NO 0 Abstained 0

Roscoe-Rockland Chamber of Commerce Winner of \$25,000 Prize - for the Ultimate Fishing Town USA. The prize funds will have to be used for fishing related activities.

Budget Modifications for Roscoe golden Feather Awards - will be presented at the next meeting. These funds have to be spent and will then be reimbursed. For Bookkeeping purposes, budget modifications must be completed to show these funds going out and coming back in.

Water/Sewer Daily Log and Weekend Duty Schedule - was presented.

Supervisors Monthly report was presented. Motion by Mrs. Mershon, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to accept the Supervisor's monthly report. 5 AYES - Carried

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent reported the he will be paving Palen and Taylor Roads, Roscoe on Monday. On the 27th he plans to pave Miller Heights, Roscoe.

He also reported that the he has offered the use of the Town's dozer to the Roscoe Rockland Chamber. It will be operated by Elwin Wood, who is a former employee of Town of Rockland Highway Department. There were no objections from the Board.

Charles Irace , Code Enforcement Officer reported that he issued 10 permits this past month for a total of 49 for the year. He sent out 12 unsafe structure violation and attended 1 court appearance. Mr. Irace also advised the Board that he will be attending code school on June 22nd.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion of Mr. Roser, seconded by Mr. Eggleton, the following resolution was ADOPTED VOTE - AYES 5 NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve the bills on abstract #12 dated June 16, 2011, the following amounts:

General Fund	#178-193	\$ 10,543.50
Highway	#205-216	178,663.77
Roscoe Sewer	#77	39.36
Roscoe Rockland Water	#71-76	1,079.45
Livingston Manor Water	#87-93	4,494.64
Livingston Manor Sewer	#90-94	637.67
Hazel Park Light	#11	31.91
Livingston Manor Light	#17	1,140.34
Roscoe Rockland Light	#24	632.79

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Eggleton the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Newman, Town Clerk, RMC

