

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Rockland was held on December 21, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall, Main Street, Livingston Manor, New York with the following members:

PRESENT:	SUPERVISOR	ROBERT EGGLETON
	COUNCILPERSON	EDWIN EDWARDS
	COUNCILPERSON	GLEN CARLSON
ABSENT:	COUNCILPERSON	PETE DEVANTIER
	COUNCILPERSON	JOANN RYDER
	TOWN CLERK	JUDY NEWMAN

OTHERS PRESENT: Caroline Devoe, Deputy Town Clerk, Theodore Hartling, Highway Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer, and several members of the public:

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried, to approve the minutes of Dec. 7, 2017 as distributed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Holiday cards received from Bonacic and Cuomo

Presentation opened by Dick Riesling of CCA Sullivan County (Community Choice Aggregation)

have been authorized by NYS to assist towns to control their energy source and get to choose who to use. Glen Weinberg was introduced and specifically asked:

1. That our town pass a local law to establish a CCA program. This is not binding but allows an open door to go forward.
2. That an administrator is chosen for the program and everything will stay local.

Nothing will go forward unless the administrator can come up with savings for the town in order to establish contract. The utility company allows the administrator to get all data needed to negotiate. No compensation is given to administrator until meeting the contract goal. There is an estimated 8-10% savings on electricity with approximately 65,000 households. The goal is to move beyond purchasing energy & to stimulate local renewable projects. Mr. Weinberg stated that Sullivan County is prime for local renewables. He also stated that it is cheaper for consumers who subscribe to local projects & can write their own contract guaranteeing savings each month. By enabling a Local Law with no commitment, this starts the utility clock & allows consumption information so that they can solicit bids from buyers through the administrator. There can be numerous communities involved as long as they are in the same grid zone (ex: NYSEG) Delaware River Solar (DelawareRiverSolar.com) are a major energy producer locally & Cindy Menges was introduced. She stated that Callicoon has 2 megawatts (roughly 200 roof top solars) and 1,000 homes benefit from that. Towns can join together & can opt in/out anytime with no penalty. This principal is "if you get a lot of small customers, it becomes a big power". Supv. Eggleton stated that he will send a copy of Local Law to Town Attorney and that it would be helpful to have another presentation for the public to gain better understanding.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Check was received for \$50,000 plow truck

RestoreNY completed application for Antrim Lodge for up to One Million dollars and can be used with other grants.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2018 Water/Sewer Rates set at \$5 increase for Water Districts, \$3 increase for Sewer. 2017 had NO rate changes and it was discussed that it was easier to increase in \$5 increments. When the audit is finalized they will make decision.

Resolution to accept the rate changes, on a motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Carlson to raise LM Sewer & Roscoe Sewer rates by \$3/qtr. LM Water & Roscoe Water by \$5/qtr. All in favor, 3-0.

- A letter was received from Art Riegal regarding fees for Zoning Variances. CO Glenn Gabbard stated that the current process works well in receiving fees.
- A model Resolution for moving along with grants will be handed out to review
- Year end meeting set to be held at 2pm on Thursday 12/28/2017 to pay bills and wrap up any business for year.

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF ROCKLAND, DECEMBER 21, 2017**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent reported that the excavator, 2 Kenworths and 2 buckets were auctioned at \$43,000. The new truck came in this week & will go into the Highway budget for 2018. There were transmission & rear end break downs this week.

Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer reported that the old Davis resident on Old 17 between Liv. Manor & Roscoe is ready to collapse. Also on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm the Camp in Grooville (leaking sewage into stream) will go to court along with DEC & DOH.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel issue

Opened at 8:20pm on a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards. Executive session closed at 8:44pm and regular meeting resumed.

Supv. Eggleton stated that Town Councilperson Pete Devantier resigned due to health reasons. Dawn Eggleton submitted her resignation from part-time positions as Deputy Town Clerk, Court Clerk to accept a full time position elsewhere. Resignations were accepted on a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 3, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve the bills on the abstract #24 in the following amounts:

Trust and Agency	3	300.00
General Fund	432-452	21,417.48
Highway	386-406	66,422.32
Liv Manor Water	168-173	2,037.60
Liv Manor Sewer	178-182	2,290.26
Roscoe Rockland Water	160-165	2,109.24
Roscoe Sewer	162-168	3,329.35
Liv. Manor Light	24-25	817.17
Hazel Park Light	24	19.18
Roscoe Rockland Light	45-46	496.48

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sheila Shultz suggested sending a letter of appreciation to Pete Devantier for his service to the town. Councilman Edwards suggested sending a letter to Dawn Eggleton also.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Carlson and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline F. Devoe  
Deputy Town Clerk