

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Rockland was held on January 4, 2018 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  
                                  COUNCILPERSON       JOANN RYDER

OTHERS PRESENT: Caroline Devoe, Town Clerk, Theodore Hartling, Highway Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Wolcott, Water/Sewer Superintendent and several members of the public.

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

Moment of silence in memory of Peter Devantier

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Carlson with Ms. Ryder abstained, to approve the minutes of Dec. 21, 2017 and Dec.28, 2017 as distributed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- SC Catskills Inside Insights
- Tobacco Free Action Communities a sample resolution was reviewed from Neversink

### **Re-Organizational Schedule 2018**

- Official Newspaper remains as Sullivan County Democrat
- Town Officials and Office Clerks received 2% increase with exceptions: Councilpersons salary remain same as 2017, Town Clerk salary decreased from 2017
- Councilperson to replace Peter Devantier will be decided later this month.
- Utility person suggestion by Supv. Eggleton for Alix Dench-Layton to work as a fill in for Bookkeeper and Assistant Court Clerk. Ted Hartling had some concerns about re-hiring a past employee. Supv. Eggleton stated that Personnel issues should be discussed in Executive Session not in general public. Councilperson Carlson agreed that the matter should be discussed and resolved in Executive session.
- The position of Code Enforcement Officer is listed as part time but it is suggested to list as a full time position given the scope of the work and hours involved.
- Mary Hankins was appointed by Supv. Eggleton to be Deputy Supervisor
- Dog Control Officer duties were discussed with suggestions made to look into shared services with other towns or to add responsibilities to contact people who aren't licensing or renewing dog licenses. Also recommended that regular monthly reports be made. The ongoing rabies is a concern & dogs need to be vaccinated in order to get a license.

**PUBLIC HEARING** opened at 7:23 on a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, with all in favor to review updating the Roscoe Sewer Plant. It is a 2.3 million projected cost with a timeline completion in 2020. Robert Wolcott asked if we can roll over what has already been put into the sewer plant. Supv. Eggleton said no we cannot. A motion by Mr. Carlson seconded by Mr. Edwards to close public hearing at 7:27pm.

- Review of the Reorganizational schedule resumed. No changes but noted that the last page contained the Holiday Schedule according to the County for 2018. The Sullivan County Democrat remains the Official town newspaper.
- A motion was made by Mr. Carlson to accept the Reorganizational Schedule except for the utility position, seconded by Mr. Edwards, Ms. Ryder opposed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Extended stays at hotels and motels, Code Officer Glenn Gabbard spoke with Ken Klein regarding law giving enforcement to length of stays. Willowemoc motel issues need to be resolved hopefully before February as there are buyers interested already.
- The updated timeline on the Roscoe Sewer plant explained in a letter by Russell Budd.

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- Ms. Ryder asked about the Antrim reimbursing the \$500 fee.
- Post Office is providing free mailboxes to Assessor and Water/Sewer
- Furnace trouble in Town Hall and Highway due to cold temperatures

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Resolution read to authorize Supervisor to submit funding application  
A motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Carlson with all in favor to accept.
- Resolution and Order after Public Hearing was read, a motion was made by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, all in favor to accept.
- Resolution to move forward with Bond Anticipation, on a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, all in favor to accept.
- Resolution on consulting agreement with Russell Budd. On a motion by Ms. Ryder, seconded by Mr. Edwards, all in favor to accept.
- Resolution on engineering agreement with Bippin Gandi. On a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Ryder, all in favor to accept.

These resolutions must be certified and published within 10 days of accepting and are attached. Mr. Wolcott asked who handles bills, he stated Mary Hankins did previously. Mr. Gabbard asked about inspections which are contractual and they need to be noted.

- A memo from Town Clerk to all elected and appointed officials regarding record keeping of all work hours and activities for 3 months from 1/1 to 3/31/18.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent stated he needs to hire part time workers since some of the drivers are getting sick. The contract allows four temporary help with only minimal expense to get them under way. He may need a longer temporary fill in for an employee who may be out soon with knee replacement. The department also needs to look into a small 1 ton truck.

Robert Wolcott, Water/Sewer Superintendent stated they have had a few freeze ups, they have also been working on their trucks in this cold weather.

Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer was in court along with DEC & DOH. on January 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the Camp in Grooville (leaking sewage into stream) Mr. Gabbard said they are looking at steep fines from DEC and suggested that our town take a strong stand against these violations from this camp that has contaminated our stream. We should also try to avoid letting them truck out sewage resulting in road damage.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Personnel issue

Opened at 8:03pm on a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards. Executive session closed at 8:40pm and regular meeting resumed.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Ryder, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve the bills on the abstract #1 of 2018 in the following amounts:

General Fund	1-16	\$66,075.71
Highway	1-7	100,414.44
Liv Manor Water	1-4	8,773.71
Liv Manor Sewer	1-4	10,535.91
Roscoe Rockland Water	1-8	9,845.75
Roscoe Sewer	1-7	9,767.15
Roscoe Rockland Light	1	203.85

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion of Mr. Carlson seconded by Ms. Ryder and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline F. Devoe  
Town Clerk