

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Rockland was held on November 7, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, Livingston Manor, New York with the following members:

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR EDWARD WEITMANN
 COUNCILPERSON GLEN CARLSON
 COUNCILPERSON WILLIAM ROSER, JR
 COUCNILPERSON ROBERT EGGLETON

ABSENT: COUNCILPERSON EILEEN MERSHON

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy Newman, Town Clerk, Theodore Hartling, Highway Superintendent, Robert Wolcott, Water and Sewer Superintendent, 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. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Eggleton, the minutes of October 17, 2013 were approved as presented by the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

- New York State Environmental Facility Corp - Livingston Manor Sewage Treatment Plant comments and additional information requested
- Sullivan County Soil and Water - post flood training was finished today. All attendees passed and received certificate of their achievement.
- Sullivan County Division of Public Works - Snow and Ice Contract for 2012-2015

RESOLUTION - APPROVING SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT

Complete copy attached to the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE continued

- Sullivan County Division of Public Works - snow and ice watch begins November 16 @ 12 AM
- Code Enforcement Officer letter to property owner of the building housing the former Buffalo Zachs Cafe. Glenn is requiring the owner of the building to get a 3rd party electrical inspection of the structure before any further work can be completed..

OLD BUSINESS

National Resource Conservative Services They require no funds from the Town. Also, they will hire contractors, etc. to complete all necessary work.

RESOLUTION - APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH NRCS

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Roser, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to authorize Supervisor Weitmann to apply for funding from National Resource Conservative Services for flood mitigation.

New York State Flood Plain & Stormwater Mangers renewal application for 2014 has been received. There were no objections from the Board to renewal membership for a fee of \$50.

Historical Inventory meeting held on October 26th was a success. Councilman Eggleton gave a report on this meeting. He advised that the historical group has received a grant for \$5000 to complete a study of historical buildings in the Livingston Manor area.

RESOLUTION - FEASIBILITY STUDY PHASE 2 SUPPORT OF WORK AND STUDY OUTLINED OF PROJECT

On a motion of Mr. Roser, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - that the Town has reviewed, agreed and supports the

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proposed detailed work and study tasks as outlined in the Feasibility Project Study, Project Management Plan dated September 2013, Upper Delaware River Watershed, Livingston Manor, New York ; FURTHER RESOLVED - that the Town understands that upon completion of Phase 2 of the Feasibility Study there will be a Town (Local Municipality Partner) cost share 50% -50% with NYSDEC on the State cost for the design and construction phase of the project. Funding for the Plan Specification and Construction phase is as follows: 65% Federal, 17.5% Town and 17.5% State.

Draft letter to John Bonacic Senator regarding funding under the State and Municipal Facilities Capital Program for a new Town Garage was presented to the Board. There were no objections from the Board to send said letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Humane Society of Middletown sent a new contract for housing of dogs for 2014. Supervisor Weitmann read the contract noting the increase for taking dogs went up from \$100 to \$175. After discussion by the Board, they recommend Supervisor Weitmann address the increase with the Humane Society.

RESOLUTION - REASSESSMENT OF ROSCOE-ROCKLAND WATER

On a motion of Mr. Carlson seconded by Mr. Eggleton, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - WHEREAS, the Clerk of Water Rents for the Roscoe-Rockland Water District has presented the list of unpaid water rents in the amount of \$19,952.27 for collection upon the 2014 Town of Rockland Tax Roll.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Rockland be and she is hereby authorized to submit for action by the Sullivan County Legislators said unpaid water rents and penalties to be levied upon the 2014 Town of Rockland Tax Roll.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the attached list of unpaid charges in the foregoing amounts be and constitute a part of this resolution. Adopted by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION - REASSESSMENT OF LIVINGSTON MANOR SEWER

On a motion of Mr. Roser, seconded by Mr. Eggleton, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - WHEREAS, the Clerk of Sewer Rents for the Livingston Manor Sewer District has presented the list of unpaid sewer rents in the amount of \$36,562.49 for collection upon the 2014 Town of Rockland Tax Roll.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Rockland be and she is hereby authorized to submit for action by the Sullivan County Legislators said unpaid sewer rents and penalties to be levied upon the 2014 Town of Rockland Tax Roll.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the attached list of unpaid charges in the foregoing amounts be and constitute a part of this resolution. Adopted by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION - REASSESSMENT OF LIVINGSTON MANOR WATER

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Eggleton, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - WHEREAS, the Clerk of Water Rents for the Livingston Manor Water District has presented the list of unpaid water rents in the amount of \$31,059.03 for collection upon the 2014 Town of Rockland Tax Roll.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Rockland be and she is hereby authorized to submit for action by the Sullivan County Legislators said unpaid water rents and penalties to be levied upon the 2014 Town of Rockland Tax Roll.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the attached list of unpaid charges in the foregoing amounts be and constitute a part of this resolution. Adopted by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION - REASSESSMENT OF ROSCOE SEWER

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Roser, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - WHEREAS, the Clerk of Sewer Rents for the Roscoe Sewer District has presented the list of unpaid sewer rents in the amount of \$18,988.78 for collection upon the 2014 Town of Rockland Tax Roll.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Rockland be and she is hereby authorized to submit for action by the Sullivan County Legislators said unpaid sewer rents and

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penalties to be levied upon the 2014 Town of Rockland Tax Roll.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the attached list of unpaid charges in the foregoing amounts be and constitute a part of this resolution. Adopted by unanimous vote.

Roscoe-Rockland Water Budget Modifications

WHEREAS, the 2013 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the following Roscoe-Rockland Water District entries be authorized:

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| FROM: | | TO: | |
| Fund Balance | \$2,000.00 | 8320.2 | \$2,000.00 |

To accept this resolution was made by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Eggleton and unanimously carried.

7:15 PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2014

Supervisor Weitmann called the public hearing to order for comments on the 2014 Preliminary Budget. Supervisor Weitmann advised that the budget increase is 3.40 % The auditors will review the budget for the maximum increase of the budget allowed by the state.

There no comments. A motion was made by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Roser, unanimously carried, to close the hearing.

RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF 2014 BUDGET

On a motion of Mr. Roser, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of the hearing on the preliminary budget, and an opportunity was given to those present to be heard thereon,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED - that this Town Board does hereby adopt the preliminary budget as the annual budget of this Town for the fiscal year 2014, beginning January 1, 2014, and that such budget as adopted be entered in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED - that the Town Clerk, shall certify in triplicate copies of said budget as adopted and deliver to the Legislator's of Sullivan County.

Highway Department Budget Modifications

WHEREAS, the 2013 Budget requires modifications, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the following Town of Rockland Highway fund entries be authorized:

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| FROM: | | TO: | |
| 5140.4 | \$18000.00 | 5130.2 | \$18000.00 |

The motion to accept this resolution was made by Mr. Eggleton, seconded by Mr. Roser and unanimously carried.

Robert Freedman request of adjustment to his sewer bill. Mr. Freedman sent a letter stating he recently power washed his deck and use a significant amount of water. He would like an adjustment to the sewer charge. The Board had discussion. There was no action by the Board to reduce the sewer charges. They will advise Mr. Friedman to contact the water department in the future, before he anticipates excessive water use that does not go in the sewer system.

Water/Sewer weekend duty and log was presented.

Dog Control Officer report was presented.

Town Clerk monthly report was presented.

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DEPARTMENT HEADS

Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent advised that he replaced the 1989 Kenworth truck and would like to establish it as excess equipment to sell or auction off. The truck needs a new oil pan at a cost of approximately \$1300. The junk price for the truck is \$4000. Town of Crawford is in the need of a truck and may be interested in buying ours. The Board agrees that the 1989 Kenworth is excess equipment and recommends we offer to sell it to the Town of Crawford.

Ted also addressed the Welch property that the Town recently took ownership of. He has notified the Welch family and gave them until the end of October to get their possessions out of the garage. As of this date no action on getting their stuff out. The Board recommends that Ted send a certified letter giving them 30 days to get their possessions out.

RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE ENGINEER

On a motion of Mr. Roser, seconded by Mr. Eggleton, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to authorize Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent to hire an engineer to complete a survey and preliminary engineering and move forward with a grant application for a new Town Barn.

Bob Wolcott, Water and Sewer Superintendent reported that the sensor for pressure on the well in Roscoe needs to be replaced. The cost is between \$300 and \$600. Our insurance may pick up the cost of the sensor, if they feel it was also hit by lightening.

Bob advised that the water and sewer crew are getting ready for the winter season.

Cindy Theadore, Assessor reported that she will be looking up addresses within 500 feet of Hemlock Ridge Apartments for the Planning Board public hearing. She also reported that she will be attending a seminar next week.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Roser, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - Ayes 4, Nays 0 - RESOLVED - to approve the bills on abstract #20 dated October 17, 2013, in the following amounts:

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| General Fund | #363- 384 | \$ 16,823.65 |
| Highway | #378-399 | \$ 26,255.63 |
| Livingston Manor Water | #177-186 | \$ 5,356.35 |
| Livingston Manor Sewer | #183-192 | \$ 5,079.72 |
| Roscoe Sewer | #150-161 | \$ 3,805.54 |
| Roscoe-Rockland Water | #168-177 | \$ 13,515.38 |
| Roscoe-Rockland Light | #45-46 | \$ 4,772.11 |
| Livingston Manor Light | #30 | \$ 1,356.10 |
| Hazel Park Light | #23 | \$ 38.89 |

Judy Newman, Town Clerk reported that two vouchers #340 and #350 that were approved on the General Fund abstract #20 were voided and put on Trust and Agency abstract #20 (voucher 1-2) for a total of \$615.76. There were no objections from the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Roser, seconded by Mr. Eggleton, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Newman, RMC
Town Clerk

