

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Rockland was held on March 5, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, Livingston Manor, New York with the following members

PRESENT: DEPUTY SUPERVISOR ROBERT EGLETON
 COUNCILMAN GLEN CARLSON
 COUNCILMAN WILLIAM ROSER JR.
 COUNCILMAN EDWIN EDWARDS

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

Deputy 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, the minutes of February 19, 2015 were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vera Farrell, President of the Livingston Manor Free Library Board of Trustees appeared before the Board and presented a letter expressing their sympathy for the loss of Supervisor Ed Weitmann.

Livingston Manor Sewer Treatment Plant Construction Project Update: Bipin Ghandi, Engineer for the Town gave a overview of the design and time line for the project. His design consists of using some existing parts on the old system to keep costs down. Upon completion of the project the water and sewer department will have a hands on training on the new system.

CORRESPONDENCE

- WSP Engineering Dam Safety Inspection - required by August
- Sympathy card from Michael Schiff, County Sheriff
- Sullivan County Historical Observer - sent their quarterly newsletter

OLD BUSINESS

We received background clearance for new employees- Court Clerk and Crossing Guard.

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to hire Lyn McArthur for crossing guard at a hourly rate of \$10.00. 4 AYES - Carried

On a motion of Mr. Roser, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to hire Maria Bivins, Court Clerk at an hourly rate of \$11.48. 4 AYES - Carried

Hemlock Ridge Reconstruction Project letter to Livingston Manor Central School

Deputy Supervisor Eggleton read a copy of a letter sent to the LMCS addressing the proposed phased demolition and redevelopment of the Hemlock Ridge Affordable Housing Complex. He has advised them that the buildings set for demolition contain small regulated amounts of asbestos containing material (ACM). Controlled or selective demolition of buildings with ACM are regulated by the NYS Department of Labor and the USEPA. The Town has assured the school that we will keep them apprised of any impact changes or permit required actions undertaken by the applicant.

Contract for lighting Roscoe Route 17 - Councilman Carlson reports that he was in contact with Marvin Federman from the State Department of Transportation addressing the lights on Route 17 (future I-86). He has since received a contract dating back to 1963 stating that the lights are owned by the state with maintenance and fees paid by the Town. A renewal of said contract was last signed in 1991. There were no objections from the Board to allow Councilman Carlson to reach out to Ken Klein, Town Attorney on this issue.

IDA Antrim Lodge - Deputy Supervisor Eggleton reports that the Antrim Lodge sent a letter to the IDA asking to be removed from the program. The Board would like an IDA representative to come to a meeting to explain their process.

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NEW BUSINESS

Sullivan County Planning Small Grant Program - Sullivan County Planning staff is available to assist in developing projects and applications. Both Chambers will be advised of this program.

Liquor License renewal Rockland House LLC. On a motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Roser, to approve the renewal of the Rockland House LLC Liquor License. 4 AYES - Carried

Town Clerk Monthly report was presented.

Supervisors Monthly report was presented. Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to accept the Supervisor's monthly report. 4 AYES - Carried

Government Efficiency Plan Initiative - The Plan must incorporate cooperation agreements, mergers, shared services and/or efficiencies that will ultimately save a minimum of 1% of the total tax levy for all participating government jurisdictions. Homeowners who are eligible for the STAR property tax exemption and live in an eligible taxing jurisdiction will benefit from the Property Tax Freeze Credit.

Board Member Re-Organization

Robert Eggleton, Deputy Supervisor/Councilman presented a letter of resignation as Councilman.

On a motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Roser, to accept the resignation from Robert Eggleton, Councilman. 4 AYES - Carried

Appoint Robert Eggleton, Supervisor On a motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Roser, to appoint Robert Eggleton, Supervisor to fill the unexpired term of Edward Weitmann. 4 AYES - Carried

Appoint Peter Devantier, Councilman On a motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to appoint Peter Devantier, Councilman to fill the unexpired term of Robert Eggleton. 4 AYES - Carried

William Roser, Councilman presented a letter of resignation as Councilman. On a motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to accept the resignation from William Roser. 4 AYES - Carried

Appoint Joann Ryder, Councilwoman On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to appoint Joann Ryder, Councilwoman to fill the unexpired term of William Roser, II. 4 AYES - Carried

Judy Newman, Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the new appointments, they joined the other Board Members.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent presented the Board with the Agreement for Highway Expenditures. On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Devantier, to approve the Agreement for Highway Money Expenditures pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law. 5 AYES - Carried

Approve Highway Schooling

On a motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, to approve Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent to attend Highway Schooling in June. 5 AYES - Carried

Ted reports that Trevor Taggart, HMEO has been removed from probation. He is a good employee and can run anything he is put on.

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Bob Wolcott, Water and Sewer Superintendent reported that his department continues to deal with freeze ups and a broken water line. They also continue to move snow away from hydrants.

Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer reports that he issued a building permit for the first strip of Town House construction for Hemlock Ridge. He also reports that some funds should be moved into the Demolition Fund account line for demolition of unsafe buildings.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Devantier, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 5, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - that the bills be paid on Abstract #5 dated March 5, 2015 in the following amounts:

GENERAL FUND	Vouchers #73 to 90	\$ 33,840.76
LIV. MANOR SEWER	Vouchers#24 to 32	\$ 3,642.12
LIV. MANOR WATER	Vouchers#25 to 31	\$ 1,766.10
ROSCOE-ROCKLAND WATER	Vouchers#23 to 29	\$ 1,491.25
ROSCOE SEWER	Vouchers #23 to 27	\$ 1,548.64
HIGHWAY	Vouchers #63 to 77	\$ 24,300.11
ROSCOE-ROCKLAND LIGHT	Vouchers# 7 to 8	\$ 316.51

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer reports that after consulting other town employees it is recommended that the Town honor former Supervisor Weitmann by naming a street, park, etc in his memory (to be determined at a later date).

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Ryder, seconded by Mr. Devantier, the Town Board does hereby adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

