

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Rockland was held on April 16, 2015 at the Town Hall, Main Street, Livingston Manor, New York with the following members:

PRESENT:	SUPERVISOR	ROBERT EGGLETON
	COUNCILPERSON	GLEN CARLSON
	COUNCILPERSON	EDWIN EDWARDS
	COUNCILPERSON	PETE DEVANTIER
	COUNCILPERSON	JOANN RYDER

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy Newman, Town Clerk, Theodore Hartling, Highway Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer, Kenneth Klein, Town Attorney, Russell Budd, 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. Devantier, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried, the minutes of April 2, 2015 were approved as presented.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Sullivan County Chamber Pride Award Luncheon set for May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Villa Roma
- Sullivan County Division of Public Works - sent notice ending the Snow & Ice Watch April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Legislative Action Committee - Newsletter addressing a campaign in Albany on New York Health single payer lobby day
- Litter Pluck - dates April 25<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Both hamlets will be holding litter plucks on May 2<sup>nd</sup> organized by Shirley Fulton in Livingston Manor and Lillian Constant in Roscoe.
- NYS Government Finance Seminar set for May 20<sup>th</sup> in Poughkeepsie, NY - Supervisor Eggleton recommends that all Board Members should at some time attend.
- Catskill Arts Society - Silent Auction set for May 9<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>
- Catskill Center Grand Opening of the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center
- Sullivan County RSVP Luncheon set for May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Villa Roma

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTION - CONVEYANCE OF ORCHARD STREET CEMETERY**

A motion was made by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously, WHEREAS, there has been established in the town a cemetery know as the Orchard Street Cemetery, Inc which association maintains a public cemetery on Orchard Street in Livingston Manor, Sullivan County, New York and owns real property in said Town, and WHEREAS, said association has under its care funds for perpetual care, permanent maintenance, special trust, general fund, deposited in the following bank: NBDC Bank, Roscoe, NY. WHEREAS, the association has been and still is unable to procure sufficient income from above investments, the members of the association and from representatives of the deceased persons interred in the cemetery. WHEREAS, the cemetery association has requested that the Town of Rockland, pursuant to Section 1506 (j) of the Not-for-profit Corporation Law, accept the conveyance of the cemetery premises and transfer of assets. RESOLVED, that the Town of Rockland accept the conveyance of the cemetery premises and the transfer of the assets from the cemetery association, such conveyance shall be subject to all agreements as to lots sold and all trust, restrictions and conditions upon the title or use of the real property or assets.

#### **7:15 PM - MOWING BID OPENING**

The following bids were received and opened as follows: G&N Lawn Care \$14,545.00; William Rampe \$10,400.00; and Landscape by Design \$15,850.00. The Board will table acceptance of the bid after addressing a personnel issue.

- Meeting times, response to Al O'Keefe was addressed by Supervisor Eggleton. The time of the meetings was changed at the re-organizational meeting in 2011. To date, we have not had any complaints with having both meetings in the evening. There are no other towns in Sullivan County having meetings in the afternoon with the exception of the Town of Liberty, which meet at 4 PM.

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- Solar Energy - Russell Budd, Grant Writer for the Town presented information on solar energy. The deadline for RFP's for grants on solar energy is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Budd presented information about a law firm that specializes in solar energy contracts for municipalities. He encouraged the board to look into this for the Town to save on energy costs.

**RESOLUTION - PUBLISH NOTICE RFI FOR SOLAR ENERGY**

On a motion of Mr. Devantier, seconded by Ms. Ryder and carried unanimously, to authorize the Supervisor to publish a notice for RFI/RFP to identify firms that have experience on Solar Energy development projects to serve the facilities of the Town of Rockland.

**RESOLUTION - RETAIN RUSSELL BUDD TO ASSIST SPECIAL COUNSEL**

On a motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Devantier and carried unanimously, to retain Russell Budd to assist with special counsel Daniel Spitzer with the preparation of specs and notice for RFI/RFP on a Solar Energy development project for the Town of Rockland.

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

**RESOLUTION - APPOINT PHIL VALLONE TO ZBA**

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Ryder, to appoint Phil Vallone to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Jeff Christianson (expiring December 31, 2015). 5 AYES - Carried

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent** reported that the legal notice for the new Highway Garage/Office will be published in tomorrow's Democrat. Plans for the project will be available at the Town Clerk's Office or from Joseph Gottlieb, Engineer for the Town upon payment of a non-refundable charge of \$50.

Ted has received 9 applications for the current mechanics position posted. After the applicants have been approved by the county, he can move forward with filling the position.

Monday the Town will be working with the Town of Thompson's broom, sweeping the Town of Rockland streets.

**Removal of houses on Cattail Brook**

Supervisor Eggleton received an email from Kitty Vetter, Legislator. She advises that the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the County and Town passed the committee. There should be no problem moving forward for the removal of the two flood damaged houses owned by the Town.

**Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer** reported that he worked 3 ½ hours with the SBA Tower Company. He reported on the conditions of 4 of the 6 sites.

Glenn brought up the issue of increasing the demolition permit fee. There was discussion by the Board on this issue.

**RESOLUTION - INCREASE DEMOLITION PERMITS FOR COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-ABLE DWELLING BUILDINGS**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilperson Carlson, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Councilperson Edwards,

WHEREAS the Town of Rockland seeks to amend its current Zoning Fee Schedule, for the purposes of mitigating costs associated with the administration of Demolition Permits issued by said Town and

WHEREAS it is in the due course of prudent public administration and protection of public welfare, and public benefit and

WHEREAS the Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Rockland has informed the Town

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Board that said amendment is of need and necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to implement said Fee Schedule adjustment in the name of the Town, that hereafter Demolition Permits issued by the Town of Rockland for demolition of commercial structures and multiple dwellings of 3 units or more shall be charged a permit fee based on ten (10) cents per square foot of habitable and or occupy able constructed space.

The question of adoption of the foregoing resolution was unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Ryder and carried, this Board moved into executive session to address personnel. Time: 8:02 P.M.

**CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Devantier and carried, the executive session was closed and the Board returned to the regular meeting. Time: 8:10 P.M.

**Award Mowing Bid**

The Board agreed to award the mowing bid to William Rampe, providing an insurance certificate is received.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 5, NAYS 0 (Mr. Devantier approved all bills with the exception of #117 for the Highway and #46 for Roscoe Sewer) - RESOLVED - that the bills be paid on Abstract #8 dated April 16, 2015 in the following amounts:

GENERAL FUND	Vouchers #124 to 142	\$ 16,694.81
LIV. MANOR SEWER	Vouchers#47 to 53	\$ 2,408.21
LIV. MANOR WATER	Vouchers#48 to 55	\$ 2,190.08
ROSCOE-ROCKLAND WATER	Vouchers#40 to 45	\$ 2,390.06
ROSCOE SEWER	Vouchers #40 to 47	\$ 2,502.71
HIGHWAY	Vouchers #108 to 129	\$ 37,220.65
ROSCOE-ROCKLAND LIGHT	Vouchers# 13 to 14	\$ 1,116.18
LIVINGSTON MANOR LIGHT	Vouchers#7 to 8	\$ 2,169.89
HAZEL PARK LIGHT	Voucher#7 to 8	\$ 57.87
TRUST & AGENCY	Voucher #2	\$ 300.00

**Town Clerk - Appointment of Deputy Clerk** - Judy Newman, Town Clerk advised the Board that she going to make the appointment of Maureen Gorr, Deputy Town Clerk to replace Joann Ryder.

Supervisor Eggleton received an application from Maureen Gorr seeking the position of part-time crossing guard. He will contact her to see if she is still interested in this position. There were no objections from the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ms. Ryder, seconded by Mr. Devantier, the Town Board does hereby adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judy Newman, Town Clerk

