

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Rockland was held on August 7, 2014 at 7:00P.M. at the Town Hall, Livingston Manor, New York with the following members

PRESENT:                   SUPERVISOR           EDWARD WEITMANN  
                              COUNCILPERSON    GLEN CARLSON  
                              COUNCILPERSON    WILLIAM ROSER JR  
                              COUNCILPERSON    ROBERT EGGLETON  
                              COUNCILPERSON    EDWIN EDWARDS

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy Newman, Town Clerk, Theodore Hartling, Highway Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Wolcott, Water and Sewer Superintendent 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. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Eggleton, the minutes of July 21, 2014 were approved as presented by the Town Clerk.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Loudon, a Livingston Manor resident appeared before the Board to address an issue of a dead tree along Tuttle Hill Road. Mr. Loudon asked the Highway Dept. to remove said tree. Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent advised Mr. Loudon that the tree is on private property and can not be removed by the Town.

Les Mattis, a Livingston Manor resident appeared before the Board to complement the Highway Dept. on a job well done with the horrific winter we had.

**Brian Brustman, Director of Sullivan County Soil and Water** appeared before the Board. He received an email confirming that funds can be applied for from the Greater Catskills Flood Remediation Program (GCFRP) to use toward easements for the two (flood damaged) properties along the Cattail Brook, Livingston Manor. The Town must take ownership of the two parcels as part of the flood mitigation efforts that USDA and the County will undertake. Brian advised that the town must get appraisals of the two parcels and proceed to make an offer to the owners. If the owners do not accept the offer, the project is null and void.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Petition received concerning flood damaged homes
- Joanne Evans, owner of trailer park in Roscoe sent a letter about one of her tenants having excess water usage (Anne and Bernie Gelman). The Board tabled this issue for further correspondence from the plumber, who found the leak.
- DEC - letter of response addressed by Bob Wolcott, Water and Sewer Superintendent. The Livingston Manor Sewer Plant is out of limits on their percent removals. A letter was sent drafted by our engineer on action that is being done to remedy this issue.
- Industrial Development Agency (IDA) - Supervisor Weitmann sent a letter to the IDA stating that the Town Board is requesting termination of their agreement concerning the Antrim Lodge.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mowing bid** Supervisor Weitmann advised that the bid specifications for the mowing did not include the new park in Roscoe. Bill Rampe, contractor that was awarded the bid was contacted and asked to mow it. He has since presented an invoice for an additional charge of \$2,500. The consensus of the Board is to pay the additional charge.

**Justice Court - Mary Mills, Deputy Justice Clerk & payroll duties** There was discussion about Mary Mills who was hired by Peter Feinberg, Town Justice to assist with court duties while Pat Mills is on vacation. She recently has been training to do payroll with Susan Carlson, Account Clerk as well. After discussion, the consensus of the Board is to approve Mary Mills to train with Mrs. Carlson to do payroll; and in the future they would like to be notified before someone begins working.

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**Water/Sewer Truck Bids** have been requested for the purchase of a new 2015, four wheel drive extended cab pick up truck. Said bids will be opened on Friday, August 22, 2014 @ 11:00 a.m. The funds for this purchase were allotted in this years budget.

**Water/Sewer** weekend duty schedule was presented.

**Town Clerk** monthly report was presented.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent** reported that his department will be sealing roads next week. Ted addressed a water drainage issue on Cottage Street, Roscoe near the Mobil gas station. To repair this section of road, Ted hired Callahan Industries, Inc. to mill it and then it can be paved.

Ted advised that when the CHIPS funds come in, they will go into the fund balance. He will then make an adjustment for these funds by making a budget modification, which can be approved at the next meeting.

Jim Meola, HMEO will be retiring this November. An advertisement will be placed in the town's official paper to hire a replacement for Jim by September, which will allow the new employee to be trained before the winter season. Ted reported that he has enough funds in his payroll budget to hire a new person.

**Bob Wolcott, Water and Sewer Superintendent** reported that Bipin Gandhi, Engineer for the water and sewer districts was here this week to go over plans for the proposed new sewer system in Livingston Manor. Bob also reported on test digging to find out the pipe size and calculate gallons per minute of the flow.

**Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer** reported on a meeting he had with Supervisor Weitmann, Tom Ellison, Planning Board Chair and two principal owners of the Catskill Brewery. Glenn has received complaints that the Brewery is not adhering to their special use permit. If this action continues, their certificate of occupancy can be revoked and legal action maybe taken.

Glenn also reported on a number of violations with an apartment building located at 60 Main Street, Livingston Manor. Also, he will be in contact with the two property owners of the flood damaged homes along the Cattail Brook. They will be advised to secure said homes.

Glenn has issued 108 permits as of this date. He anticipates to be over the amount issued last year.

**Judy Newman, Town Clerk** reported that she received a Petition - Small Claims Assessment Review from Michael Ryder, 344 White Roe Lake Road, Livingston Manor, NY. Cynthia Theadore, Assessor also received a copy of said petition and will be addressing it.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Mr. Roser, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 5, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve the bills on the abstract #15 in the following amounts:

General Fund	258 to 276	\$ 7,247.81
Highway	244 to 263	46,848.33
Liv. Manor Sewer	124 to 130	5,860.23
Roscoe Rockland Water	107 to 114	1,386.54
Liv Manor Water	108 to 115	3,022.89
Roscoe Sewer	90 to 100	2,897.03
Liv. Manor Light	16	1,226.13
Roscoe Rockland Light	28 to 29	964.21
Hazel Park Light	14 to	35.51

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**PUBLIC COMMENT** - Peggy Johansen, Director for the Livingston Manor Library advised that the Labor Day Parade is schedule for August 31<sup>st</sup> with activities running throughout the day from 11a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion of Mr. Roser, seconded by Mr. Carlson and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judy Newman, Town Clerk

