

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Rockland was held on February 2, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, Livingston Manor, New York with the following members

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR EDWARD WEITMANN
COUNCILMAN GLEN CARLSON
COUNCILMAN ROBERT EGGLETON
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM ROSER, JR
COUNCILMAN EILEEN MERSHON

OTHERS PRESENT; Judy Newman, Town Clerk, Theodore Hartling, Highway Superintendent, 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. Roser, seconded by Mr. Carlson and carried, the minutes of January 19, 2012 were approved as presented by the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

David Bodenstein - Mike Preis, Inc appeared before the Board with the 2012/13 insurance presentation for the Town. He reviewed previous policies in comparison to our current policy. There was discussion on insurance for dams and down stream exposure. The Premium for this year is \$41,451.91 which includes a Capitalization Distribution Credit for \$4,046.00.

RESOLUTION - APPROVE INSURANCE THROUGH MIKE PREIS, INC.

On a motion of Mrs. Mershon, seconded by Mr. Roser, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 5, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve insurance proposal from Mike Preis, Inc for a total of \$45,497.91 of which the Town will be issued a check for Capitalization Distribution in the amount of \$4,046, dropping the premium down to \$41,451.91.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Sullivan County Department of Risk Management - sent information on the Town's Workman's Compensation cases.
- Colonial Surety Co. - sent a contract status report which will be completed by Supervisor Weitmann
- NYS Office of Attorney General - is requesting a copy of the Towns adoption of Code of Ethics
- Time Warner - Extension of cable service
- Delta Engineering - Tentative training sessions set for March 2nd and March 9th to be held in the Town of Tusten
- Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce - County Pride Awards to be held @ the Villa Roma - this year we need a business owner from Roscoe.
- Senator Bonacic - Local Officials Day set for March 2, 2012 @ the senate chambers from 10 am to 3 pm.
- Town of Rockland Assessor will be sending a letter to the State Office of Real Property regarding the Equalization rate for the section of Roscoe Central School that is located in the Town of Colchester.
- Association of Towns Annual meeting/training session is set for Feb. 19th to the 22nd

OLD BUSINESS

Livingston Manor Sewer Treatment Plant - Supervisor Weitmann reported that he has a scheduled meeting with USDA representative George Popp and our Grant Writer Russel Budd on February 8, 2012 to address funding for the plant.

Golden Feather Award - Supervisor Weitmann reported that he has submitted the paperwork to get reimbursed for funds expended by the Town for the Roscoe Chamber Golden Feather project.

Comprehensive Master Plan- will be reviewed by our Town Attorney and the next step is to have the final approval of said plan.

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New Provision of open meeting law goes into effect February 2, 2012

On January 3, 2012, an amendment to the Open Meetings Law was enacted that impacts governmental agencies such as school districts and municipalities. The amendment was enacted in response to recommendations made by the Committee on Open Government and has been codified as Section 103(e) of the Public Officers Law. The law goes into effect on today. The new legislation requires two of the following things:

1. "Any document that is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL"), as well as any proposed resolution, law, rule, regulation, policy or amendment thereto, that is scheduled to be discussed by a public body during an open meeting must be made available upon request either before the meeting or at the meeting during which the record will be discussed, "to the extent practicable" as determined by the governmental agency;" and
2. "If the governmental agency maintains a regularly and routinely updated website that uses a high speed internet connection, all such records described above that are scheduled to be discussed must be posted on the website prior to the meeting, "to the extent practicable" as determined by the governmental agency."

Dr. Joyce Conroy, Town Historian made a presentation regarding San Born Map Company. In her presentation she provided pictures and copies of the maps from the Roscoe area.

Town Clerk's monthly report was presented.

Dog Control report was presented.

Water/Sewer Weekend Schedule was presented.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Highway - Ted Hartling: reported that he had a fire alarm installed in the Town Barn. He also reported on excess equipment - the 1995 Ford Plow Truck, which he will list on an online auction site.

He advised that the new pickup ordered on state bid will be in sometime next week.

Ted also advised that the FEMA representative for Sullivan County is no longer employed with FEMA. This will create trouble with claims and prolong the process as to what projects were approved.

Water/Sewer - Bob Wolcott reported that Andy Phillips, a Roscoe Sewer District customer had problems with his sewer, come to find out he was never connected to the Roscoe Sewer. The Town made a fee sewer tap and they now have him connected to the system. He has owned the house for 16 years and paid for this service. Statute of limitations allows the town to go back as far as 6 years for credit or payment. Mr. Phillips has requested half of the service payment to be reimbursed to him and half credited to his sewer account. Precedent was set a number of years ago with Mr. Robert Young suing the Town & winning the case.

RESOLUTION - APPROVE PAYMENT AND CREDIT TO PHILLIPS

On a motion of Mr. Roser, seconded by Mrs. Mershon, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 5, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve half payment to Andy Phillips and half credit to his sewer account.

Bob also reported that the crew repaired a 10 inch main break on Johnson Flats, Livingston Manor.

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

On motion of Mr. Eggleton, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the following resolution was ADOPTED -
Vote - Ayes 5, Nays 0 - resolved - to approve the bills on abstract #3 dated February 2, 2012 in
the following amounts:

General Fund	#39-53	\$ 24,552.55
Highway	#29 - 41	\$ 44,624.60
Livingston Manor Water	#16-24	\$ 4,933.03
Livingston Manor Sewer	#12 - 22	\$ 5,488.15
Roscoe Sewer	#13-22	\$ 3,514.04
Roscoe-Rockland Water	#13- 18	\$ 2,732.17
Roscoe-Rockland Light	#3 - 5	\$ 3,140.82

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mrs. Mershon, seconded by Mr. Eggleton, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Newman, RMC, Town Clerk