

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Rockland was held on February 19, 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 EDWIN EDWARDS

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN WILLIAM ROSER JR.

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.

Deputy Supervisor Eggleton asked the public to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of Supervisor Edward Weitmann, who passed way February 14, 2015.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT EDWARD WEITMANN

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst one who served with honor and distinction, EDWARD WEITMANN, and

WHEREAS, Edward Weitmann served as Councilman from 2005 until June 2009 and Deputy Supervisor from July 2009 until December 2009 then served as Supervisor January 2010 until the present, and

WHEREAS, by his death, the Town of Rockland will have lost not only a concerned and conscientious public servant, but the Town will have lost an obliging and accommodating friend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Rockland expresses its deepest sorrow at the passing of EDWARD WEITMANN, who died February 14, 2015, and in respect for his memory cause this resolution to become a part of the official proceedings of the Town minutes, and a copy of this resolution be sent to the Sullivan County Democrat.

Members of the Town of Rockland Board
Robert Eggleton, Deputy Supervisor
Glen Carlson, Councilperson
William Roser, Jr., Councilperson
Edwin Edwards, Councilperson

The following people were in attendance out of respect for Supervisor Edward Wetimann: Daniel Sturm, Bethel Supervisor; Thomas Bose, Town of Callicoon Supervisor; David Kuebler, Councilmen for Callicoon; Gary Maas, Town of Cohecton Supervisor; Edward Sykes, Town of Delaware Supervisor; George Conklin III, Town of Fremon Supervisor; Nadia Rajs, Town of Lumberland Supervisor; Greg Semenez, Town of Callicoon; Laura Quigley; Michael Juron, Chief for Beaverkill Valley Fire Department; Danielle Vetter; Sheila Shultz, Zoning Board Chairwoman and Peggy Johansen, Livingston Manor Librarian. A number of people offered their eulogy in memory of Ed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried, the minutes of February 5, 2015 were approved as presented.

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried, the minutes of December 18, 2014 were approved as presented.

Public Comment

None

CORRESPONDENCE

- LaBerge Group - grant survey for funding - this issue will be addressed by Deputy Supervisor Eggleton

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- Farr Engineering - sent a letter introducing them selves.
- Seminar for Board to be held in Hancock by the New York State Comptroller on February 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM addressing oversight responsibilities
- Sullivan County American Legion Annual Dinner set for March 11th at the Eagles Nest
- SLAC Newsletter

OLD BUSINESS

David Bodenstein, owner of Mike Preis, Inc presented the Board with the 2015 Insurance Proposal for the Town. Mr. Bodenstein review all the sections of the proposal and asked for questions on same. The premium for this year is \$46,428.65.

A letter was received from Mark Eberle, from the Army Corp advising that they will be on site to begin core drilling along the Little Beaverkill for the flood mitigation.

Several responses have been received from town organizations designating their representatives to sign town vouchers.

Background checks can only be done for specific jobs like police or fire departments. Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer advised the Board that the Department of Criminal Justice will provide this service at no charge. Mr. Gabbard will further research this matter and report back to the Board.

Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board appointment for the Town of Rockland is Michael Juron.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter from Cuddy & Feder regarding Hemlock Ridge re-development project and a meeting set for February 25th in the community room (at Hemlock Ridge) @ 5 P.M.

RESOLUTION - BUDGET MODIFICATION

WHEREAS, the 2015 budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the following General Fund entries be authorized:

FROM: Fund Balance \$10,000.00 TO: 1440.4 \$10,000.00

A motion to accept this resolution was made by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards and unanimously carried.

Town Clerk Monthly Report was presented.

Supervisor's Report was presented. Motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to accept the Supervisor's Report. Carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0

There was discussion on the lights on Route 17 (future I-86) and placing a timer on them. Councilperson Carlson will reach out to Glen Sanders and others to get information on this issue and report back to the Board.

RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF BONFORTE TO BOAR

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTES - AYES 3, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to appoint Barbara Bonforte to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the unexpired term of Elizabeth Grossman.

RESOLUTION - M&T BANK AGREEMENTS FOR NUMEROUS ACCOUNTS

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 3, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - to approve facsimile to be used and to change signers on numerous accounts with M&T Bank, Roscoe Branch.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Ted Hartling, Highway Superintendent reported that his department has been busy plowing and sanding roads. The streets in Livingston Manor and Roscoe were cleaned of excess snow.

The County DPW cleaned Livingston Manor and the Town Highway did Roscoe.

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Ted advised that the Cattail Brook flood mitigation permit process is under review.

With regards to the New Town Barn, a mechanical engineer looked at the approach on scoping the project to keep the electric service separate from the old barn.

Bob Wolcott, Water and Sewer Superintendent reported that his department continues to deal with freeze ups and replacing broken meters.

The Gun Store in Roscoe has frozen lines and they are possibly connected with the M&T Bank line. Bob advised the Gun Store to check with the bank to address this issue.

Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer reported that the cell towers have applied for permits to complete their annual upgrades. There is an issue with the SBA, owner of the cell towers renewal. Their attorney will appeal to the Planning Board to be clear on the Special Use Permits.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried, this Board move into an executive session to address a personnel issue. Time: 8:07 P.M.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried, the executive session to closed and this Board return to the regular meeting. Time: 8:40 P.M.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 3, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED - that the bills be paid on Abstract #4 dated February 19, 2015 in the following amounts:

GENERAL FUND	Voucher #55 to 71	\$ 15,098.44
LIV. MANOR SEWER	Voucher#16 to 23	\$ 2,228.74
LIV. MANOR WATER	Voucher#19 to 24	\$ 2,806.67
ROSCOE-ROCKLAND WATER	Voucher#16 to 22	\$ 1,748.76
ROSCOE SEWER	Voucher #18 to 22	\$ 2,110.96
HIGHWAY	Voucher #44 to 62	\$ 41,803.40
LIV. MANOR LIGHT	Voucher #3 to 4	\$ 2,368.81
HAZEL PARK LIGHT	Voucher 3 to 4	\$ 62.05
ROSCOE-ROCKLAND LIGHT	Voucher 5 to 6	\$ 1,222.58

RESOLUTION - APPROVE INSURANCE PROPOSAL & PAY

On a motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried, to approve insurance proposal from NYMIR presented by David Bodenstein and to pay bill for same.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheila Shultz, gave her sympathy with the loss of Supervisor Weitmann.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the Town Board does hereby adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

