**REGULAR MEETING of the TOWN OF ROCKLAND** was held on **May 18th, 2023** at 7:00 PM with the following members:

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR ROBERT EGGLETON

COUNCILPERSON ANDREW McRELL

COUNCILPERSON EDWIN EDWARDS

COUNCILPERSON CHRISTINE ROUTLEDGE

ABSENT: COUNCILPERSON PETE DEVANTIER

OTHERS PRESENT: Marinella Di Vita, Town Clerk, Roger Decker, Highway Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement, Chris Bury, Water and Sewer Superintendent & other members from the public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

* A Motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the minutes from the May 4th, 2023 board meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* Thank you to the Town of Rockland Highway Department, Andy McRell, Ed Edwards & Roger Decker for the successful Municipal Clean up Day, had a great turnout
* Saturday June 17th To start the day, Ms. Johnson will be at the Liberty Public Library at 11:00 AM for “The Soft Whispers of Ancestors” to celebrate the voices of those who helped end slavery. 1:00- 3:00 PM interactive workshop with Ms. Johnson at the Livingston Manor Library to participate in basic storytelling skills. Also, at 4:00 PM, at the Renaissance Park in Livingston Manor Ms. Johnson will engage the audience with a storytelling experience to dramatize this true jailbreak account in the story called “The Jerry Rescue”
* Memorial Day Parades and Services - Roscoe at 10 AM The Floyd Keener American Legion Post will have a parade with a memorial ceremony immediately following (11AM) at the Roscoe Community Center
* Letter from Agriculture and Markets, Municipal Shelter Inspection Report was completed on May 4th, 2023 and was rated “Satisfactory”
* Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board meeting minutes from the March 27th meeting, Guy Baker who represents Town of Rockland has been present for all of the meetings so far
* Water main break on Church Street again, condition of the pipe had a lot of stress and old age. Have had 3 water main breaks in slightly over a year which leads the town to think we need major work. RFQ’s have been posted in paper and applications for qualified engineers will be received by the Town Clerk until June 22nd where the Board will decide on a new Engineer to handle all of the Town of Rockland’s water infrastructure projects.
* Presentation by Glenn Gabbard and Kaitlen Madison about the Top 20 worst standing (dilapidated) structures in the Town of Rockland
* Mike Brooks District 5 County Legislature speaks on behalf of several topics that the County has been working on, topics such as tornado relief (budgeting for disaster relief in the near future), educational programs being offered by the County with job placement upon completion, the Sullivan County Airport with rebuilding a new terminal & High speed broadband and fiber optics.
* Walking Brochure for the Borsch Belt Historic Marker, still deciding where the best place is in Livingston Manor for people to see it (Tabled till next meeting)

Public Comment:

Alex Rau speaks on behalf of the Livingston Manor Volunteer Ambulance Corps. He mentions how he would like to acknowledge the Volunteers and all the hard work that they have done. Also, he gives a brief description of all the achievements they have accomplished in the past. Coming soon will be an annual open house and coin toss on May 27th, Trout Parade, Library Touch-a-Truck, ideas of how to add an addition to the ambulance building to provide more space, replacing the 2016 ambulance truck, & seeking grants to be able to acquire equipment to help with loading into ambulance trucks to avoid volunteer injuries. CPR, FIRST AID,& NARCAN Training available to the community and available to all the Town of Rockland employees. Any questions, contact 845-439-4150 or [LMVAC18@gmail.com](mailto:LMVAC18@gmail.com)

Donna Bowers speaks on behalf of Roscoe Stewart Avenue and the problems that have risen some concerns, such as residents of the town not cleaning up after their pets and speeding down Stewart Avenue

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**OLD BUSINESS**

* RFQ going in paper for engineering qualifications
* Grievance Day

**RESOLUTION** #52 - 2023 **Grievance Day**

A Motion was made by Mrs. Routledge and seconded by Mr. McRell with all in favor to set Grievance day for May 25th from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Budget Modifications for Livingston Manor Water

**RESOLUTION** #53 - 2023 **Budget Modification LMW**

WHEREAS, the 2023 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Livingston Manor Water entries be authorized

FROM: TO:

FUND BALANCE 8320.2

$5,600.00 $5,600.00

(Well pump motor)

Total: $5,600.00 Total: $5,600.00

A motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. Edwards with all in favor to modify the budget as stated above

* Budget Modifications for General Fund

**RESOLUTION** #54 - 2023 **Budget Modification GEN**

WHEREAS, the 2023 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the General entries be authorized

FROM: TO:

REVENUE- $50,000.00 (Ros-Beautification) - $50,000.00

TOTAL: $50,000.00

(Grant for Renaissance)

A motion was made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mrs. Routledge with all in favor to modify the budget as stated above

* Establishing a Different Account

**RESOLUTION** # 55- 2023 **Account for the $57,600**

A Motion was made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. McRell with all in favor to establish a separate account for projects such as beautification / parks and recreation

* Line Item 1989.42

**RESOLUTION** # 56- 2023 **Line Item 1989.42 For Consulting**

A Motion was made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Routledge with all in favor to create a line 1989.42 for consulting services

* Choice Words

**RESOLUTION** # 57- 2023 **Hire Choice Words**

A Motion was made by Mrs. Routledge and seconded by Mr. Edwards with all in favor to hire Choice words not to exceed the $10,000 fee to help the Town of Rockland seek funding via the NY Forward Grant Program.

* Mike Decker wants to purchase piece of property that the Town of Rockland owns behind his own property along the river, Supervisor Eggleton speaks to board about this idea of the resident purchasing, however, such request was denied.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Roger Decker - Highway Superintendent -** Summer Hours 6AM-4:30 PM from now on out. Dump day went well but suggestion for the next time around is to have a separate dumpster specifically for mattresses or cushy items to conserve more space. Dry hydrants are being ordered through Schmidt’s just have to get easement and permits ready. Potholes and ditches ready to pave, mowing is very difficult at Orchard with little man power looking at different equipment to help. Containers are in ready for domes. Lastly, someone dumped garbage over bank on Beaver Lake Road, individual was caught by law enforcement after bags were opened and individuals names were on items in garbage.

**Glenn Gabbard - Code Enforcement**- Report is before the board members, been very busy. Thank you to the highway department for removing debris from the tornado. Fire inspections have been kept up with doing well. One camp in particular giving us problems while they have built several structures with no permits

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**Chris Bury - Water and Sewer Superintendent** - Main break on Church Street, pipe was corroded and split while losing all pressure. Eventually this is going to be a big job. Roscoe motor broke, needs to be replaced Everything is fine for now.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. McRell the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED to approve the bills on abstract #10 May 18th, 2023 in the following amounts:

General 186-207 $17,496.66

Highway 187-206 $35,797.86

Liv.Manor Water 78-85 $6,833.27

Liv.Manor Sewer 61-69 $162,450.32

R R Water 73-79 $2,455.48

Roscoe Sewer 65-71 $3,787.30

LML 6 $14.72

RRL 9 $36.28

T&A 5 $2,427.00

Public Comment -Shiela Shultz May 28th Beaverkill Firehouse and thank you to building department for presentation

Executive session in at 8:30 PM motion made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. Edwards

Executive session out at 8:45 PM motion made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mrs. Routledge

**ADJOURNMENT** - On a motion of Mr. McRell seconded by Mrs. Routledge and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marinella Di Vita

Town Clerk