**REGULAR MEETING of the TOWN OF ROCKLAND** was held on **July 20th, 2023** at 7:00 PM with the following members:

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR ROBERT EGGLETON

COUNCILPERSON ANDREW McRELL

COUNCILPERSON EDWIN EDWARDS

COUNCILPERSON PETE DEVANTIER

COUNCILPERSON CHRISTINE ROUTLEDGE

OTHERS PRESENT: Kaitlen Madison, Deputy Town Clerk, Roger Decker, Highway Superintendent, Chris Bury, Water & Sewer Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard Code Enforcement Officer & other members from the public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

* A Motion was made by Mr. DeVantier seconded by Mr. McRell to approve the minutes from the July 6th, 2023 board meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* Military Tribute banners from Dean Dewitt. He has been working really hard to get these banners made, recognition from all the board members

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Request For Qualifications - two responded and interviews have been done. Delaware Engineering is the one that the Town of Rockland feels best to hire

**RESOLUTION** #76 - 2023 **Delaware Engineering**

A motion was made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. Edwards to hire Delaware Engineering for the water and waste water projects in the Town of Rockland

* Stream crossing water main is exposed off of the little Beaverkill price is more than we had anticipated so Friends of the Upper Delaware and Trout Unlimited is picking up the difference, a contract agreement has been drawn up

**RESOLUTION** # 77- 2023 **Reimbursement Agreement**

A motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. McRell to complete the contract agreement with FUDR and Trout Unlimited for the $70,000 estimated cost of the water main crossing vein to protect the Livingston Manor watermain for erosion and exposure to damage in the little Beaverkill. The Town of Rockland will be paying $30,000 whereas the rest of the cost of repair will be paid through FUDR and TU

* Solar Liberty will be coming to the Town of Rockland to see how much it will cost to put solar panels on the top of the Town Hall in Livingston Manor

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Budget Modification

**RESOLUTION** #78 - 2023 **Budget Modification GEN**

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

FROM: TO:

1989.41 1989.42

$5,000.00 $5,000.00

Total =$5,000.00

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

* Budget Modification

**RESOLUTION** # 79- 2023 **Budget Modification GEN**

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

FROM: TO:

1410.4 1410.2

$139.00 $139.00

Total =$139.00

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

* Town of Rockland Town Board agrees to send a support letter to the Town of Liberty expressing our interest in support for the O&W rail trail
* Water issue with house on the flats in Livingston Manor that belongs to the Freedman’s. Toilet had been continuously running while homeowners were away and their water & sewer bill were both over $500. Town of Rockland policy states that once the water goes through the sewer the homeowner is responsible for the full amount. The board agrees that the account can be arranged to be on a payment plan if need be.

Water & Sewer Schedule for July

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**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Roger Decker - Highway Superintendent** - Pretty decent wash out on Goff Road and Mongaup set it back quite a ways to save it. Knickerbocker Road is pretty much all ready to pave.

**Chris Bury - Water & Sewer Superintendent-** Everything is good truck should be ready in about 2 weeks. Going to be sending two of the guys to Cornell training for Road Safety

**Glenn Gabbard - Code Enforcement Officer** - Report is before the board members, a lot of permits and violations. STR applications and questions contine to come in and more than 40 STR’s were found that the County is unaware of for Room Tax. These were found through Craigslist and facebook marketplace. People are trying to make STRs into shipping containers, garden spaces and trying to rent. There may be some verbal complaints made because we are going to start violating these people.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. McRell the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED to approve the bills on abstract #14 July 20th, 2023 in the following amounts:

General 277-291 $21,767.90

Highway 261-284 $29,827.62

Liv.Manor Water 111-118 $1,767.19

Liv.Manor Sewer 90-95 $8,265.40

R R Water 110-114 $994.07

Roscoe Sewer 99-103 $1,086.41

LML 9 $35.46

RRL 12 $31.78

Public Comment - Roger Lynker asked about the new electronic sign at the Citgo in Livingston Manor, also asked about putting in a new crosswalk because that area can be extremely hazardous and asked for the Dog Control Officer’s phone number because there is an animal complaint.

Motion to go into executive session at 7:24 PM was made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. McRell

Motion to come out of executive session at 7:43 PM was made by Mrs. Routledge and seconded by Mr. McRell

**ADJOURNMENT** - On a motion of Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. DeVantier and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marinella Di Vita

Town Clerk