**REGULAR MEETING of the TOWN OF ROCKLAND** was held on **September 21st, 2023** at 7:00 PM with the following members:

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR ROBERT EGGLETON

COUNCILPERSON ANDREW McRELL

COUNCILPERSON PETE DEVANTIER

COUNCILPERSON EDWIN EDWARDS

ABSENT: COUNCILPERSON CHRISTINE ROUTLEDGE

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

* A Motion was made by Mr. DeVantier seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the minutes from the September 7th, 2023 board meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* County welcomes new emergency services training coordinator. Congratulations to Joe Mall.
* New address for AFSCME Council 66 union workers, moving to Rochester, NY

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Courthouse repairs are complete now ready to paint
* Renaissance Alley Mural is looking great, plans to finish by beginning of next week
* Contractor has been chosen to paint interior of the Town Clerk’s Office and paint colors have been chosen as well
* Finally received executed contracts for Sewer disinfection projects on grants gateway after a long awaiting period

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Release RFQ’s

**RESOLUTION**#97 - 2023 **Request for Qualifications**

A motion was made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. Edwards with all in favor to release the request for qualifications for the O&W Rail Trail Project

* Settle pending tax assessment case

**RESOLUTION**#98 - 2023 **224 Davis Road**

A motion was made by Mr. DeVantier seconded by Mr. McRell with all in favor to settle the pending tax assessment case for Paul Barnett property at 224 Davis Road. The 2021, 2022, 2023 final assessments on the subject project shall be corrected, reduced and revised.

* Set Date for budget workshop on October 18th at 7 PM and October 25th at 7 PM of 2023
* Secretary to the Supervisor

**RESOLUTION**#99 - 2023 **Secretary to the Supervisor**

A motion was made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. Edwards with all in favor to allow the Secretary to the Supervisor to get paid $50 per meeting in case asked to work a meeting

* Taxes on Livingston Manor water properties are approximately around $10,000 a year looking to write a letter to Liberty Supervisor to see if we can get a tax break

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Roger Decker - Highway Superintendent** - Waiting on the paving bill, need to do a bit more but waiting until I get the bill to see the damage first. Reset barriers on Tuttle hill. Got permission from Jeff Bowers to dump stuff on his property since where we have been dumping has officially sold to new owners. Repairs on some of our winter equipment getting ready for winter, will be here before you know it.

**Christopher Bury - Water & Sewer Superintendent -** Everything is pretty good. We had a storm on September 8th where lightening hit the water well, picking up the part this week to have it fixed. Going on vacation next week for a full week.

Public Comment - Sheila Shultz asked where the property was that the assessment went down

Joe and Helen Bergstein- Hazel Road residents concerned with talk about the old community garden becoming a paved parking lot, Mr. Bergstein explains how this could effect the habitat along the Beaverkill River, he also mentions that they would be willing to volunteer to find different possibilities of parking.

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On a motion made by Mr. DeVantier seconded by Mr. Edwards to go into executive session at 7:21 PM

On a motion made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. DeVantier to come out of executive session at 7:33 PM

Contract for union employees were signed to move forward with a 4% raise for the year of 2024, a 3% raise for the year of 2025, and a 3% raise for the year of 2026

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

General 350-364 $14,007.75

Highway 340-354 $72,786.88

Liv.Manor Water 139-148 $7,535.64

Liv.Manor Sewer 119-127 $8,546.09

R R Water 141-150 $1,738.92

Roscoe Sewer 132-140 $2,140.57

LML 13 $43.66

RRL 16 $34.32

**ADJOURNMENT** - On a motion of Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. DeVantier and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marinella Di Vita

Town Clerk