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

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR ROBERT EGGLETON

COUNCILPERSON EDWIN EDWARDS

COUNCILPERSON CHRISTINE ROUTLEDGE

COUNCILPERSON PETE DEVANTIER ABSENT: COUNCILPERSON ANDREW McRELL

OTHERS PRESENT: Marinella Di Vita, Town Clerk, Christopher Bury, Water and Sewer Superintendent, Roger Decker, Highway Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement and 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 December 7th, 2023 board meeting
* Thank you to A & Son’s Construction for the new ceiling in the Town Hall Board meeting room.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* Sullivan 180 Cheers holiday season card
* Town of Rockland Cleaner Jennifer Squires Holiday Card
* Mother Divine Program Holiday Card
* CAS Concert December 29th at 5 PM
* NYS AG & Market update, 1 property is off of the Ag & Market list for the Town of Rockland, all others remain the same

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Update on public hearing, after holidays Eddie Doran will provide proof of plans for the work that was not permitted for
* Demolish 549 Old Route 17

**RESOLUTION** #- 2023 **Findings of Fact**

A motion was made by Roll Call with all in favor to Demolish condemned property 46.-4-17 known as (549 Old Route 17). The Hearing Officer, Councilman DeVantier has rendered his written findings of fact and decision that a public nuisance and dangerous building exists on the Premises is hereby sustained and has partially collapsed, removal from the Premises and lawful disposal of the damaged home and removal from the Premises. The Town Board reviewed said evidence and accepts the determination of the Hearing Officer

* Meet with Bill Brown on Wednesday to discuss site locations for new well for the Town of Rockland

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Budget Modifications for General Fund

**RESOLUTION** # - 2023 **Budget Modification General Fund**

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

General Fund entries be authorized

FROM: TO:

Building Reserve Account 1620.4

Ceiling Tiles for Town Hall

Total: $13,883.30 $13,883.30

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

* New members for Zoning Board, Kevin Cook & Robyn Almquist interested
* MVP is set up for the Town of Rockland’s new health insurance provider. Employees can come and fill out the application before the new year with Jessyca Wolcott, Bookkeeper for the Town of Rockland.
* Final year end meeting on December 28th, 2023 in Board Meeting room at Town Hall at 9 AM
* Holiday Party December 28th, 2023 at 12 PM in Board Meeting room at Town Hall

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Christopher Bury - Water & Sewer Superintendent -** Everythings fine, minor things looking into a new vendor for meters and software

**Roger Decker - Highway Superintendent -**Wash out with the high water we got the other day however it could have been much worse. Roller and Hotbox is in possession and we have started using them. We will most likely need a new chipper come the new year because ours is extremely hazardous for my guys to work with. I contacted the company I had inquired about a chipper with a few months ago and the man I spoke with said they would honor the price that

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was given at the time I asked for a quote. Thinking about auctioning some older truck and a 1 ton to purchase a brand new 1 ton.

**Glenn Gabbard - Code Enforcement-**Report is before the board. This year has been our busiest yet and financially very good for the building department for a rural area it sure is keeping us very busy.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. Edwards the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED to approve the bills on abstract #24 December 21st 2023 in the following amounts:

General 483-499 $29,938.71

Highway 452-470 $122,241.12

Liv.Manor Water 198-202 $1,671.15

Liv.Manor Sewer 177-183 $1,989.63

R R Water 201-203 $662.18

Roscoe Sewer 193-196 $1,094.54

LML 19 $45.02

RRL 21 $948.28

HAZ 5 $53.77

Public Comment - John Hendrix resident of Roscoe asked the Board why haven’t the lights in Roscoe been fixed and why tax payers are still being charged for them with nothing working. Supervisor Eggleton is working on getting an answer from the State and NYSEG in efforts to get these lights back up and running.

A motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. Edwards to go into an executive session at 7:30 PM

A motion was made by Mr. DeVantier seconded by Mr. Edwards to come out of executive session at 7:36 PM

**ADJOURNMENT** - On a motion of Mr. DeVantier seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marinella Di Vita

Town Clerk