**REGULAR MEETING of the TOWN OF ROCKLAND** was held on December 7th**, 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: Jennifer DeVantier, Secretary to the Supervisor, Christopher Bury, Water and Sewer Superintendent, Roger Decker, Highway Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement, Kenneth Klein, Town Attorney & other members from the public.

Meeting began with a Unsafe Buildings Hearing

-Board appointed Peter DeVantier as the hearing officer for Site #1 - 549 Old Rte 17 property. Owners of this property were on site at time of the meeting. Kenneth Klein, Town of Rockland’s Town Attorney, will compile all necessary information about this property and will give it to the hearing officer to eventually decide ultimately what needs to happen with this structure, as it is extremely unsafe.

-Another building was spoken about as well, this one is 18 Meadow Street where the owner was not present for this meeting. Permits were taken out to re-roof, but they did more work than permitted with no plans submitted so safety of the work is unknown.

-Decided to move forward with unsafe building proceedings for both properties

Unsafe Building Hearing closed at 7:30 PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

* A Motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the minutes from the November 16th, 2023 board meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* Homeland Security and Emergency Services 8 Hour Course for Tornado Awareness. Sign up details at [OEM.Training@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:OEM.Training@dhses.ny.gov) or 518-292-2351
* SCVA Silent Auction to benefit Ride2Survive SC is open. Silent auction will close at 8 PM December 6th,2023
* NDPTC - Training for emergency / natural disasters 4 Hour course
* Sullivan 180 community development expression of interest
* Snow ad Ice contract discussion
* SC Treasurers office put out a list of properties up for foreclosure

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Met with Jessica Taylor from Mike Preis yesterday to go over MVP Health Plans. Looking at 80% / 20% Contribution. There would be no out of pocket cost for the employee due to proposed HRA funding. To keep the employees, we would have to offer health coverage post-retirement after 10 years of service
* NYSHIP dual offering between union and non union employees
* Personnel Policy needs to be changed at the Reorganizational meeting
* MVP

**RESOLUTION** #123- 2023 **MVP**

A motion was made by Mr. DeVantier seconded by Mrs. Routledge with all in favor to change the Town of Rockland’s health Insurance to MVP Insurance Policy

* Change Personnel Policy

**RESOLUTION** #124- 2023 **Personnel Policy**

A motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. DeVantier with all in favor to change the Town of Rockland’s Personnel Policy effective January 1st, 2024 regarding health benefits for active and retired employees

* Devon Pagan wage increase

**RESOLUTION** #125- 2023 **Devon Pagan Wage Increase**

A motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. DeVantier with all in favor to pay Devon Pagan an increase of $1.25 an hour retroactive from October 3rd

**NEW BUSINESS**

* RFQ Procress is complete. HVEA Engineers out of Beacon, NY

**RESOLUTION** # 126- 2023 **Award Engineer Services to HVEA**

A motion was made by Mr. DeVantier seconded by Mr. Routledge with all in favor to award Engineering services to HVEA

* Budget Modifications for Highway Fund

**RESOLUTION** #127 - 2023 **Budget Modification Highway Fund**

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

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Highway Fund entries be authorized

FROM: TO:

Fund Balance 5130.2

Equipment purchased $38,500.00 - Cat CB 1 Roller

Equipment purchased $45,707.00 - Falcon HotBox

Total: $84,207.00 $84,207.00

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

* Budget Modifications for Highway Fund

**RESOLUTION** #128 - 2023 **Budget Modification Highway Fund**

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

FROM: TO:

5110.40 5110.41

Total: $11,555.75 $11,555.75

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

* Draft letter to all Town of Rockland Water & Sewer customers with broken meters about the estimated readings

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Christopher Bury - Water & Sewer Superintendent -** Minor repair for RSTP, systems are all working fine. Some endpoints are broken. We are looking to replace the whole system and have looked at some new vendors, we got one more to look at.

**Roger Decker - Highway Superintendent -**Demo on the 28th with the new Hotbox machine. Some old chunks of blacktop would go in and over night will become usable black top again. Finished grizzly bars which will ultimately become safer for the employees and were built for only about $3,000.00 which was a huge savings and saves us from employee injuries.

**Glenn Gabbard - Code Enforcement-** Full report before the board members, fire inspections on 85% of commercial buildings have been done. IGA has about 20 fire violations.

* Resolution to accept snow and ice contract

**RESOLUTION** #129 - 2023 **Snow and Ice Contract**

A motion was made by Roll Call with all in favor to authorize the payment rate for Centerline Miles for the Contract year July 1, 2023- June 30th, 2024 for the Town of Rockland

Water and Sewer Weekend Schedule

Water and Sewer Monthly Log

Town Clerks Report

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. DeVantier the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - AYES 4, NAYS 0 - RESOLVED to approve the bills on abstract #23 December 7th 2023 in the following amounts:

General 454-482 $13,066.32

Highway 426-451 $33,757.00

Liv.Manor Water 184-197 $4,073.85

Liv.Manor Sewer 166-176 $1,279.04

R R Water 189-200 $1,126.20

Roscoe Sewer 183-192 $698.86

LML 18 $1,816.24

RRL 20 $109.70

Public Comment - Sheila Shultz asked what the section for the Rail Trail does the Town of Rockland own and also asked if there is going to be another increase for the water and sewer rates ( which was passed at the previous meeting)

**ADJOURNMENT** - On a motion of Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. DeVantier and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marinella Di Vita

Town Clerk