**REGULAR MEETING of the TOWN OF ROCKLAND** was held on November 16th**, 2023** at 7:00 PM with the following members:

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR ROBERT EGGLETON

COUNCILPERSON ANDREW McRELL

COUNCILPERSON EDWIN EDWARDS

COUNCILPERSON CHRISTINE ROUTLEDGE

COUNCILPERSON PETE DEVANTIER (ZOOM)

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

On a motion made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mrs. Routledge, Public hearing was opened at 7:00 PM regarding the Town of Rockland’s final budget

No public comment made

On a motion made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. Edwards, Public hearing was closed at 7:01 PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

* A Motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. McRell to approve the minutes from the November 2nd, 2023 board meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* Commissioner McAndrew from NYS DOT wrote Town of Rockland letter denying previous Old Route 17 speed reduction request.
* Thank you card from Senior Citizens group. Invited all elected officials to Rockland House dinner on December 13th at 1 PM.
* Sullivan 180 new course at SUNY Sullivan during the spring 2024 semester introducing enhancing public spaces for community health and wellness. Call admissions at 845-434-5750 if interested in this course
* O&W updates Liberty was awarded 2 grants, one for $999,919 in Community Development Block Grants and another for $500,00 from the Environmental Protection Fund and a $250,000 Recreational Trails Grant to extend the O&W rail trail from Parksville towards Livingston Manor. Town of Rockland is in the process of making decisions on which engineer to work with from the previous request for qualifications.
* Fire Commissioner Keith “Buddah” Travers resignation letter. Thank you from the Town Board for your years of service.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION** #116 - 2023 **Adopt Final Budget for 2024**

On a motion the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE- AYES 4, NAYS 0: Supervisor Eggleton YES

Councilperson McRell YES

Councilperson DeVantier ABSENT

Councilperson Edwards YES

Councilperson Routledge YES

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of the said hearing on the preliminary budget and an opportunity was given to those present to be heard thereon,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED - that this Town Board does hereby adopt the Final budget as the annual budget of this Town for the fiscal year of 2024, beginning January 1st, 2024 and that such budget as adopted by entered in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED - that the Town Clerk, shall certify in triplicate copies of said budget as adopted and deliver to the Legislator’s of Sullivan County.

The 2024 Budget has an increase of 1.566%

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN ss:

TOWN OF ROCKLAND

I, Marinella Di Vita, Town Clerk of the Town of Rockland, County of Sullivan, State of New York, do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy from the Town Board minutes dated November, 16th, 2023 as kept in the Town of Rockland, Sullivan County, New York.

In Testimony, therefore, I hereby set my hand and the seal of the Town of Rockland this 20th day of November of 2023

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* Health insurance discussion still under review. Will need to make a decision before the end of year
* Water and Sewer licenses. Ronnie and Ruben working diligently with Rural Water to achieve water and sewer licenses.
* Support Citizens NY Audit

**RESOLUTION** #117 - 2023 **Support Citizens NY Audit**

A motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. McRell with all in favor to support NY Citizens Audit in the future research of voting statistics

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Harris Funeral Home and Supervisor Eggleton met and spoke about Orchard Street Cemetery Plots. They discussed ways to create more space for some more burials. They found a section in the cemetery that could fit some cremation plots as long as they are flat grave stones only.
* Rate Change for W/S Districts

**RESOLUTION** # 118- 2023 **Rate Change for Water/Sewer Districts**

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. McRell with all in favor to raise the Water and Sewer rates for each district by $5.00 starting January 1st of 2024

District: 2023: 2024:

Roscoe Water $101.00 $106.00

Roscoe Sewer $136.00 $141.00

Liv Manor Water $96.00 $101.00

Liv Manor Sewer $106.00 $111.00

* Town of Rockland’s final year end meeting is set for December 28th at 9 AM
* Parking on Main Street and Stewart Avenue issues with snow plowing, may need to put in paper that violators will be fined or towed if they do not comply.
* Volunteer needed for Sullivan County Hazard Mitigation
* Appoint Glenn Gabbard as Delegate

**RESOLUTION** #119 - 2023 **Associations of Towns Delegate**

A motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. McRell with all in favor to appoint Glenn Gabbard as the Town of Rockland’s Delegate for Association of Towns.

* Resolution for Reassessments in LM & Roscoe for Misc. Fees

**RESOLUTION** #120-2023 **Approval of Chargebacks for Budget 2024**

By Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Rockland dated November 16th, 2023, a list of parcels are to be re-levied for the Town of Rockland misc. fees: Mowing, trimming, snow removal & salting as approved by the Town Board during the Fiscal Year 2023 in the total amount of $1,100.00

SBL NUMBER OWNER NAME Amount of Re Levy

23.-2-2.2 Ernest Bodon $200.00

26.-1-8 Roadhouse Catskills $500.00

35.-2-4.2 VAMJAG LP $200.00

48.-6-3 Charles GreenBlatt $200.00

TOTAL= $1,100.00

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mrs. Routledge with all in favor to accept these chargebacks stated above.

* Pay Raise for Devon Pagan

**RESOLUTION** # 121- 2023 **Pay Raise Devon Pagan**

A motion was made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. Edwards with all in favor to approve the pay raise for Devon Pagan retroactive since October 3rd in the amount $.75 per hour

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Christopher Bury - Water & Sewer Superintendent -** All set for the winter months. Sending letter to establishments who haven’t complied to grease traps. About 8 of them have not complied to back flow devices.

**Roger Decker - Highway Superintendent -** Truck still in the shop. Approval for Chips for Hotbox was approved and they are coming to do a demo. Almost done building grizzly bars. Thinking about getting a roller with the extra chips money.

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* Purchase Roller Using CHIPS

**RESOLUTION** #122- 2023 **Purchase Roller for HWY**

A motion was made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. Edward with all in favor to purchase Roller for highway depending on CHIPS funds.

**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 #22 November 2nd 2023 in the following amounts:

General 426-453 $36,541.97

Highway 405-425 $89,380.24

Liv.Manor Water 170-183 $5,179.31

Liv.Manor Sewer 149-165 $11,814.68

R R Water 174-188 $3,813.72

Roscoe Sewer 166-182 $8,913.39

LML 17 $38.39

RRL 19 $430.87

HAZ 4 $21.31

Public Comment - Laura Klein asked what area was being discussed about making a parking lot.

**ADJOURNMENT** - On a motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. McRell and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marinella Di Vita

Town Clerk