

**REGULAR MEETING of the TOWN OF ROCKLAND** was held on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 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: Marinella Di Vita, Town Clerk, Roger Decker, Highway Superintendent, Christopher Bury, Water & Sewer Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement & other members from the public.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. McRell to approve the minutes from the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 board meeting

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Sullivan County Democrat article regarding a moratorium being placed in the Town of Bethel
- Sullivan County Youth Bureau grant applications. For more information contact 845-807-0394
- George Dolce letter, request for reduction in speed limit on Beaver Lake Road. Supervisor Eggleton and Board members discussed having the sheriff's department monitor that road more.
- Letter from the Courtyard Bar and Grill

### **RESOLUTION #103- 2024 Golf for 2 at Twin Village**

A motion was made by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. DeVantier with all in favor to donate a round of golf for 2 including a cart for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the town's Twin Village Golf Course. The proceeds for this tournament go to families in need.

- Agriculture and Markets municipal shelter inspection done on 7/16/2024. Report indicates that the dog shelter services were "satisfactory"

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 549 Old Route 17 public hearing on unsafe buildings. The owners have had several opportunities to present themselves to the board. No actions were taken to make this structure up to code. Hearing officer Mr. DeVantier deems this property unsafe and unsecured. Upon Board decision, the Town of Rockland is taking further action to condemn and demolish this structure.

### **RESOLUTION #104- 2024 Reaffirm Unsafe Building**

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mrs. Routledge with all in favor to reaffirm the unsafe and unsecured building for demolition located at 549 Old Route 17

- 120 Main Street & 315 Elm Hollow Road

### **RESOLUTION #105- 2024 Unsafe Structures**

A motion was made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. DeVantier with all in favor to transfer funds to the building department to secure 120 Main Street and 315 Elm Hollow Road. These funds will be used to secure and hire a contractor to clean interior and exterior of these properties as they are deemed unsafe and unsecured to the community.

- Engineering reports are in for the Livingston Manor Water and Roscoe Rockland Water projects
- Solar Liberty CESIR study update

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- LMW & RRW Infrastructure Upgrades

### **RESOLUTION #106- 2024 Infrastructure Upgrades**

A motion was made by Mr. DeVantier seconded by Mr. McRell with all in favor to authorize the Livingston Manor Water District and Roscoe-Rockland Water District to use fund balance money to pay for the cost of water infrastructure upgrades with the anticipation that expenses can be reimbursed through the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)

- 175 Main Street

### **RESOLUTION #107- 2024 Credit on Sewer Bill**

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mrs. Routledge with all in favor to credit the sewer bill for 175 Main Street in the amount of \$130.49

- Clarifier Parts for Roscoe Sewer

**RESOLUTION #108- 2024 Roscoe Sewer Purchase of Parts**

A motion was made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. DeVantier with all in favor to purchase parts for the Clarifier at the Roscoe Sewer Plant for 2,897.00

- Budget Modifications for General

**RESOLUTION #109 - 2024 Budget Modification GEN**

WHEREAS, the 2024 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the GEN Fund entries be authorized

FROM:	TO:
Revenues - \$2,250.00	1410.40- \$2,250.00
Total: \$2,250.00	(check never cashed -prepaid postage for taxes)

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

- Budget Modifications for LMW

**RESOLUTION #110 - 2024 Budget Modification LMW**

WHEREAS, the 2024 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the LMW Fund entries be authorized

FROM:	TO:
Fund Balance - \$13,015.00	8310.4 - \$13,015.00
Total: \$13,015.00	(Del Eng preliminary eng report)

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

- Budget Modifications for RRW

**RESOLUTION # 111- 2024 Budget Modification RRW**

WHEREAS, the 2024 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the RRW Fund entries be authorized

FROM:	TO:
Fund Balance - \$12,950.00	8310.4 - \$12,950.00
Total: \$12,950.00	(Del Eng preliminary eng report)

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

- Genius Loci for Planning & Zoning Review

**RESOLUTION #112 - 2024 Hire Genius Loci Planning/Zoning Review**

On a motion by Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. McRell with all in favor to accept agreement with Genius Loci for Planning & Zoning Review upgrades

- GML 239 Review Sullivan County Agreement

**RESOLUTION #113 - 2024 SC Agreement GML 239 Review**

On a motion by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. DeVantier with all in favor to accept agreement with Sullivan County regarding General Municipal Law Section 239

- A & Sons

**RESOLUTION #114 - 2024 A & SONS HOME BUILDERS**

On a motion by Mr. McRell seconded by Mrs. Routledge with all in favor to hire A & Son's Home Builders to do the emergency repairs for the highway department

- Golf For 2 Roscoe Ladies of Auxiliary

**RESOLUTION #115- 2024 Golf for 2 at Twin Village**

A motion was made by Mr. McRell seconded by Mr. DeVantier with all in favor to donate a round of golf for 2 including a cart for the Roscoe Rockland Ladies of Auxiliary

Water & Sewer Log ; Weekend Schedule

Town Clerks Report - Update on Twin Village Golf Course Financials

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Chris Bury - Water and Sewer Superintendent-** Ronnie passed his test today just waiting for one more so he can get his sewer license. Rural water coming to check out our electric, costs are extremely high, they are going to see where we can reduce the costs. Ordered a brush to clean up water line instead of having to dig across a county road

**Roger Decker - Highway Superintendent-**Couple trucks broke down. Brush machine Marshall machinery came out to check on it and honored the warranty. Back Shandalee and hazel shim coding going to go all the way to Roscoe. Bryan from soil and water approved the pipe job on Brown Settlement which the Town will get almost a full reimbursement for, we will just have to

**Glenn Gabbard - Code Enforcement** - Very busy with STR's... 106 of them now and just 4 more found today. Building permit sent in electronically for property up on Amber Lake Road, finally a solar panel property in which was anticipated

- Dog Park Closing sign will be going up, park is expected to be closed for some duration of time

**Public Comment:**

Sheila Shultz expressed her concern with one of her next door neighbors having an automobile museum. She expressed that it is not within the zoning laws to have such business there and can also be a environmental concern. Also asked if the Golf Course funds were part of the general fund.

John Hendrix- mention of minutes not being uploaded to the town website in a timely fashion (Town website has been under development for the last few months) Questions about Twin Village Financials and Cemetery upkeep were also asked.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. McRell the following resolution was ADOPTED - VOTE - RESOLVED to approve the bills on abstract #15 August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 in the following amounts:

General	325-343	\$23,468.85
Highway	251-264	\$5,515.46
Liv.Manor Water	132-137	\$14,831.40
Liv.Manor Sewer	124-131	\$3,586.09
R R Water	133-140	\$14,281.57
Roscoe Sewer	129-139	\$30,238.90
LML	12	\$1,577.47

Executive session

Motion was made by Mr. DeVantier and seconded by Mr. McRell to go into executive session at 8:05 PM

Motion was made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. DeVantier to come out of executive session at 8:32 PM

**ADJOURNMENT** - On a motion of Mrs. Routledge seconded by Mr. McRell and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Marinella Di Vita  
Town Clerk