

**REGULAR MEETING of the TOWN OF ROCKLAND was held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 PM with the following members:**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>ROBERT EGGLETON</b>
	<b>COUNCILPERSON</b>	<b>ANDY MCRELL</b>
	<b>COUNCILPERSON</b>	<b>CAROLE EDWARDS</b>
	<b>COUNCILPERSON</b>	<b>PETER JR DEVANTIER</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>COUNCILPERSON</b>	<b>CHRISTINE ROUTLEDGE</b>

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer DeVantier, Secretary to the Supervisor, Roger Decker, Highway Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer, Christopher Bury, Water & Sewer Superintendent & other members from the public

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Rescind Resolutions Due To Publication Error**

**RESOLUTION #152 -2025** Rescind Resolution #140

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to rescind resolution #140-2025 “Resolution & Order After Public Hearing” due to failure of publication

**RESOLUTION #153 -2025** Rescind Resolution #141

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to rescind resolution #141-2025 “Bond Resolution” due to failure of publication

**Public Hearing entered at 7 PM RSTP Clarifier**

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to open the public hearing at 7 pm for the RSTP Emergency Clarifier Project.

With no further comments,

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier with all in favor to close the public hearing.

Supervisor Eggleton briefly mentioned to the board and members of the public that a meeting was had with DEC on the 17<sup>th</sup>. This was to review the notice of violations and some questions got brought up about a back up plan in case there is an issue with the other clarifier. It was added to the compliance schedule just in case that does happen. That will increase points on the permit. We will have 2 years on emergency funding to complete it and pay it back.

**Public Hearing Following Local Law #2-2025**

A motion was made by Councilperson Edwards and seconded by Councilperson McRell with all in favor to open public hearing for the Local Law #2 – 2025 regarding zoning and subdivision laws

With no further comments,

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to close the public hearing.

**Public Hearing Following Supplement to the TOR Comp Plan**

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier with all in favor to open public hearing for the 2025 Supplement to the Town of Rockland Comprehensive Plan

With no further comments,

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to close the public hearing regarding the supplement to the Town of Rockland Supplement to the Comprehensive Plan.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier seconded by Councilperson McRell with all in favor to approve the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Radio Bold info central submitting updates about weather related changes (delays, cancellations, or early dismissals)
- Rockland School Newsletter – New Superintendent Keith Lewis
- Humane Society of Middletown - \$300 Per Dog - \$100 Per Dog DOA, no reports from Diana Marty our current Dog Control Officer

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Local Law #2-2025 “Local law to amend the Town of Rockland Zoning Law and Subdivision Law”

### **RESOLUTION # 154 – 2025 Adopt Local Law #2 – 2025**

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson McRell with all in favor by roll call to adopt “Local Law #2-2025 to amend the Town of Rockland Zoning Law and Subdivision Law”

### **RESOLUTION # 155- 2025 Increase & Improvement of Facilities of the Roscoe Sewer District**

**Offered By: Councilperson DeVantier**

**Seconded By: Councilperson Edwards**

### **RESOLUTION AND ORDER AFTER PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Rockland (herein called the “Town”), in the County of Sullivan, New York, on behalf of the Roscoe Sewer District (herein called the “District”), in the Town, has caused Delaware Engineering, D.P.C., engineers duly licensed by the State of New York (the “Engineer”) to prepare a preliminary map and plan and estimated of cost for the increase and improvement of facilities of the District, consisting of the rehabilitation of a failed clarifier, including ancillary and related work in connection therewith, as described in the report prepared by the Engineers dated October 31, 2025, entitled “Roscoe Sewer District Emergency Clarifier Rehabilitation,” and pursuant to the direction of the Town, the Engineer has completed and filed with the Town Board such preliminary map and plan and estimate of cost for said increase and improvement of facilities of the District and has estimated the cost thereof to be \$301,500; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that all or part of the cost of the project described herein may be financed through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) State Revolving Fund (SRF), and any such grant funds received are authorized to be used to pay a part of the cost of such project, or to pay debt service related thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted an Order describing in general terms the proposed increase and improvement of facilities, specifying the estimated cost thereof, and stating the Town Board would meet to hear all persons interested in said increase and improvement of facilities on December 18, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Town Hall, 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, New York; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of such public hearing was duly published and posted pursuant to the provisions of Article 12 of the Town Law and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, such public hearing was duly held by the Town Board on this 18th day of December, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the Town Hall, 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, New York, with considerable discussion on the matter having been had and all persons desiring to be heard having been heard, including those in favor of and those in opposition to said increase and improvement of such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has given due consideration to the impact that the increase and improvement of the facilities of the District may have on the environment and has complied in every respect with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding environmental matters, including compliance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, constituting Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, and has made a final determination that the project is a Type II project pursuant to SEQRA;

Now, therefore, on the basis of the information given and received at such hearing, it is hereby

DETERMINED, that it is in the public interest to increase and improve the facilities of the District as hereinabove described, at the estimated maximum cost of \$301,500; and it is hereby

ORDERED, that the facilities of the District shall be so increased and improved and that the Engineer heretofore retained by the Town Board shall prepare plans and specifications and make a careful estimate of the expense for said increase and improvement of such facilities

and, with the assistance of the Town Attorney or the attorney for the District, shall prepare a proposed contract for such increase and improvement of facilities of the District, which plans and specifications, estimate and proposed contract shall be presented to the Town Board as soon as possible; and it is hereby

FURTHER ORDERED, that the expense of said increase and improvement of facilities shall be financed by the issuance of \$301,500 bonds of the Town, and the costs of said increase and improvement of facilities, including payment of principal of and interest on said bonds, shall be paid by the assessment, levy and collection of assessments upon the several lots and parcels of land within the District, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit conferred upon the same to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds; and it is hereby

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk record, or cause to be recorded, a certified copy of this Resolution and Order After Public Hearing in the office of the Clerk of Sullivan County within ten (10) days after adoption thereof.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution and Order was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert Eggleton	voting	YES
Councilperson Peter Devantier	voting	YES
Councilperson Carol Edwards	voting	YES
Councilperson Andrew McRell	voting	YES
Councilperson Christine Routledge	voting	ABSENT

**RESOLUTION # 156- 2025 BOND RESOLUTION**

**Offered By: Councilperson DeVantier**

**Seconded By: Councilperson Edwards**

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND, NEW YORK, ADOPTED DECEMBER 18, 2025, APPROPRIATING \$301,500 FOR THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES OF THE ROSCOE SEWER DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$301,500 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

Recital

WHEREAS, following preparation of a map and plan and estimate of cost for the increase and improvement of facilities of the Roscoe Sewer District (herein called the “District”), in the Town of Rockland (herein called the “Town”), in the County of Sullivan, New York, and after a public hearing duly called and held, the Town Board of the Town determined that it is in the public interest to increase and improve the facilities of the District, and ordered that such facilities be so increased and improved;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town hereby appropriates the amount of \$301,500 for the increase and improvement of facilities of the Roscoe Sewer District, consisting of the rehabilitation of a failed clarifier, including ancillary and related work in connection therewith, as described in the report prepared by the Engineers dated October 31, 2025, entitled “Roscoe Sewer District Emergency Clarifier Rehabilitation.” The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$301,500 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$301,500 bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation and the assessment, levy and collection of assessments upon the several lots and parcels of land within the District, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit conferred upon the same to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds. All or part of the cost of the project may be financed through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) State Revolving Fund (SRF), and any such grant funds received are authorized to be used to pay a part of the cost of such project, or to pay debt service related thereto.

Section 2. Bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$301,500 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called “Law”), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and stated:

(a) The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 4 of the Law, is forty (40) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the Town, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Town by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to executing contracts for credit enhancements and providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of the Town.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with, and

an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing bond resolution, in summary, in the official newspaper of the Town, having general circulation in said Town, together with the Town Clerk’s statutory notice in the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert Eggleton	voting	YES
Councilperson Peter Devantier	voting	YES
Councilperson Carol Edwards	voting	YES
Councilperson Andrew McRell	voting	ABSENT
Councilperson Christine Routledge	voting	YES

The Resolution was declared adopted.

- Comprehensive Plan

**RESOLUTION #157 – 2025 Supplement to the Town of Rockland Comprehensive Plan**

A motion was made by Councilperson Edwards and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier with all in favor to adopt the supplement to the Town of Rockland’s Comprehensive Plan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Court Clerk Appointment Kelly Bertholf

**RESOLUTION #158 -2025 Appoint Court Clerk Kelly Bertholf**

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to appoint Kelly Bertholf to full time court clerk

- Riverwalk Committee Additions

**RESOLUTION #159 -2025 Riverwalk Committee**

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to add Dan Pacek, Gwen Schantz and Lisa Lyons to the Riverwalk Committee.

- Seasonal Employees

**RESOLUTION #160 -2025 Ending Summer/Seasonal Employment**

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to end summer/seasonal employment for Parks for employees James Corless, Brooke Coman, Glen Eggleton, Jason Meola and Alex Feeney.

- Hire Alex Feeney PT Maintenance

**RESOLUTION #161 -2025 Hire Alex Feeney PT Maintenance**

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to hire Alex Feeney as a part time maintenance worker for the winter season up to 20 hours

- Christmas party at 12 tomorrow (December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025)
- Code Enforcement Vehicle broke down – needs \$6,000 work and labor. Department needs a pickup truck because the jeep bottoms out in various locations. Robert Green (2 quotes)

**RESOLUTION #162 -2025 New Truck for Building Dept**

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to purchase 2023 Dodge Ram from Robert Green on state bid at a price of \$38,654.69. 2 quotes were retrieved \$(38,654.69 & \$40,387.19)

- Courthouse parking rent increase – town rents entire lot and \$300 increase
- Russell Budd – RSTP Contract

**RESOLUTION #163 -2025 RSTP Contract – Russell Budd**

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson McRell with all in favor to approve Russell Budd’s RSTP Contract at the \$55 an hour but not to exceed \$12,000

- Grant Committee – Maria Bivins, Dan Pacek will work with Russel and speak with Chrissy.
- Budget modification GEN

**RESOLUTION #164- 2025 GEN Budget Modification**

WHEREAS the 2025 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the General Fund entries be authorized

From		To	
\$300.00	5132.20	\$300.00	5010.40
HWY Garage Equipment		HWY Superintendent Contractual	
For the purchase of a Highway Superintendent Laptop			

From		To	
\$18,000.00	1320.40	\$18,000.00	1315.40
Auditor- Contractual		Bookkeeper Contractual	
For the purchase of a new finance and payroll software			

From		To	
\$210.10	6772.41	\$210.10	6772.40



Programs for the aging -Roscoe		Programs for the aging -LM	
To even out expenditures paid for senior citizen trips			
From		To	
\$10,000.00	8010.10	\$10,000.00	8010.40
Building/zoning payroll		Building/zoning contractual	
To cover expenditures			
From		To	
\$10,000.00	8410.20	\$30,000.00	7110.11
Electrical & power equipment		Twin Village golf personnel	
\$20,000.00	8410.40		
Electrical & power Contractual			
Unused solar project funds to cover golf course expenditures			
From		To	
\$11,250.00	8510.4	\$10,000.00	7110.41
Beautification – LM		Twin Village Golf Contractual	
\$11,250.00	8510.41	\$6,000.00	7110.20
Beautification – Roscoe		Parks-Equipment	
		\$6,500.00	7110.21
		Twin Village Golf Equipment	
Unused beautification funds to cover golf course & parks expenditures			
From		To	
\$12,000.00	8810.40	\$7,000.00	7110.10
Cemetery Contractual		Parks – Personnel	
		\$5,000.00	7110.41
		Twin Village Golf Contractual	
Unused cemetery funds to cover golf course expenditures & parks payroll			

From	To
\$6,500.00    1355.10	\$7,500.00    1355.40
Assessor Personnel	Twin Village Golf Contractual

\$1,000.00    1420.40

Attorney Contractual

To cover expenditures

From	To
\$6,500.00    1910.10	\$6,500.00    7110.41
Unallocated Insurance	Twin Village Golf Contractual

To cover expenditures

From	To
\$1,500.00    7310.40	\$3,000.00    7110.41
Youth Programming - LM	Twin Village Golf Contractual

\$1,500.00    7310.41

Youth Programming – Roscoe

To cover expenditures

From	To
\$3,000.00    3310.10	\$8,000.00    9010.80
Traffic Control Personnel	Benefits - Retirement

\$1,000.00    3510.40

Dog Control Contractual

\$4,000.00    6989.40

Other Economic Development

To cover contracted salary amount

The motion to accept this resolution was made by Councilperson Edwards and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION #165- 2025 GEN Budget Modification**

WHEREAS the 2025 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the General Fund entries be authorized

Revenues		Expenditures	
\$5,000.00	00-2703	\$5,000.00	5132.40
Refund of Prior Yr		Highway Garage Contractual	
NYS Pesh Grant to cover expenditures for safety improvements to Hwy garage			
\$6,493.88	00-2770	\$6,493.88	7310.42
Miscellaneous		Youth Programming	
Sullivan County Youth Bureau Grant for Rotary Sponsored Youth Activites			
\$10,000.00	00-2665	\$10,000.00	7110.20
Sale of Equipment		Parks- Equipment	

Sale of old Parks Dept truck at auction to help cover purchase of “new” parks dept truck

The motion to accept this resolution was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION #166- 2025 HWY Budget Modification**

WHEREAS the 2025 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the Highway Fund entries be authorized

From		To	
\$250.00	9060.80	\$250.00	9010.80
Benefits - Medical		Benefits - Retirement	

To cover annual invoice amount

The motion to accept this resolution was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson Edwards and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION #167- 2025 LMW Budget Modification**

WHEREAS the 2025 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the LMW Fund entries be authorized

From		To	
\$65.06	9030.80	\$65.06	9010.80
Benefits – Social Security		Benefits - Retirement	

To cover annual invoice amount

The motion to accept this resolution was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION #168- 2025 LMS Budget Modification**

WHEREAS the 2025 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the LMS Fund entries be authorized

From		To	
\$65.06	9030.80	\$65.06	9010.80
Benefits – Social Security		Benefits - Retirement	
To cover annual invoice amount			

The motion to accept this resolution was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION #169- 2025 RS Budget Modification**

WHEREAS the 2025 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the RS Fund entries be authorized

From		To	
\$1,530.00	9730.70	\$1,530.00	9720.60
Debt Service - Interest		Debt Service – Principal	
To cover loan payment			

The motion to accept this resolution was made by Councilperson Edwards and seconded by Councilperson McRell and unanimously carried.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Roger Decker – Highway Superintendent** – Got check from soil and water, grants are over 60k. Busy with all the storms and repairing equipment, expecting rain to go into ice. Plows are pins wear. Prices have doubled unfortunately compared to prices from prior years. 8-9 week lead time on items for truck. Fiberoptics going up on Tnnh lake – Will be requiring site visit per road

**Glennn Gabbard – Code Enforcement Officer** –Closing permits for the year. Several locations in Roscoe no heat. Fire inspections. 250-250 Permits for the year.

**Christopher Bury – Water & Sewer Superintendent** – water main break on arts blvd over the weekend

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Councilperson Edwards and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier the following resolution was ADOPTED-VOTED-RESOLVED to approve the bills on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 ABSTRACT #24 in the following amounts :

GENERAL	561-582	\$58,077.86
HIGHWAY	438-456	\$41,296.59
LIV MANOR SEWER	235-246	\$4,694.63
LIV MANOR WATER	257-268	\$895.59
ROSCOE WATER	256-267	\$1,035.21
ROSCOE SEWER	259-270	\$1,205.28
HAZ	12	\$56.44
LML	14	\$1,634.70
RRL	13	\$1,105.51

Executive In at 7:47 PM – A motion was made to go into executive session by Councilperson Edwards and seconded by Councilperson McRell to go into executive session.

Executive Out at 7:58 PM – A motion was made to come out of executive session by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards to come out of executive session

**ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion of Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marinella Di Vita

Town of Rockland, Town Clerk