

REGULAR MEETING of the TOWN OF ROCKLAND was held on November 6th, 2025 at 7:00 PM with the following members:

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR	ROBERT EGGLETON
COUNCILPERSON	ANDY MCRELL
COUNCILPERSON	CAROLE EDWARDS
COUNCILPERSON	PETER JR DEVANTIER
COUNCILPERSON	CHRISTINE ROUTLEDGE

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

Pledge of Allegiance

- **Public Hearing 2026 Final Budget - A motion was made by Councilperson Routledge and seconded by Councilperson Edwards to open the public hearing at 7:00 PM**

Supervisor Eggleton opened the public hearing and allowed the public to comment on the budget. The final budget reflects a 0.09% increase. No further comment was made regarding the final budget.

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier to close the hearing at 7:01 PM

RESOLUTION #128 - 2025 ADOPT FINAL BUDGET FOR 2026

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 preliminary budget as the annual budget of this Town for the fiscal year of 2026, beginning January 1st, 2026 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 Legislators of Sullivan County.

The Town of Rockland 2026 Budget has an increase of 0.09%

A motion was made by Councilperson Routledge and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to approve the final budget for 2026.

- Bill Brown speaks about the broken clarifier and mechanical components. The special district will need outside funding to support this project. DEC and EFC need this part back in service. EFC has an emergency loan, will need to follow town law to take that loan. Need an emergency declaration to obtain this funding. This project is to be completed by 2028 and the emergency funding is a one year loan. Will need to schedule a public hearing for the RTSP at the next board meeting.

RESOLUTION # 129- 2025 Necessary Action Emergency Repair RSTP Clarifier

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Rockland hereby determines that a condition of emergency exists by reason of the failure of a clarifier at the Roscoe Wastewater Treatment Plant and the resultant imminent hazard to the environment and the public health, safety and welfare; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Rockland immediately take and diligently pursue all necessary action to replace and/or repair the failed clarifier in order to protect the environment and the public health, safety and welfare, including but not limited to pursuing Water Infrastructure Emergency Financial Assistance through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, the New York Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Department of Health.

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to accept the motion.

RESOLUTION # 130- 2025 Improvement of Facilities RSTP

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, in the Town (herein called the “District”), 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 estimate 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 entitled “Roscoe Sewer District Emergency Clarifier Rehabilitation,” dated October 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, 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 total cost thereof to be not in excess of \$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 grant funds received from EFC or any other source 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 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 matter, 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 pursuant to SEQRA;

Now, therefore, be it

ORDERED that a meeting of the Town Board of the Town be held at the Town Hall, 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, New York, on the **20th day of November, 2025 at 7:15 PM** (prevailing time) to consider **said increase and improvement of facilities of the District** and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law; and be it,

FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Clerk publish at least once in the official newspaper of the Town, and post on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law, a Notice of such public hearing, in substantially the form appearing in Exhibit A, certified by said Town Clerk, the first publication thereof and said posting to be not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of such public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson Routledge with all in favor to set public hearing for **11/20 at 7:15 PM**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilperson Routledge and Seconded by Councilperson Edwards to approve the October 16th, 2025 Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE

- NYMIR John Barnett appraising all town buildings on 11/19
- Sullivan County Single Stream Recycling guide
- Rabies Clinic Town of Rockland – location: LMFD 6-7:30 PM on November 12th
- Wreathes Across America – Saturday, December 13th
- Open house Johnston & Rhodes – new owners 11/7 & 11/8
- Upper Delaware River newsletter – accepting RFP's for grant program

OLD BUSINESS

- NY Forward Application has been submitted today, thank you to Rob Eggleton, Andy McRell, Maureen Mooney, Russell Budd, Maria Bivins, Dan Pacek, and Jennifer DeVantier.
- Code of Conduct needs to be reviewed and changed

NEW BUSINESS

- Introduction Local Law #2

RESOLUTION #131- 2025 Introduction Local Law #2 – To amend the TOR Zoning Law & Subdivision Law Public Hearing 11/20

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Rockland in the County of Sullivan and State of New York, introductory Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2025, entitled “**A local law to amend the Town of Rockland Zoning Law and Subdivision Law.**”

The proposed local law will amend the Town of Rockland Zoning Law and Subdivision Law in furtherance of the amended comprehensive plan, with a focus on balancing development with the protection of open space, water quality, forest lands, ridgelines and steep slopes, with consideration of affordable housing. Accordingly, the local law adds new provisions regarding Timber Harvesting, Conservation Subdivisions, Land Clearing, Disturbance on Steep Slopes, and Higher Elevation Development. In addition, Zoning Law amendments also include several new definitions and adjustments to the Schedule of District Regulations.

The proposed local law has been determined to be Type I action pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, for which the Town Board of the Town of Rockland was designated Lead Agency, a Full Environmental Assessment Form was prepared and a Negative Declaration was issued.

A copy of the aforesaid local law is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Rockland, New York, where the same may be examined.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby determines that the aforesaid local law constitutes a Type I Action as defined in the regulations promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, for which environmental review the Town Board shall act as Lead Agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following careful review and consideration by the Town Board of Part 1 and Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form as prepared and recommended by the Town’s professional planning consultant, the Town Board hereby accepts and adopts the same as its own, inclusive of the responses set forth to the questions contained in Part 2; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, based upon the Town Board’s acceptance of Part 1 and Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form as aforesaid, the Town Board hereby accepts and adopts the same as its own, Part 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form as prepared and recommended by the Town’s professional planning consultant, inclusive of the narrative elaboration of the reasons supporting the determination contained therein, and hereby finds that adoption of introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2025 will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, an Environmental Impact Statement need not be prepared and a negative declaration shall be issued.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, resulting as follows:

Supervisor Robert Eggleton	voting	YES
Councilperson Carole Edwards	voting	YES
Councilperson Andrew McRell	voting	YES
Councilperson Peter DeVantier	voting	YES
Councilperson Christine Routledge	voting	YES

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

- Public Hearing November 20th 7:30 PM Supplement to Comprehensive Plan

RESOLUTION #132- 2025 Supplement to Comprehensive Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town of Rockland Town Board on the 2025 Supplement to the Town of Rockland Comprehensive Plan.

SAID HEARING will be held on **November 20th**, 2025, in Town Hall, 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY at **7:30 PM**, at which time all interested parties, in per or by agent will be heard. A copy of aforesaid 2025 Supplement to the Town of Rockland Comprehensive Plan is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Rockland, New York where the same may be examined

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to advertise the public hearing based on the **Supplement to the Town of Rockland's Comprehensive Plan**.

- Budget modification HWY

RESOLUTION #133- 2025 HWY Budget Modification

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

From:	To:
Highway Fund	5130.2
\$83,449.95	\$83,449.95

Balance

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

- Budget modification RS

RESOLUTION #134- 2025 RS Budget Modification

WHEREAS the 2025 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the Roscoe Sewer entries be authorized

From:	To:
Fund Balance	8130.4
\$4,712.20	\$4,712.20
	TAM Pump out / clean working clarifier
From:	To:
Fund Balance	8120.4
\$14,184.00	\$14,184.00
	TAM emergency pump bypass rental
From:	To:
8130.4	8120.2
\$1,131.09	\$1,131.09

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

- Grass Chargeback Reassessment 2026
RESOLUTION # 135-2025 Grass Charge Backs 2026

A motion was made by Councilperson Routledge and seconded Councilperson McRell with all in favor to reassess the mowing charge backs on the followings tax bills for the year 2026

41 Riverside Drive

Amount: \$ 300.00

Admin Fee: \$ 100.00

- Zero Turn Mower Golf Course

RESOLUTION #136-2025 Zero Turn Mower Motor

A motion was made by Councilperson Routledge and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to purchase a new motor for the zero turn mower, the new motor is \$1,807.00

Town Clerk’s Monthly Report

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Christopher Bury – Water & Sewer Superintendent – 66 Rockland road PS working, seasonal customers shutting off water, will need notification asap, winterize your pipes. Leak in Roscoe over the weekend Main break and leak on Cottage St hydrant. UV Chlorine done for winter

Glenn Gabbard – Code Enforcement Officer – Report is before the board. Kingston training is next week for Glenn and Kaitlen

Roger Decker – Highway Superintendent – Got insurance for the sander damage, buy back old sander for parts. Thinking about upgrading to hydraulic instead of electric. It would cost 16,362 to upgrade to hydraulic sander instead of the electric one. Could have it on truck and installed in two weeks. Letter from Colchester thanking TOR for their help. One truck broke down and 3 trucks didn’t sell, will put back out for bid. Holding onto the 2010 Freightliner

- Hydraulic Sander From Electric

RESOLUTION #137-2025 Hydraulic Sander

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to change from electric sander to hydraulic sander

W/S weekend log and schedule

PUBLIC HEARINGS 3 ALL AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL FOR VIEWING

Brian McPhillips – County budget 9.1% Increase – Speaks about Airport purchase & Budget meetings coming up in December

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion of Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Routledge the following resolution was ADOPTED-VOTED-RESOLVED to approve the bills on November 6th, 2025 ABSTRACT #21 in the following amounts :

GENERAL	488-509	\$32,157.92
HIGHWAY	379-406	\$57,890.43
LIV MANOR SEWER	197-206	\$1,827.79
LIV MANOR WATER	220-232	\$5,069.05
ROSCOE WATER	219-230	\$2,189.21
ROSCOE SEWER	214-229	\$25,652.69
T&A	2	\$525.00

Executive In at 8:01 PM – A motion was made to go into executive session by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards to go into executive session.

Executive Out at 8:18 PM – A motion was made to come out of executive session by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards to go into executive session

ADJOURNMENT – On a motion of Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson Routledge and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marinella Di Vita

Town of Rockland, Town Clerk