

REGULAR MEETING of the TOWN OF ROCKLAND was held on February 19th, 2026 at 7:00 PM with the following members:

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR	ROBERT EGGLETON
COUNCILPERSON	FRANCIS WOLCOTT
COUNCILPERSON	CHRISTINE ROUTLEDGE
COUNCILPERSON	ANDREW McRELL
COUNCILPERSON	PETER JR DEVANTIER

OTHERS PRESENT: Marinella Di Vita, Town Clerk, Christopher Bury, Water & Sewer Superintendent, Roger Decker, Highway Superintendent, Glenn Gabbard, Code Enforcement Officer & other members from the public

Pledge of Allegiance

- **A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson Wolcott to open the public hearings at 7 PM and to appoint Councilperson DeVantier as the hearing officer for both due process public hearings**

DUE PROCESS: 583 OLD ROUTE 17 (48.-1-8)

Code Enforcement Officer explains to board how property has been cited multiple times for the garbage nuisance. The garbage has attracted rats to the general area. Court judgement has been made to fine the property owner 5 counts of fines at \$1,000 each.

Public Comment: Sheila Shultz asked if there have been any complaints from the Synagogue

Code Enforcement Officer: People are only in the synagogue on holy days so no complaints have been made there however many people have talked about this throughout town. This has been an ongoing issue for years and it's time the town acts on this.

DUE PROCESS: 68 GULF ROAD (33.-1-68)

Code Enforcement Officer explains to the board how this property is occupied currently however there is year round garbage that keeps on piling up everywhere. The drone footage really gets a good look at what is going on with this property. Theres garbage all over his front and back yard, equipment everywhere, garbage that falls down onto the main road constantly. Court judgement has been made to fine the property owner of 5 counts of fines at \$1,000 each.

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

RESOLUTION #-19- 2026 Impose \$5,000 Fine & Clean up Properties

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson Wolcott to proceed with imposing a \$5,000 fine for both property 583 Old Route 17 (48.-1-8) and 68 Gulf Road (33.-1-68) and move forward with hiring contractors to remove the garbage on both properties and re-levy that cleaning charge to these property owners tax bills.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and Seconded by Councilperson Routledge to approve the February 5th, 2026 Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE

- **PILOT – Catskill Brewery – Town share is \$5,141.96**
- **NYSEG high usage bill**

- Gate at the Rockland High School is leaning over broken, Town plans to move a crossing guard to the front and make the back a one way street.

OLD BUSINESS

- Department heads need to make sure sales tax is not on bills for vendors when using credit card and once credit card is used whichever department needs to turn in a voucher immediately.
- Jennifer Squires cleaning add to monthly bills

RESOLUTION #-20- 2026 Hire-A-Squire Into Monthly Vouchers

A motion was made by Councilperson Routledge and seconded by Councilperson McRell with all in favor to allow Jennifer Squires contract monthly cleaning to be added into the Town of Rockland's monthly payments for the year 2026. \$4,800 has been allocated for cleaning so the Town of Rockland will pay her at the beginning of every month \$400/per cleaning. Any extra jobs she is asked to do can be billed separately after service is provided.

- Dean DeWitt P/T Crossing Guard

RESOLUTION #-21- 2026 Part Time Crossing Guard

A motion was made by Councilperson Routledge and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier with all in favor of hiring Dean DeWitt as a part time crossing guard for the Rockland High School at a pay rate of \$18 an hour.

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Path update
- Generator for Rockland Road – cost to fix approximately \$2,600 – may just purchase used or new one (propane possibly) Going to ask Bill Brown and possible bid

NEW BUSINESS

- William Roser Town Justice Bank Accts

RESOLUTION #-22- 2026 Bail Account & Court Account

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson Wolcott with all in favor of allowing William Roser to create a Bail Account and a Court Account at Jeff Bank in Livingston Manor, NY

- TAP Grant Funding

RESOLUTION #-23- 2026 TAP GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Rockland is a participating municipality in Sullivan County's planned Sullivan O&W Rail Trail, which trail will traverse some 50 miles of the County beginning in the Village of Wurtsboro and ending in the Hamlet of Livingston Manor; and

WHEREAS, the Town and County have cooperated to complete the planning and design phases of a segment of the aforesaid trail currently known as the *Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Phase 2* aka the Little Beaverkill Rail Trail (the "Project"), running from Rotary Park in Livingston Manor to the Little Beaver Kill Gap; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to seek grant funding to construct the Project through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) administered by the NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT); and

WHEREAS, the TAP is a reimbursable grant program that will fund up to 80% of eligible costs to construct the Project and the Town will be responsible to fund the required 20% Local Match.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to submit a TAP application for grant funding to construct the Project

		<u>Aye</u>
Supervisor	Robert Eggleton	X
Councilperson	Andrew McRell	X
Councilperson	Christine Routledge	X
Councilperson	Peter DeVantier, Jr.	X
Councilperson	Francis Wolcott	X

A motion was made unanimously with all in favor.

RESOLUTION #24- 2026 Local Law #1 – 2026 Sewer Usage

BE IT RESOLVED, that introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2026 entitled “A local law amending Chapter 143 of the Code of the Town of Rockland, Sullivan County, New York, entitled ‘Sewer Use’” is hereby introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Rockland, County of Sullivan, State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid local law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby determines the aforesaid local law to be a Type II Action pursuant to §617.5(c)(26) and (33) of the regulations promulgated under the State Environmental Quality Review Act for which no environmental review is required;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hold a public hearing on the aforesaid local law at the Town of Rockland Town Hall, 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, New York, at 7 p.m., prevailing time, on March 5th, 2026

A motion was made by Roll call to introduce Local Law #1-2026 (sewer usage)

- Budget Modification HWY

RESOLUTION #25- 2026 HWY Budget Modification

WHEREAS the 2026 Budget requires modification, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the Highway Fund entries be authorized

From:		To:	
Revenue	\$24,900.00	Expenditures (5130.2)	\$24,900

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Wolcott with all in favor to approve this budget modification.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Christopher Bury – Water & Sewer Superintendent – Meter bodies keep breaking like crazy. Alarm system was going on, customer alerted the department. Ronald Crover passed Sewer License.

Roger Decker – Highway Superintendent – Check received from Ram, our bucket truck came today so total cost on that was \$1,800. 2 Freightliners broke down this week, some pretty expensive repairs. Tree cutting till next storm.

Glenn Gabbard – Code Enforcement Officer – AOT training was good, 11 years as the delegate and its always a good learning experience. Catching up on all fire inspections and getting ready for a busy spring, things have slowed down substantially since 2022.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion of Councilperson Routledge and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier the following resolution was ADOPTED-VOTED-RESOLVED to approve the bills on February 19th, 2026 ABSTRACT #4 in the following amounts :

GENERAL	80-98	\$20,381.64
HIGHWAY	63-77	\$75,114.01
LIV MANOR SEWER	39-43	\$7,078.71
LIV MANOR WATER	35-41	\$4,049.16
ROSCOE WATER	36-39	\$2,264.94
ROSCOE SEWER	34-39	\$2,587.00
LML	3	\$308.11
RRL	3	\$197.93
ROS EFC	3	\$10,218.75

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Councilperson Routledge and seconded by Councilperson Wolcott with all in favor to go into executive session at 7:42 PM

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson McRell with all in favor to come out of executive session at 8:07 PM

RESOLUTION #-26- 2026 Ronald Crover Foreman Title & Raise

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolcott and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier with all in favor to give Ronald Crover a \$1.23 raise and make him foreman for the department as of the pass date.

RESOLUTION #-27- 2026 Jennifer DeVantier Training Classes

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolcott and seconded by Councilperson Routledge with all in favor to allow Jennifer DeVantier to work additional hours for her continuing education at SUNY Ulster. Councilperson DeVantier recused himself from this motion.

RESOLUTION #-28- 2026 Richard Devoe Dog Control

A motion was made by Councilperson Routledge and seconded by Councilperson McRell with all in favor to hire Richard Devoe as the Town of Rocklands dog control officer as of April 1st.

ADJOURNMENT – On a motion of Councilperson Routledge and seconded by Councilperson McRell and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Marinella Di Vita
Town of Rockland, Town Clerk

