

**REGULAR MEETING of the TOWN OF ROCKLAND was held on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 PM with the following members:**

<b>PRESENT: SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>ROBERT EGGLETON</b>
<b>COUNCILPERSON</b>	<b>FRANCIS WOLCOTT</b>
<b>COUNCILPERSON</b>	<b>CHRISTINE ROUTLEDGE</b>
<b>COUNCILPERSON</b>	<b>ANDREW McRELL</b>
<b>COUNCILPERSON</b>	<b>PETER JR DEVANTIER</b>

**OTHERS PRESENT: Marinella Di Vita, Town Clerk and other members from the public**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Hearing: Local Law #1 – 2026 (Sewer Usage)**

A motion was made with all in favor to open the Public Hearing at 7 PM. With no further public comment or questions, Supervisor Eggleton closed the public hearing at 7:02 PM after explaining the minor changes to the law.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Corrections - #28 Richard DeVoe hire for dog control officer start date on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**Corrections - #26 Ronald Crover the date that raise begins is the date that he passed his sewer exam**

A motion was made by Councilperson Routledge and Seconded by Councilperson Wolcott to approve the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Minutes

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Catskill Fly Fishing Museum letter of support from Town of Rockland – Youth Teaching Program, no cost to the youth and various age groups

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- RSTP Engineering Report

#### **RESOLUTION #-29- 2026 Delaware Engineering Contract**

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson Wolcott with all in favor to hire and sign contract with Delaware Engineering, D.P.C for the agreement to prepare a preliminary engineering report for the Roscoe Sewer District waste water treatment improvements project. The scope of services will include task 1 which is the preparation of the preliminary engineering report and task 2 which will include the environmental review (SEQR) and will cost a total project fee of \$22,500.00.

- Riverwalk Meeting yesterday, the committee is down to one plan now. Goldstein Property to be surveyed and then attorney will draw up papers.
- TOR Town Board grant funding assistance O&W Rail Trail Phase 2

#### **RESOLUTION #30- 2026 O&W Rail Trail Phase 2**

WHEREAS, this Town 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, this Town and Sullivan County have cooperated to complete the planning and design phases for a segment of the aforesaid trail currently known as the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Phase 2 (the "Project"). The Project will run approximately 1.25 miles starting at Rotary Park in Livingston Manor and ending at the Little Beaverkill Gap; and

WHEREAS, this Town Board desires to seek grant funding to construct the Project through the *Transportation Alternatives Program* (TAP). Funding for the TAP is made available to New York State by the Federal Highway Administration and is administered by the NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). The TAP is a reimbursement program that will fund 80% of eligible costs (up to \$7,000,000) to construct the Project and the Town will be responsible to fund a required 20% local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that, in order to help fund the Project, this Town Board is applying for non-municipal sources of funding assistance through the TAP program. If Tap funding is awarded to the Project, this Board hereby agrees and commits to fund construction of the Project through the issuance of a construction bond and/or by other means such as grants, the Town’s general fund or a combination thereof. With said funds, the Town will pay for Project expenses prior to submitting for reimbursement from the NYSDOT of up to 80% of eligible Project costs. The Town will further fund the required 20% local match plus any work or amenities necessary to complete the Project that are either ineligible for TAP funding or are above and beyond the TAP award.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor and, in his absence, the Deputy Supervisor, is authorized to submit an application and apply for funding through the TAP program and is further authorized to enter any project financing agreements with the NYSDOT and any other agency, and to provide and execute any other documents necessary to receive funding assistance.

The adoption of the foregoing was duly put to a vote as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Robert Eggleton, Supervisor	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
Andrew McRell, Councilperson	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
Christine Routledge, Councilperson	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
Peter DeVantier, Jr., Councilperson	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
Francis Wollcott, Councilperson	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
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The Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Dated: March 5, 2026

- Adopt Local Law #1 – 2026 (Sewer Usage)

**RESOLUTION #-31- 2026 LL#1 – 2026 Sewer Usage**

A motion was made by roll call vote with all in favor to adopt the Local Law #1 – 2026 the aforesaid local law amends Chapter 143 of the Code of the Town of Rockland, in the County of Sullivan, New York entitled “Sewer Use” by adding provisions to require approval by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for sewer extensions in accordance with 6 NYCRR 750-1.6(f).

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Robert Eggleton, Supervisor	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
Andrew McRell, Councilperson	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
Christine Routledge, Councilperson	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
Peter DeVantier, Jr., Councilperson	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
Francis Wollcott, Councilperson	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
	5	0	0

The Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Dated: March 5, 2026

**NEW BUSINESS**

- SEQR for the Tap Application

**RESOLUTION #-32- 2026 Little Beaverkill Environmental Assessment Form**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rockland, Sullivan County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, New York, in said Town, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Eggleton and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT:	SUPERVISOR	EGGLETON
	COUNCILPERSON	ROUTLEDGE
	COUNCILPERSON	DEVANTIER
	COUNCILPERSON	MCRELL
	COUNCILPERSON	WOLCOTT

ABSENT:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilperson DeVantier, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Councilperson McRell, to wit:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby determines that the Little Beaverkill Rail Trail Project is hereby determined to constitute an Unlisted Action as defined pursuant to the regulations promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby designates itself as Lead Agency the purpose of conducting environmental review of the Little Beaverkill Rail Trail Project pursuant to the regulations promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby accepts and approves of Part 1 and Part 2 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form as prepared and recommended by HVEA Engineers with respect to the Little Beaverkill Rail Trail Project, finds that the subject action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign Part 3 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form reflecting issuance by the Town Board of a Negative Declaration.

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

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Robert Eggleton, Supervisor	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
Andrew McRell, Councilperson	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
Christine Routledge, Councilperson	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
Peter DeVantier, Jr., Councilperson	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
Francis Wollcott, Councilperson	<u>√</u>	_____	_____
	5	0	0

The Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Dated: March 5, 2026

- Blower RSTP

**RESOLUTION #33- 2026 Blower Quote for RSTP**

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolcott and seconded by Councilperson McRell with all in favor to purchase a new blower from Excelsior Blower Systems in the amount of \$3,774.00.

- Rockland Central School District Letter to Town

**RESOLUTION #34- 2026 Letter to Town of Rockland from RCSD**

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolcott and seconded by Councilperson Routledge with all in favor to allow Rockland Central School District golf team to practice at the Twin Village Golf Course this season.

- HVEA Engineers Little Beaverkill Rail Trail

**RESOLUTION #35- 2026 Hire HVEA for Services Phase 2 Little Beaverkill Rail Trail**

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson McRell with all in favor to hire HVEA to conduct architectural and engineering services for the Little Beaverkill Rail Trail pending if they qualify with TAP Grant.

- Antrim Streamside

**RESOLUTION #36- 2026 Noise Ordinance**

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier with all in favor to approve the waiver of noise ordinance for the following events until 11:00 PM at the Antrim Streamside

- June 30<sup>th</sup> – 30 Guests
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – 30 Guests
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – 120 Guests
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30 Guests
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – 120 Guests
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 30 Guests
- October 10<sup>th</sup> – 30 Guests
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – 25 Guests

Town Clerk’s Report

Water & Sewer Log / Weekend Schedule

Public Comment – N/A

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**No Department Heads present**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Councilperson Routledge and seconded by Councilperson McRell the following resolution was ADOPTED-VOTED-RESOLVED to approve the bills on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

ABSTRACT #5 in the following amounts :

GENERAL	99-128	\$148,465.13
HIGHWAY	78-98	\$74,410.11
LIV MANOR SEWER	44-55	\$4,587.12

LIV MANOR WATER	42-57	\$8,257.46
ROSCOE WATER	40-58	\$8,681.20
ROSCOE SEWER	40-52	\$5,359.77
STATE COMPTROLLER	3	\$16,516.10

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Wolcott with all in favor to go into executive session at 7:24 PM

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolcott and seconded by Councilperson McRell with all in favor to come out of executive session at 7:45 PM

**RESOLUTION #-37- 2026 Ruben David Raise**

A motion was made by Councilperson McRell and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier with all in favor to give Ruben David a .25 cent raise as of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion of Councilperson Routledge and seconded by Councilperson Wolcott and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marinella Di Vita

Town of Rockland, Town Clerk