

REGULAR MEETING of the TOWN OF ROCKLAND was held on March 20th, 2025 at 7:00 PM with the following members:

**PRESENT: DEPUTY SUPERVISOR ANDREW McRELL
COUNCILPERSON PETE DEVANTIER
COUNCILPERSON CAROLE EDWARDS**

**ABSENT: SUPERVISOR ROBERT EGGLETON
COUNCILPERSON CHRISTENE ROUTLEDGE**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

• Due Process Public Hearing – 32 Miller Heights (37.-2-3)

-A motion was made by the board to appoint Councilperson DeVantier as the hearing officer for this due process hearing

-A motion was made by Councilperson Edwards and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier to open the public hearing

-Glenn Gabbard Code Enforcement officer starts to explain how this structure has been indexed as unsafe due to a structural failure. Unsafe Building Notices have been sent to owner Kenneth Lee explaining this property is unfit for human occupancy and is exposing the public to danger.

-No owner is present at the time of public hearing.

-A motion was made by Councilperson Edwards and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier to close the public hearing for the due process and a determination was made to move forward with the demolition of 32 Miller Heights (37.-2-3)

• Due Process Public Hearing – 711 Hunter Lake Road (30.-5-3)

-A motion was made by the board to appoint Councilperson DeVantier as the hearing officer for this due process hearing

-A motion was made by Councilperson Edwards and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier to open the public hearing

-Glenn Gabbard Code Enforcement officer starts to explain how the property 711 Hunter Lake Drive (30.-5-3) has been indexed as an unsafe structure due to a structural failure. Building has been placed under condemnation and occupants were asked to be removed.

-Michael Ryan representing owners at 711 Hunter Lake Drive explains how there is plans to have building removed and has asked for a delay due on the conditions of the roadway leading to the property.

-Glenn Gabbard Code Enforcement Officers – Town has exhausted all of it's patience, will need to have set plans and is only willing to give owners 30 days

-A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards to close the public hearing

RESOLUTION #35 -2025 711 Hunter Lake Drive Demolition

A motion was made by Councilperson Edwards seconded by Councilperson DeVantier with all in favor to demolish 711 Hunter Lake Drive effective immediately within the 30 day waiting period starting March 21st, 2025 unless owners show some proof of effort to fix or demolish property themselves

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes was tabled at this time due to absence of the members of the board from the last meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

- County Manager Newsletter – Sullivan County Tax Redemption until April 30th
- Catskill Art Space spring break art classes for kids from April 14th – 18th

OLD BUSINESS

- HVEA PHASE 1 professional land surveying services for the Little Beaverkill Rail Trail -Acquisition Mapping for Tax Map Parcels 48.-2-6.2, 7, 16.3, & 32.1 This task generates up to four NYS Department of Transportation format acquisition maps

RESOLUTION #36 -2025 Acquisition Mapping for Little Beaverkill Rail Trail

A motion was made by Councilperson Edwards and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier with all in favor to approve phase 1 to spend \$1,950 per acquisition map (4) and a total of \$7,800.00

- HVEA PHASE 2 Topographic & Location Survey of 4 +/- Acres; Topographic information will be obtained to generate contours at every one (1) FT, with the datum for the topography being based upon existing project.

RESOLUTION # 37-2025 Topographic & Location Survey for Little Beaverkill Rail Trail

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to approve phase 2 for the land surveying of the Little Beaverkill Rail Trail in the amount of \$12,000.00

- 16 Meadow St Appraisal – Preparation to Sell

RESOLUTION #38 -2025 16 Meadow Street Appraisal

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to have 16 Meadow Street appraised in preparation to sell to Catskills Community Land Trust (pending permissive referendum)

NEW BUSINESS

- Board of Assessment Review - New Member

RESOLUTION # 39-2025 New Member for the Board of Assessment Review

A motion was made by Councilperson DeVantier and seconded by Councilperson Edwards with all in favor to appoint Ed Walsh for a 3 year term (25-28) for the Board of Assessment Review

- LMW District 50.-1-5.1 well drilled

RESOLUTION #40 -2025 50.-1-5.1 (LMW District)

A motion was made by Councilperson Edwards and seconded by Councilperson DeVantier with all in favor to abandon all rights to the test well drilled at 50.-1-5.1 for the Livingston Manor Water District that was originally drilled in the 1990's. Water was not adequate for Town use and will be left to the property owner for personal use as a non-potable water source.

- Tax Collection from 1/1/25 – 2/28/25 (73.46 % collected) Total Collected \$6,173,065.83

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Christopher Bury – Water & Sewer Superintendent – Hoping for no more snow, landscaping is starting and underway. County is coming for their generator since we have ours fixed. Just waiting for warm weather.

Roger Decker- Highway Superintendent – New mechanic start, off to a good start so far. Sander is being fixed with Robert Green. We have a few broken pieces of equipment looking to move some money around to have all of these repairs done. Getting some quotes from Callahan to use them for help paving the roads.

Glenn Gabbard – Code Enforcement – Report is before the board, we’ve been really busy so far. Building on the corner of Union & Highland structure failure – Town may have to act

APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion of Mrs. Edwards and seconded by Mr. DeVantier the following resolution was ADOPTED-VOTED-RESOLVED to approve the bills on ABSTRACT #6, 2025 in the following amounts :

GENERAL	123-143	\$22,921.13
HIGHWAY	108-126	\$40,588.44
LIV MANOR SEWER	46-58	\$10,977.25
LIV MANOR WATER	47-60	\$7,324.20
ROSCOE WATER	48-58	\$4,823.01
ROSCOE SEWER	46-62	\$6,209.77

Glenn Gabbard – Kenneth Lee Owner of 32 Miller Heights Due Process Hearing couldn’t get into zoom meeting – Discrepancy with meeting ID & Password – Will have to reschedule public hearing for the April 17th meeting

ADJOURNMENT – On a motion of Mrs. Edwards and seconded by Mr. DeVantier and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marinella Di Vita

