

Minutes to be approved December 11, 2023.....

Town of Rockland November 13, 2023 Board Meeting

Rockland Town Hall @ 7:00 P.M.

Chairperson, Rosalie Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Additional officials present were Mike Havlinek, Tim Thor, Paula Winkel, Laura Henze, and Dan Benter. There were six citizens present. Motion made by Mike Havlinek and second by Tim Thor to approve the secretary's report as posted and printed. Motion carried. Motion made by Tim Thor to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Second by Mike Havlinek. Motion carried. The agenda was

The agenda was followed as printed and posted.

Public Input: Reedsville Fire Chief, Jason Schuh, presented a copy of Fire Protection Agreement to the Board for signing after 11/15 Budget meeting. Jason Duchow presented the town board with concerns regarding two culverts needing replacement/repair on his Neumeyer Ln. property. Keith Brandes will evaluate.

Reports and Communications: Paula Winkel shared some general updates, communications from the County, as well updates on two election related grants received (Expressvote and new envelopes). Mike Havlinek provided an update on some information obtained related to speed signs. Rosie Geiger reported past practice regarding WTA attendance; if someone signs up and does not attend, the Town of Rockland will collect reimbursement from the employee.

License and Permits: As listed on agenda.

Rezoning Request: Jason & Diane Duchow: Jason and Diane have asked that the board approve a zoning change from its current residential zoning to its original agricultural status in order to raise steers. A motion was made to approve this change by Tim Thor. Second by Mike Havlinek. Motion approved. The Duchow's next step in this process is to appeal this at the County level.

Budget Update and Public Budget Hearing and Special Electors Meeting Plans for Nov. 15th @ 6:00pm: Confirmed Wednesday evening Budget meeting.

Draft Annual Property Tax Newsletter: Newsletter was reviewed with feedback provided. Letters will be sent to residents along with their tax bills in December.

Over/Under Policy: A resolution was created and presented to the Board members. This resolution provides the Town of Rockland the ability to reconcile monies collected when residents make small errors/discrepancies (either over or under & less than \$3.00) when paying taxes or other fees. Motion made by Tim Thor and second by Mike Havlinek. Motion approved and carried. Resolution will be signed on 11/15/2023. Resolution will be posted and available on the Town's website.

EMS Contract: Motion made by Tim Thor. Second by Mike Havlinek to enter into the Valders Fire Dept. and Ambulance Service contract. The Town of Rockland will pay \$34.00/person (\$33,796 total) for the service.

Communication with Road Superintendent; Road/Culvert Status: Paula reported in Keith's absence. A review of snow plowing needs was had. An ad will be placed in an effort to hire a person for plowing. Mike Havlinek provided information regarding signs/cost of signs previously discussed for the purposes of slowing drivers down when going through Collins. Laura Henze provided information gained from the Highway Dept. and will follow up with the potential of renting a sign from another township. Collins

Collins Christmas Light Hanging: The Board approved Town of Rockland resources, if available, to help with this project.

Constable Report: Dan Benter shared some work was done related to loose/lost animals this month.

Vouchers Approved: Motion made by Mike Havlinek and second by Tim Thor. Motion carried to approve payment of vouchers #21699 to #21734 and EFTs in the amount of \$58,414.30. Motion carried.

Topics of Concern for December 12: None Added

Convene into Closed Session per WI. § 19.85 (1) (C) for Wages/Workloads: Motion made by Tim Thor and second by Mike Havlinek at 8:43 p.m. to move to closed session. Motion carried.

Reconvene into Open Session: Tim Thor made a motion and Mike Havlinek seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Wages/Workloads: Mike Havlinek made a motion and Tim Thor seconded a 2024 wage increase for the Constable position to \$850/year and approved \$275 cell phone allowance for the Road Superintendent. Motion passed. It was also agreed to set up a January meeting to review Recycling Center Operations to drive clarity on roles/responsibilities and scheduling improvements.

Adjournment: Motion made by Mike Havlinek and seconded by Tim Thor to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Henze

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County