

Minutes to be approved May 13, 2024.....

**Town of Rockland April 8, 2024 Board Meeting
Rockland Town Hall @ 7:00 P.M.**

Chairperson Rosalie Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Additional officials present were Mike Havlinek, Tim Thor, Paula Winkel, Dan Benter, Laura Henze (recording clerk) and Keith Brandes. There were three citizens present and two visitors from Cedar Corporation. 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, second by Mike Havlinek and motion carried. **The agenda was followed as printed and posted.**

Public Input: There were several complaints expressed regarding mud/manure located on public roads. Specific individuals were identified as failing to remove farm waste/mud and will receive letters from the Town. Rosie Geiger reported that compliments have been received regarding snow removal and thanked the snowplowers for their hard work. Multiple rotted/downed trees need attention to reduce safety risk.

Reports and Communications, Licenses and Permits: Paula Winkel shared communication from the County including Board of Adjustment approvals (Denor variance for a house location and new zoning of a parcel for Eickert) and Bridge Aid was received in the amount of \$24,726.24. It was confirmed that the 2024 extra loan payment was all applied to principal as desired. Election workers were complimented on the recent election execution. A citizen suggestion on putting meeting notes in the paper was discussed as well as a complaint of excessive gravel tied to chip sealing of a road last year. Tim Thor shared a citizen complaint of a land dispute with a neighbor and some intimidating language by the neighbor. It was agreed to report the issue to the Manitowoc County Sheriff's office. The meeting to evaluate roads/culverts was canceled due to snow and is rescheduled for April 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Licenses & Permits: As listed on the agenda.

Pass Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (Including Citizen Committee): Motion was made by Mike Havlinek and second by Tim Thor to approve the citizen plan as listed and accept Don and Linda Gilbertson as members of the Citizen Committee. Motion carried.

Resolution to Adopt Citizen Participation Plan: Motion was made by Mike Havlinek and second by Tim Thor to approve and adopt Citizen Participation Plan. Resolution identified as 04-08-2024a. Motion carried.

Authorizing Resolution to Submit CDBG Application: Motion was made by Tim Thor and second by M. Havlinek to approve a resolution to submit a CDBG application. Motion passed. Resolution identified as 04-08-2024b.

Authorizing Resolution to Commit Match Funds and Certification of Match Funds Secured: This was not reviewed and will be covered at the May Board agenda.

Resolution to Adopt a Fair Housing Ordinance: Motion made by Mike Havlinek and second by Tim Thor to authorize a resolution to adopt a fair housing ordinance. Resolution identified as 04-08-2024c. Motion carried.

Resolution to Adopt Policy to Prohibit the Use of Excessive Force and to Enforce Applicable State and Local Laws

Prohibiting Physically Barring Entrances/Exits for Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations: Motion made by Tim Thor and second by Mike Havlinek to adopt policy to prohibit the use of excessive force and to enforce applicable state and local laws prohibiting physically barring entrances/exits for non-violent civil rights demonstrations. Resolution identified as 04-08-2024d. Motion carried.

Resolution for Wisconsin Residential Anti-Displacement And Relocation Assistance Plan: Motion made by Tim Thor and second by Mike Havlinek to approve resolution for Wisconsin Residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan for the CDBG application. Resolution identified as 04-08-2024e. Motion carried.

Phragmites Contract: Participation in the treatment of phragmites had been previously approved and budgeted. The contract with Glacierland in the amount of \$4060.00 was signed by Rosie Geiger. Property owners identified as in need of treatment will have to provide permission for treatment to occur. Most treatments will occur during July and August. Glacierland will provide a map of the targeted treatment areas and will provide progress updates.

Annual Town Meeting: All are welcome at the Town's Annual Meeting at the Town Hall on April 16, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Open Book and Board of Review Dates: A meeting will occur on May 13, 2024 at 6:45 pm. to adjourn open book/board of review to a later date to meet statues. The Assessor will conduct the Open Book review on October 1, 2024 9:00am to 5:00pm and Board of Review October 16 from 5:00-7:00pm. Dates are later due to revaluation year.

Deer Carcass Removal: Long time contract with Endries for deer carcass removal on Town roads has ended. It was agreed that Keith Brandes (primary) or Dan Benter (secondary) will be contacts for this for now.

Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Position: The Board will review completed applications returned by April 12th and then schedule interviews, targeting April 23 as a potential date (pending applicant availability).

Road Superintendent Report on Roads/Culvert Signs: Both the loader tractor and plow truck require repair. Ditch mowers are to be sold (auction) with the intent to purchase a new ditch mover following the sale. Keith shared several new mower cost estimates. A purchase decision will be a topic at the May meeting. **Culvert/ARPA Funds Plan:** Two culverts have been identified for replacement (one on Neumeyer Lane and the other on Milwaukee St.). Bid notices will be put in the Valdres Journal Motion made by Tim Thor and second by Mike Havlinek to move forward with bidding out the work. Motion carried. ARPA funds will be utilized.

Constable Report: Dan Benter reported one dog call was received.

Vouchers Approved: Motion made by Tim Thor and second by Mike Havlinek. Motion carried to approve payments of vouchers #21879 to #21919 and EFT's in the amount of \$102,252.66.

Topics for May 13, 2024: Special project for organizing Town ordinances, culvert bid review, decision on ditch mower purchase, and matching funds review for the Sanitary District grant application.

Meeting Adjourned: M. Havlinek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm., second by T. Thor. Motion passed.

Respectively Submitted, Laura Henze, Recording Clerk, Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County