

Town of Rockland Annual Meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2024
7:00 P.M. @ Rockland Town Hall

Chairperson, Rosalie Geiger, called the annual meeting to order at 7:05p.m. Thirteen citizens signed in. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Citizens were informed about the choice of ballots for various voting issues at the meeting. **Motion** made by Randy Brandes and second by Dennis Rusch to approve a show of hands vote. Motion carried.

Secretary's report from the April 18, 2023 meeting was read. **Motion** made by Dennis Rusch and second by Bill Dallman to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

The Annual Audit and Budget report was reviewed and discussed. Rosie covered EMS, Fire and Ambulance costs for 2024 and shared that there are discussions occurring in the County regarding rising costs. She also mentioned some positive citizen comments in terms of snowplowing during the January storm. The Town did hire an additional snowplow driver this last season. The 2024 budget was reviewed line by line. Rosie asked about interest in doing an annual Town booklet with budget and other key information enclosed. It was mentioned that a lot of information is included in the annual newsletter that is mailed with property tax bills and the Town website. If a booklet is done, instead of the cost of mailing, it could possibly be made available for pick up in the office or at elections.

Motion made by Randy Brandes and second by Bill Dallman to approve \$179,765.51 to be budgeted for road repair and construction. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dennis Rusch and second by Linda Gilbertson to approve the 2023 Annual Audit & Budget Report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Dallman and second by Randy Brandes to approve Collins State Bank as the Depository for the Town of Rockland. Motion carried.

Motion made by Randy Brandes and second by Dennis Rusch to give the Board authority to borrow up to \$200,000, for a short-term loan, if needed. Motion carried.

Date for Open Book: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (it is a revaluation year)

Date for Board of Review: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00p.m.

Board wages were reviewed. No changes were made to annual Board salaries. Linda Gilbertson made a **motion** to raise the per diem rate from \$30 to \$50 effective after the 2025 election. This brings per diems in line with other local municipalities. Bill Dallman second the motion. There were 9 in favor of the motion and 0 against it. Motion passed.

Thank you to Collins State Bank & Randall Pingel of Rural Insurance for providing refreshments.

Motion made by Dennis Rusch and second by Don Gilbertson to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dennis Rusch and second by Randy Brandes to approve the April 16, 2024 Annual meeting secretary's report as read. Motion carried

A thank you was given to Linda Gilbertson for her 10 years of service to the Town of Rockland and was given a plaque.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula C. Winkel, Clerk/Treasurer