

**Minutes to be approved August 12, 2024.....**

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

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

**Public Input:** A resident expressed concern about a raised culvert that is located in the Town of Cato, near the edge of the Town of Rockland. There is general flooding of fields and sometimes roads in that area as well (Moschel and Einberger Roads). Tim Thor will evaluate this area as a next step to determine if, and how, the Town can help address these issues. Another resident shared manure seen on the road again. It was also raised that there have been a lot of golf carts on county and country roads which are prohibited. The clerk will issue a public reminder on this issue.

**Reports and Communications:** Paula Winkel shared updates including no violations were identified in recent fire audit of buildings and grounds. Work on resource options for the ordinance project continues. A recommendation on domain name for the .gov Town website was supported. The Town building inspector is working with a resident on an issue related to obtaining a State permit for a new pre-fab seasonal home. The person who had accepted the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer role, and was to start in September, has now declined the position. Town will advertise in the paper again. Rosie Geiger shared WTA annual dues are increasing to \$150. Mike Havlinek shared a Clerk/Treasurer appointment needs to include duration; the Town will include this yearly as part of salary review process.

**Licenses and Permits:** Building/razing permits as listed on agenda. Motion made by Tim Thor, second by Mike Havlinek to approve the Operator License for Tracy Zutz.

**Year to Date Budget:** Income and expenses year to date through June 19<sup>th</sup> were reviewed versus the 2024 budget. Overall things are looking in good shape with some items like interest coming in much higher than budgeted and some expenses coming in higher and some lower than budgeted. The Board supported an opportunity to reduce costs by moving to GFL for cardboard removal at the Recycle Center.

**Cemetery Maintenance and Other Practices:** Town of Rockland maintains the EUB cemetery on Goodwin Road. Town involvement with the Friedens Cemetery northwest of Collins is less clear. Work to clarify this will be completed as well as work to understand EUB property lines and update cost/application for new grave sites. After these items are complete, the Town's cemetery ordinance will be reviewed to see if updates are necessary.

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024- Primary Election:** Absentee ballots have been mailed. Election worker schedule set. The Public test will be August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**Trick or Treating Date** – Board set the date for Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. pending confirmation with Neighborhood Watch Group.

**Road Superintendent Report on Roads/Culverts/Signs:** Paula Winkel reported for Keith Brandes. Two culverts were installed and will be blacktopped in a few weeks post settling. Wedging is complete. Board asked Keith Brandes to evaluate two culverts (East Goodwin and Hickory Hills) that are rough and might need additional blacktop.

**Constable Report:** Dan Benter helped contact a family about late dog licenses, addressed a turtle on the road and is helping with a dispute between two parties over property lines and land access.

**Vouchers Approved:** Motion made by Tim Thor and second by Mike Havlinek. Motion carried to approve payments of vouchers #21990 to #22025 and ETFs in the amount of \$16,869.51

**Topics for August 12, 2024 Board Meeting:** None added.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Mike Havlinek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Tim Thor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Winkel, Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County