

**Minutes to be approved October 14, 2024.....**  
**Town of Rockland September, 9, 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, Dan Benter, and recording clerk, Laura Henze. There were three citizens present and two visitors. Motion made by Mike Havlinek to approve the secretary's report as posted and printed, second by Tim Thor. Motion carried. Motion made by Tim Thor to accept the Treasurer's Report, Mike Havlinek second, motion carried. **The agenda was followed as printed and posted.**

**Public Input:** Resident reported that on the corner of W. Goodwin Rd and Hickory Hills Rd. appears to be washing out. Tim Thor will inspect the corner.

**Reports and Communications:** Replacing 4 yard cardboard dumpster with a 6 yard dumpster remains cost effective. WISLER packet arrived for local road ratings. Recycling Grant application is in progress. Zoning permit inquiries from Park and Planning were shared with the Board. Sandy Waack is resigning as Secretary/Treasurer of the Sanitary District effective 12/31/2024. Reminder to the Board of WTA County Unit Meeting on 9/19/2024. Inquired of the Board if there was interest in an electronics collection box at the Recycling Center. 2024 Equalized Value Report issued by Dept. of Revenue received. Town of Rockland received an aggregate ratio of 60.79%. Mtw. Cty. Hwy. Dept. shared changes to funding for bridge work. WI Coastal Management Grant covers Manitowoc Cty. Questioned whether there would be any opportunities because of the marsh. Tim Thor reports having completed Manitowoc County Soil & Water Conservation Survey.

**Licenses and Permits:** Building and razing permits as listed on agenda. Motion made to grant operator's licenses to Montana Braun and Daniel Benter and to grant a Temporary Class B Retailer's License to the Rockea Hunting Club by Tim Thor. Second by Mike Havlinek. Motion carried.

**Cemetery Updates: EUB Status:** Mike Havlinek has taken the lead in researching and developing a Town of Rockland Town Cemetery Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate management and operation of the EUB cemetery. Board members worked on the draft, discussing the terms and conditions, which upon completion, if approved, would supersede any previous ordinance.

**Open Book Dates:** Open Book will take place on October 1, 2024 from 9am to 5pm at the Town of Rockland Hall. The Board of Review will take place October 16, 2024 from 5pm to 7pm at the Town of Rockland Hall.

**2025 Budget Inputs Fire and EMS:** Visitors Jason Schuh (Reedsville Fire Dept.) and Jean Green (Collins First Responders) proved the Board members their 2025 budgets and proposals. Reedsville Fire Dept. has requested an increase this year of \$1000. Collins First Responders identified not having any additional monetary need from last year. Jean Green also advised the Board that the Collins First Responders have purchased several AED's (wall hung heart defibrillators) and will provide one to be placed at the Rockland Town Hall. The Collins Fire Dept. provided a written budget proposal to the Board. Additional information will be requested. Collins EMS budget information is anticipated at the October Board Meeting.

**2025 Budget Planning:** 2025 Wage review will take place in closed session following the October 14, 2024 Monthly Board Meeting. Budget workshop is set for Wed. October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm.

**Road Superintendent Report on Roads/Culverts/Signs:** In Keith Brandes' absence, Laura Henze reported for Keith. Gravel and grading on Boxwood Ln. occurred. A patch was completed on Hickory Hills Rd. Ditches to be cleaned include on Moschel Rd and one on Thunderbird Ln. A culvert permit for Josh Eichert on Brandes Rd. was issued. Water softener was checked for Sanitary District and a tree in the cemetery fell which has been cut up with removal to take place.

**Constable Report:** Dan Benter reports assisting with unlicensed dog matter and deer carcass clean up.

**Vouchers Approved:** Motion made by Tim Thor and second by Mike Havlinek. Motion carried to approve payments of vouchers #22059 to #22101 and ETFs in the amount of \$58,205.32

**Topics for October 14 , 2024 Board Meeting:** Continue cemetery discussion. Reedsville EMT services will be invited to share any updates they have on 2025 budget needs.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Mike Havlinek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Tim Thor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Henze, Recording Clerk, Town of Rockland, Manitowoc Count