

Town of Rockland Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
7:00 P.M. @ Rockland Town Hall

Chairperson, Rosalie Geiger, called the annual meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Thirteen citizens signed in. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was given in honor of Town employee, Glen Behnke, who recently passed away.

Rosie reviewed the order of business and shared other topics could be added. Citizens were informed about the choice of ballots for various voting issues at the meeting. A show of hands was unanimously selected.

Secretary's report from the April 16, 2024 meeting was read. **Motion** made by Mike Havlinek and second by Tim Thor to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

The Annual 2024 Audit and Budget report was reviewed and discussed. Time was given for all to review the 2024 trial balance summary and to ask questions. Rosie covered EMS, Fire and Ambulance 2025 costs and mentioned the Town agreed to a three-year contract with Valders Ambulance to lock in the lowest costs. The 2025 budget was reviewed line by line. **Motion** made by Dan Benter and second by Bill Dallman to approve the 2024 Annual Audit & Budget Report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tim Thor and second by Dennis Rusch to approve \$176,645 for road repair and construction budget for 2025. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Dennis Rusch and second by Tim Thor to give the Board authority to borrow up to \$200,000, for a short-term loan, if needed in 2025. Motion carried.

Date for Open Book: Wednesday June 25, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Rosie asked for any concerns with the plan to try doing open book via telephone with Assessor vs. in person at the Town Hall and no concerns were noted. The Town will try this out and modify as needed based on any feedback.

Date for Board of Review: Wednesday, July 9, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00p.m.

Board wages were reviewed. No changes were made to annual Board salaries. Harold Wenzel made a **motion** to raise the Constable salary from \$850.00 to \$1000.00 per year after the 2027 election (unless we learn can do sooner per statute). Dennis Rusch second the motion. Motion passed.

Rosie Geiger shared that the Town of Rockland has had Village Powers granted by electors in the past, but the Town wanted to have updated/signed resolution on file on this so a vote was taken. Dan Benter made a motion to grant Town of Rockland Village Powers and Dennis Rusch second it. There were 9 yes, 0 nays, and 4 abstained from voting. Motion passed.

Work that Mike Havlinek and the Clerks have been doing to clean up old records and to solidify a retention and storage plan was discussed. Dan Benter made a **motion** to purchase necessary filing cabinets to keep most records on the first floor (vs. the attic) of the Town Hall and Bill Dallman second it. Motion was approved.

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

A thank you was given to Tim Thor for his 30 years of service to the Town of Rockland and was presented a plaque, gift card and some chocolates in appreciation for his dedication.

Derek Genske was welcomed as a new Supervisor to the Town Board effective April 15, 2025.

Motion made by Tim Thor and second by Dennis Rusch to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Dallman and second by Mike Havlinek to approve the April 15, 2025 Annual meeting secretary's report as read. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula C. Winkel,
Clerk/Treasurer