

Town of Rockland

Manitowoc County

Recycling Center Meeting Notes

Meeting was held on January 12, 2026 @ 6:00pm for the purpose of getting input on what is working and what adjustments are needed relative to running the Recycling Center and to share new information for 2026.

Recycling employees present at the meeting were Dan Benter, William Dallmann, Daryle Zutz, and Lesley Zutz. Also present were Town of Rockland Board members, Rosalie Geiger, Derek Genske and Mike Havlinek, Road Supervisor, Keith Brandes, and Clerks, Paula Winkel and Laurie Miller, and resident Tim Thor. Meeting started at 6:00 pm and agenda was followed as identified in the meeting invite.

RECYCLING CENTER FACILITY AND OPERATIONS:

No issues so far with AJ Recycling for electronic item recycling. 2026 Recycling Center Fees: No changes to fees other than a \$10 charge for microwaves will be added to special items signage/poster which will be updated and posted on Town website and at the Recycle Center.

Board supported getting estimates for replacing existing fencing around the property and the gate (and an option for gate alone) and will then decide what can be done in 2026 or budgeted into 2027 plans. Keith will provide specifications for the project.

Board agreed Keith should purchase a new door knob with lock and get extra keys made for the small shed at the Recycle Center.

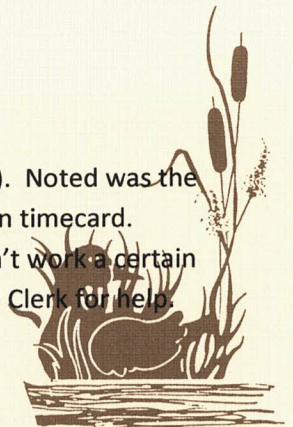
Derek Genske shared Danny Dahlmann will take used waste oil. Follow up needed to understand how oil gets to Danny.

Group discussed how Town Recycling Center should handle tires. Group agreed that any tires at the Center should be cleared out by taking to the County (or if employee owns, they should take home). The recycle center will no longer accept tires. A follow up on any exceptions is needed (e.g. Resident collects tires dumped in the ditch) and will be added to the February Town Board meeting. Keith to explore other options for taking tires beyond the County Recycling Center as there is a charge for that.

EMPLOYEE TOPICS:

2026 pay rates effective January 1st will be \$19.65/hr.

Reminders shared on allowable reportable hours (4 on Saturdays and 2 on Wednesdays). Noted was the need on some occasions to report additional time. If that is the case, just list a reason on timecard. Monthly work schedules were provided a few weeks ago for all of 2026. If someone can't work a certain day, they should work to find a back-fill and if there are challenges, they can contact the Clerk for help.



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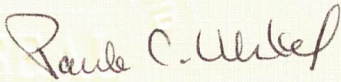
Also, as previously agreed, aluminum cans and other items of value collected at the Recycling Center are the property of the Town.

Rosalie Geiger shared Board's proposal to hire one additional Recycle Center employee to get in place and trained such that there would be an additional person to rotate into schedule and provide back-fill options. No objections were stated, so Clerk's will post for that job opening.

Other feedback or concerns to address: Nothing to report.

Motion made by Derek Genske and seconded by Mike Havlinek to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Rockland

