

**Village of Rockland
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2020**

Board Members Present: President Jon Hohlfeld, Trustee Paul Langrehr, Trustee Ole Mathison, Trustee Randy Rowell, Trustee Bob Rueckheim

Absent: Trustee Bob Nielsen, Trustee Corey Wilson

Support Staff Present: Public Works Employee Brandon Elliott
Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Rowell

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

MINUTES: The 9/8/20 & 9/29/20 minutes were approved as submitted.

ISSUES FROM THE PUBLIC: Kenny & Darcy Crocker were present to discuss with the board their continued concerns with the water drainage issue previously discussed. This pertains to the Habitat for Humanity twin home being constructed on Sarah Circle. The Crockers property is located behind the Habitat property. Their residence is on May Street. Kenny said he has spoken with Jeremy who is the employee for Habitat. They discussed some options such as a dry well and a culvert. Kenny does not feel like whatever they did for water drainage is working. He had several pictures of the most recent rainfalls and his property had a lot of standing water. The board advised Stephanie to email Kayha from Habitat and let them know that while the village realizes this is an issue between property owners that the village would like to keep apprised of the situation. Stephanie will send an email to Kayha and copy Kenny Crocker on it.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The September treasurer's report was reviewed. Ole Mathison motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve the September treasurer's report. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Randy Rowell motioned and Ole Mathison seconded to approve payment of checks #12269- #12287 in the amount of \$10,593.89. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPT: Brandon got an estimate from St. Joe's equipment for the tractor repairs. It will be just under \$4,000. This would include the 4WD repair and some other issues. Brandon will get an itemized estimate and bring it to the next meeting. The new pump was installed at the MPE lift station. Bill's Pumping will be here soon to clean the lift stations. This is done every Spring and Fall. Brandon said the plant is running good, we are wasting approximately 1,000 gallons per day. We will need to have either Bill's Pumping or Sparta haul for us until we can get in the fields in the Spring. Sparta charges 6 cents per gallon and Bill's charges 7 cents per gallon. Kay from the DNR indicated that a lot of municipalities have to haul sludge in the winter months as well. We will eventually need to add a second sludge tank. Brandon will be on vacation October 28th through November 8th.

MEADOW PARK ESTATES: Ole said there are 3 manholes located on Spruce St. and Maple Drive that are not flush with the streets. It's possible that the asphalt settled around them. This will need to be repaired before snow plowing starts. Stephanie will email Brian at MSA and let him know.

VIRTUAL ACCOUNTING WORKSHOPS: There are 3 virtual government accounting workshops that are \$50 each that Stephanie would like to take. Bob Rueckheim motioned and Randy Rowell seconded approving the workshops. Motion carried.

OPERATOR'S LICENSES: The background checks for the operator's license was completed and showed no issues. Ole Mathison motioned and Paul Langrehr seconded to approve operator's license for Alexia Bergh at The Vault. The license is for the period of October 14, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Motion carried.

PROMISSORY NOTE: Stephanie said that she received an inquiry from the Public Service Commission with regards to the outstanding debt that the Utility Fund has carried over for several years that is owed to the Village General Fund. They are asking what the plans are for the Utility to repay the Village. Stephanie said Danielle at our audit firm suggests a promissory note is drafted with the current rate of 1.120%. Randy Rowell motioned and Ole Mathison seconded to draft a promissory note between the Utility and the Village for 1.120% interest to be paid no later than 11/30/2039 with annual payments of \$15,340.52 beginning November 30, 2020. Motion carried.

POPULATION: Stephanie received an email from the DIR Demographic Services Center that conducts the census. The final estimate of the January 1, 2020 population for the Village of Rockland, La Crosse County is 738. Brandon will order new signs.

TRICK-OR-TREATING: Stephanie has received several phone calls from residents wondering if Rockland will have trick-or-treating this year due to covid. The village board said to put in the newsletter and Facebook page that the village does not necessarily regulate trick-or-treating and that people should use their own discretion when deciding whether or not to participate and use the county health department's guidelines requested for social distancing. The Bangor Business Club is organizing something for Rockland and Bangor kids as well. Stephanie will get in touch with Amanda Hundt to get more information.

Employee reviews are set for November 17th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Rueckheim motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell
Village Clerk

**Rockland Water & Sewer Utility
Board Meeting Minutes
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Support Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Rowell

Meeting called to order at 7:53 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

MINUTES: The 9/8/2020 minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The September Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Ole Mathison motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to approve the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Randy Rowell motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve payment of checks #4847 - #4858 in the amount of \$25,877.87. Motion carried.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS: Delinquent accounts were reviewed. The Public Service Commission order on residential disconnection is now staying until November 1, 2020.

PROMISSORY NOTE: Ole Mathison motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to draft a promissory note between the Utility and the Village for 1.120% interest to be paid no later than 11/30/2039 with annual payments of \$15,340.52 beginning November 30, 2020. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Randy Rowell motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell
Village Clerk

