

**Village of Rockland
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2021**

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

Absent: None

Support Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Rowell
Public Works Employee Isaac Bauer
Public Works Employee Skylar Holzhausen

Also Present: Linda Young & Dana Wuensch, Rockland Park Committee

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

MINUTES: The 6/8/21 minutes were approved as submitted.

PARK COMMITTEE: Linda Young and Dana Wuensch were present to discuss the future of the park committee with the village board. Going forward, they will not be in charge of planning and organizing events, however, they both indicated that they would be more than willing to help give advice and support as needed. There have been a few others who have stepped down from the committee because they have other obligations and priorities. The board discussed the fact that we need to put something out to the public that for the committee and events to continue we will need some new people to join the committee and participate in events. Stephanie will put something in the newsletter that will go out the end of July.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was reviewed. Ole Mathison motioned and Corey Wilson seconded to approve the June report. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Bob Rueckheim motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to approve payment of checks #12495 - #12521 and ACH payment for Xcel Energy and Verizon Wireless in the amount of \$12,372.72. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPT.: Isaac said they will be starting to look at land application sites the fall. B & M Technical Services suggested a sithe grinder pump to help with the problem of rags, etc. going into the system. Making a grate to catch such of the larger items, as well would be helpful. The electrician will be here next week to look at the exhaust fans and the sewer plant. At this time there is no way to know if alarms are going off unless you are at the sewer plant. Isaac & Skylar will get quotes for implementing the Scada system that is at the plant. They would also like to see a switch in the pump room to enable the exhaust fans. A representative from LW Allen will be here next week to do an assessment on the WWTP. There was discussion held about moving the area for residents to take brush, leaves, etc. for safety reasons. Isaac & Skylar will move the brush pile area to outside of the gate in the near future. This will alleviate the issue of residents needing to go there nights and weekends. A camera will be installed so that it is monitored.

BEEKEEPING ORDINANCE: The beekeeping ordinance was read. Ole Mathison motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to strike the word bees from current village ordinance chapter 6 paragraph V and adopt the new beekeeping ordinance chapter 6 paragraph VII, effective immediately. Motion carried.

VIII. BEEKEEPING (07/2021) Residents may own, keep or harbor honeybees for personal use subject to the provisions of the Code. A. License Requirement: 1. Any person who owns, keeps, or harbors bees in the Village shall obtain a license prior to January 1 of the first year or within 30 days of acquiring the bees. The term of a license commences on January 1 of the year of application and ends December 31 of the fifth year of the licensure period. Residents deciding to own, keep or harbor bees for successive years must obtain a new license for each five-year term. 2. First time applicants must receive written approval from not less than 50 percent of the owner-occupied neighboring property owners whose property is within 100 feet of the applicant's property lines prior to approval of said license by the Village Board. If the applicant fails to obtain written consent as provided herein, then the license shall only be granted by an affirmative supermajority vote of three-fourths of the Village Board. The neighboring property owners shall be notified via mail by the Village Clerk of the opportunity to object in person or in writing and no less than five business days prior to the Village Board meeting. 3. Applications shall be made to the Village Clerk and the fee for the license shall be in the amount established by resolution. 4. The Village Treasurer shall collect the fee prior to application or renewal. 5. The Village of Rockland and its board members may revoke a license if there are three or more violations within any consecutive twenty-four-month period of this or any other section of this Code. 6. All applicants must notify the owner or operator of the property if the applicant is not the owner or operator. Additionally, all applicants must notify the other occupant of a two-family dwelling if the occupant is not the owner. Notification is not required for renewal of a permit. 7. For renewal applications, licenses may be obtained by approval of the Village President without Village Board approval. B. Location: The apiary shall be located in the rear yard or side yard at least 25 feet from primary buildings on abutting lots and ten feet from public sidewalks. C. Flyway barrier: The flyway barrier shall consist of a wall, fence, dense vegetation, or a combination thereof, such that honeybees will fly over rather than through the material to reach the colony. The flyway barrier does not surround the entire property. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, in each instance where a colony is kept less than 25 feet from a property line of the lot upon which the apiary is located, as measured from the nearest point on the hive to the property line, and any entrances to the hive faces that lot line, the beekeeper shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier six feet in height. If a flyway barrier of dense vegetation is used, the initial planting may be four feet in height, so long as the vegetation normally reaches six feet in height. The flyway barrier must continue parallel to the property line of the lot upon which the apiary is located for ten feet in either direction from the hive. 2. A flyway barrier is not required if the property adjoining the property upon which an apiary is located is undeveloped, zoned agricultural or industrial, or is a wildlife management area or naturalistic park land with no trails located within 25 feet of the apiary. 3. A flyway barrier is not required if the hives are located on the roof of a structure containing at least one full story, provided all hives are located at least five feet from the side of the structure and at least 15 feet from any adjacent and occupied structure. D. Colony Density: No person is permitted to keep more than two colonies on any lot within the Village, except on lots of five acres or more where no more than four colonies may be kept. E. Liability: Beekeeper shall assume any and all liability for their bees and therefore are advised to determine whether their homeowners or renters insurance covers bees, and secure additional insurance if necessary. F. Unlawful Conduct: 1. Notwithstanding compliance with the various requirements of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any beekeepers to keep any colony or colonies in such a manner or of such disposition as to cause any unhealthy condition, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of human or animal life of others or interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of any public property or property of others. 2. It shall be unlawful for any beekeeper to own, keep or harbor any exotic strain of bees, such as any African or Africanized honeybees, or any developed strain of bee not known to be normally present in the State that may present a hazard to beekeeping and/or the public. 3. Notwithstanding compliance with the various requirements of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to maintain an apiary or to keep any colony on any property in a manner that threatens public health or safety, or creates a nuisance. 4. If an investigation from the Village reveals that the use of bees is in violation of this section or any other section of this Code, the Village shall have authority to require the owner or user of the property to fix, abate, or alleviate the problem. G. Standards of Practice: 1. Honeybee colonies shall be kept in hives with removable frames, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition. 2. Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available to the colony continuously between March 1 and October 31 of each year. The water shall be in a location that minimizes any nuisance created by bees seeking water on neighboring property and shall not be permitted to become stagnant. 3. Each beekeeper shall ensure that no wax comb or other material that might encourage robbing by other bees are left upon the grounds of the apiary lot. Such materials once removed from the site shall be handled and stored in sealed containers, or placed within a building or other insect-proof container. 4. For each colony permitted to be maintained under this section, there may also be maintained upon the same apiary lot, one nucleus colony in a hive structure not to exceed one standard nine and five-eighths-inch depth ten-frame hive body with no supers (where the surplus honey is stored). 5. Beekeepers are advised to pursue coursework through the La Crosse Area Beekeepers Association or similar educational source. H. Maintenance: Each beekeeper shall maintain his beekeeping equipment in good condition, including keeping the hives painted and securing unused equipment from weather, potential theft or vandalism, and occupancy by swarms. Attracting a swarm, even if the beekeeper is not intentionally keeping honeybees, shall be a violation of this section. The beekeeper will have 30 days from the time of any complaint to bring the hive/hives into compliance

CLASS B FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: The Rockland Stop & Go is in the process of being sold to new owners. The closing will take place on July 23, 2021 with the new owners taking possession on July 23rd. Corey Wilson motioned and Ole Mathison seconded to approve the application for Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage License to Millston Quick Stop, LLC doing business as Rockland Stop & Go, effective July 23, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Motion carried.

TOBACCO LICENSE: Ole Mathison motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve the license application to sell tobacco products to Millston Quick Stop, LLC doing business as Rockland Stop & Go., effective July 23, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Motion carried.

OPERATOR LICENSE: Ole Mathison motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve the operator's license application for Ben Schaitel, one of the owner's of the Millston Quick Stop,

LLC doing business as Rockland Stop & Go, effective July 23, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
Motion carried.

The following licenses that were issued on July 1, 2021 have been relinquished due to the sale of the Rockland Stop & Go:

Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License #21-01 issued to Rockland Stop & Go, Inc.

Tobacco License # 2021-1 issued to Rockland Stop & Go, Inc.

Operator's Licenses issued to: Debra A. Higley (2022-3) and Samuel O. Higley (2022-2).

SICK LEAVE: Corey Wilson motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to add Chapter 6, paragraph 18 to the current employee handbook to read as follows: Sick Leave after an employee gives notice to employer to end their employment will be relinquished unless a doctor's note is provided and verified. Motion carried.

MEETING DATES: The September regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 31st at 6:00 p.m. instead of September 14th, due to an employee vacation and an ordinance meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Corey Wilson motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell
Village Clerk

**Rockland Water & Sewer Utility
Board Meeting Minutes
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Absent: None

Support Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Rowell

Meeting called to order at 8:33 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

MINUTES: The 6/8/2021 minutes were approved as submitted.

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

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Ole Mathison motioned and Corey Wilson seconded to approve payment of checks #4956 - #4967 in the amount of \$17,140.53. Motion carried.

VILLAGE SHOP: The board reviewed the estimate from B & B Plumbing to run water and sewer to the village shop. Corey Wilson motioned and Paul Langrehr seconded to accept the estimate and go forward with the project. Motion carried.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS: The delinquent utility accounts were reviewed. 10 day letters will be mailed this week.

ADJOURNMENT: Paul Langrehr motioned and Corey Wilson seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell
Village Clerk

