

**Village of Rockland  
Regular Meeting  
February 21, 2023**

**Board Members Present:** President Jon Hohlfeld, Trustee Ole Mathison, Trustee Derek Millin, Trustee Bob Nielsen, Trustee Ole Mathison, 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:** Raquel Verwey, Rockland Event Committee  
Justin Birdd, Birdd Development  
Jeff Schmidt, Small Town Investments

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

Raquel Verwey was present to discuss the Rockland Event Committee with the village board. Raquel wanted to let the village board know about an upcoming event they are planning that will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the village wide rummage sales. The event is for local (and surrounding areas) to sell their handmade items. The vendor market will be held at Gaylord Park. There will also be food and beverages sold. Any profits made will be used for more upcoming events. She also wanted to express to the board that if they do a fireworks event this summer that the committee would be willing to help. The board will make a decision on a fireworks event at our March meeting.

**BIRDD DEVELOPMENT:** Justin Birdd, Birdd Development was present to discuss his application for rezoning Lot 3 of Certified Survey Map Volume 20, Page5, Document No. 1804589, located in part of the SW-NE of Section 36, T17N, R5W, Village of Rockland, which is part of parcel #15-148-3. He has asked to rezone the above mentioned property from agricultural to residential for residential development. Ole Mathison motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to approve rezoning Lot 3 of CSM Vol. 20, Page 5, Document 1804589 from agricultural to residential with the condition that one eight unit residential building will be constructed on said property after a subdivision plat has been approved. A public hearing will take place on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the village hall, a legal notice will be published regarding the public hearing and Stephanie will send letters notifying adjacent property owners within 150' of said property, as required by state statute.

**MINUTES:** The 1/10/23 minutes were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The January Treasurer's report was reviewed. Derek Millin motioned and Ole Mathison seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

**VOUCHERS:** The vouchers were reviewed. Ole Mathison motioned and Derek Millin seconded to approve payment of checks #12976- #13008 in the amount of \$533,910.21, which includes tax settlement checks for La Crosse County, Monroe County, Bangor School District and Western Technical College for taxes collected in January. Motion carried.

**CLASS “B” BEER LICENSE:** Bangor Burns Fire Dept. has applied for a temporary Class “B” Beer License for their event at Gaylord Park on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Ole Mathison motioned and Derek Millin seconded to approve the Class “B” Beer License for May 13, 2023 for the Bangor Burns Fire Dept. for an event at Gaylord Park. Motion carried.

Corey Wilson motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to adjourn to the utility meeting at 7:15 p.m.. Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m. Trustee Ole Mathison left the meeting.

**JEFF SCHMIDT-SMALL TOWN INVESTMENTS:** Jeff Schmidt was present to discuss the grant that Small Town Investments will be receiving from La Crosse County. The Neighborhood Revitalization Grant is specifically for the acquisition or demolition of property. The property located on Commercial St. currently owned by Tim Beron will be sold to Small Town Investments. The red building previously known as the CBRF and a shed on the property will be demolished once road bans come off. The property will be surveyed into 3 parcels. Small Town will be requesting to rezone 2 of the parcels to residential for future development. One parcel will be left zoned commercial. There is a proposed alley at the south end of the property. There is a shed that encroaches on the proposed alley. In order to have a lot sized for future potential commercial use, Small Town is petitioning the village board to vacate the proposed alley. A public hearing will be held at the village hall on April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and Stephanie will publish a legal notice and send letters regarding the hearing to property owners adjacent to said property within 150 feet, per state statute. Corey Wilson motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to move forward with the proposal to vacate the proposed alley contingent on the sale of the property to Small Town Investments. Motion carried. Trustee Derek Millin opposed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Rowell motioned and Corey Wilson seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell  
Village Clerk

**Rockland Water & Sewer Utility  
Board Meeting Minutes  
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**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The January Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Ole Mathison motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

**VOUCHERS:** The vouchers were reviewed. Ole Mathison motioned and Derek Millin seconded to approve payment of checks #5229 - #5242 in the amount of \$20,268.25. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ole Mathison motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell  
Village Clerk

