

**Village of Rockland
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2025**

Board Members Present: President Jon Hohlfeld, Trustee Bob Rueckheim, Trustee Penny Stock, Trustee Linda Young, Trustee Bob Nielsen, and Trustee Seth Hemmersbach

Support Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Melody Brueggeman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Brumbly, Public Works-Keegan Erickson, and Scott Thomas

Also Present: Scott and Jackie Everson, Ed Hansen, Matt Castillo, and Emma Forthaus

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

MINUTES: Bob Rueckheim motioned, and Seth Hemmersbach seconded to approve the 9/9/25 and 9/30/25 special meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.

ISSUES FROM THE PUBLIC: Scott Everson was concerned about the heavy equipment using his driveway to access the field on the west side of County J as it is a private driveway. Jon will call Mike Sexauer owner of Bluff Country to inform him that this is a private driveway and he will have to use an alternate entry to the development.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Linda Young and seconded by Penny Stock to adjourn the regular meeting and move into the Utility meeting as MSA wanted to present the wastewater facility plan. Regular meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm. Motion carried.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting reconvened and called to order at 7:04 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

TREASURER REPORT: The September Treasurer's report was reviewed. Seth Hemmersbach motioned, and Penny Stock seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Bob Rueckheim motioned, and Seth Hemmersbach seconded to approve payment of ACH's and checks #13720-13739 in the amount of \$23,055.23. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPT. UPDATE:

- Hydrants were flushed and tested.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There is a large berm in the Birdd Development. Wondering about water run-off. Jon will talk to MSA about the berm and the effects.
- Bluff Country needs a letter from the Village to the DNR stating that the Village will be responsible for upkeep around the retention pond. The DNR needs to okay this before digging can begin.
- The board was wondering when the garbage contract with Harter's will be concluded. The contract ends in 2028.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The initial format of the budget was discussed and the board liked the new format. The budget will be completed in November with a meeting to discuss and a possible vote to approve.
- Discussion on health insurance for the public works guys. The bids we have are extremely expensive. We will keep looking for cheaper alternatives.
- Discussion on landscaping around Well House #2. It needs to have some of the sand taken out and black dirt put in and seeded.
- Discussion on raising dog license fees. Right now, the Village makes \$1.00 per license which does not cover the costs of going to La Crosse to pick up the licenses, taking back, or mailing the licenses back to La

Crosse, and keeping records of the licenses. A motion was made by Seth Hemmersbach and seconded by Penny Stock to approve up to a \$3.00 increase in licenses and cat licenses will mirror the dog licenses. The fee for 2026 will be \$15 for spayed or neutered dogs/cats and \$25 for unaltered dogs and cats. This will stay in effect each year unless La Crosse County raises its fees. Motion carried.

- We are still looking for a board member. There will also be elections next year for this seat and two filled board member seats.
- Discussion on approving a liquor license for Bangor/Burns Fire Department for their Chili Suppers in November, January, and February. Penny Stock motioned and Seth Hemmersbach seconded to approve the license. Motion carried.
- Notified the board that Emplify Health has bought the Sparta Area Ambulance Service. The rate of \$7,450 will stay the same for 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: Linda Young motioned, and Penny Stock seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Brueggeman
Clerk/Treasurer

**Rockland Water & Sewer Utility
Board Meeting Minutes
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Support Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Melody Brueggeman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Brumbly

Also Present: Scott and Jackie Everson, Ed Hansen, Matt Castillo, and Emma Forthaus

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

MINUTES: Seth Hemmersbach motioned, and Linda Young seconded to approve the 9/9/25 and 9/30/25 special minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

ISSUES FROM THE PUBLIC: Matt Castillo and Emma Forthaus presented the wastewater facility plan that was initiated by the DNR as our facility is outdated and not working as it should. The plan shows what is needed, the cost for the improvements needed and funding available to help offset these costs. MSA will help with all aspects of this upgrade. They will set up a public hearing to give the public all the information. There will also be a question-and-answer session following their presentation. A motion was made by Bob Rueckheim and seconded by Penny Stock to approve the public hearing and have MSA start the application process.

TREASURER REPORT: The September Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Linda Young motioned and Seth Hemmersbach seconded to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Bob Rueckheim motioned, and Penny Stock seconded to approve payment of ACH's and checks #5626-5629 in the amount of \$15,182.72. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Delinquent water/sewer bills. Fifteen 10-day notices were mailed out.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business.

ADJOURNMENT: Seth Hemmersbach motioned, and Linda Young seconded to adjourn the meeting and reconvened back to the regular meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Brueggeman
Clerk/Treasurer