

**Village of Rockland
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2026**

Board Members Present: President Jon Hohlfeld, Trustee Seth Hemmersbach, Trustee Penny Stock, Trustee Bob Rueckheim, Trustee Ron Copher, Trustee Valerie Williams, Trustee Bob Nielson

Support Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Melody Brueggeman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Brumbly, Public Works Keegan Erickson and Loren Arenz

Public Present: Matt Castello (MSA), Steven Sell (MSA), Kate Olsen, Randy Rowell, Peter Meidal (Ehler), Brian Roemer (Ehler-on phone), Bryan Simonson (River Bank), Teresa Knutson (River Bank), Neil Betts (assessor).

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

BOARD OF REVIEW: BOR called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Clerk Melody Brueggeman

ADDRESS ISSUES FROM THE PUBLIC: Kate Olsen asked if she could have a free pantry in her yard to hold nonperishable food and hygiene items. The board had no objections as it is on her property, and she will be maintaining it.

Ian Thurston said the alley behind 207 N. Commercial St is being blocked. A letter will be sent to the resident that is blocking the alley.

Residents concerned about employees working on their vehicles in the village shop after hours. Wondering about liability to the village. The board will work on creating a waiver for the employees to sign so that the village is not liable for any accidents. The employees have their own tools at the shop and use them for village purposes, so this is a benefit that the village allows the employees to work on their vehicles in the shop. This will be a benefit that will be added to the employee handbook.

Residents concerned about estimated reads for water/sewer bills. We have some radio reads and some hand reads. This is still a learning curve that will improve to integrate the two systems.

Residents are concerned that Bluff Country has sold a home in their subdivision without having paved streets. We will investigate the developer's agreement and our ordinances to see if the roads have to be paved before houses are sold.

MINUTES: Seth Hemmersbach motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve the 5/5/26 minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The May Financial Report was reviewed. Seth Hemmersbach motioned and Penny Stock seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Penny Stock motioned and Seth Hemmersbach seconded to approve payment of ACH's and checks #13889-13912 in the amount of \$66,777.67. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPT. UPDATE:
Cement is poured for the picnic table

OLD BUSINESS:

JUSTIN BIRDD DEVELOPMENT

SEXAUER DEVELOPMENT

SMALL TOWN DEVELOPMENT

River Bank is working on interim financing for the WWTP Project

The cement for the Village Hall is on hold until it works with our finances.

The board will continue to get more information on the Ordinance Committee, and a discussion was held on how many members there should be on the committee and what ordinances should be the top priority. More discussion at the July meeting. Bob Rueckheim will be heading up the committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Seth Hemmersbach motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve the revised GF budget. Motioned carried.

Bob Rueckheim motioned and Penny Stock seconded to approve the operator's liquor and tobacco license for The Vault and Rockland Stop and Go. Motion carried.

RIVER BANK-

- Valerie Willams motioned and Seth Hemmersbach seconded renewing our \$70,000 line of credit at 4.4% interest due in August 2027 and to approve a ten (10) year \$215,000 capital outlay loan at 4.4% interest to be renewed in three (3) years. These loans will be contracted with River Bank. Authorized signers for the loans are President Jon Hohlfeld and Clerk Melody Brueggeman. Motion carried.

MSA-

- Seth Hemmersbach motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to sign the resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures. Motion carried.
- Bob Rueckheim was motioned and Seth Hemmersbach seconded to sign the WWTF Upgrade Final Design Professional Services Agreement. Motion carried
- Penny Stock motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to sign a contract with MSA for them to prepare the Clean Water Fund application for WWTF. Motion carried.

EHLERS-

- Seth Hemmersbach motioned and Valerie Williams seconded to approve Ehlers to begin a sewer system connection fee study which should take approximately 4 to 6 weeks to complete.
- Along with the study, Valerie Williams motioned and Penny Stock seconded to approve a connection fee ordinance to be prepared by the village attorney.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Rueckheim motioned and Seth Hemmersbach seconded to adjourn the BOR at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Bob Rueckheim motioned and Seth Hemmersbach seconded to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melody Brueggeman
Village Clerk

**Rockland Water & Sewer Utility
Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026**

Board Members Present: President Jon Hohlfeld, Trustee Seth Hemmersbach, Trustee Penny Stock, Trustee Bob Rueckheim, Trustee Ron Copher, Trustee Valerie Williams, Trustee Bob Nielsen

Support Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Melody Brueggeman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Brumbly

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 8:25 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

MINUTES: Seth Hemmersbach motioned and Penny Stock seconded to approve the 5/5/2026 minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The May Water & Sewer Financial Report was reviewed. Seth Hemmersbach motioned and Valerie Williams seconded to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Bob Rueckheim motioned and Valerie Williams seconded to approve payment of ACH's and checks #5688-5696 in the amount of \$15,874.11. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Delinquent water/sewer bill accounts were reviewed. 10-day notices were sent out.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: Seth Hemmersbach motioned and Valerie Williams seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Brueggeman
Village Clerk