

**Village of Rockland
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2025**

Board Members Present: President Jon Hohlfeld, Trustee Bob Nielsen, Trustee Randy Rowell, Trustee Bob Rueckheim, Trustee Linda Young

Newly Elected Board Members Present: Trustee Penny Stock and Trustee Seth Hemmersbach

Absent: Trustee Derek Millin

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

Also Present: Mike Sexauer and Scott Wehrs

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

MINUTES: Bob Rueckheim motioned and Linda Young seconded to approve the 3/11/25 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.

ADDRESS ISSUES FROM THE PUBLIC: Bob Rueckheim and Scott Wehrs from Bangor/Burns Fire Department came to the board with a proposal for a new fire truck. This would mean an extra \$16,500 per year on top of the \$48,000 we pay them per year with prices increasing yearly. We have never charged the residents a fire protection fee in the past, but with having to start paying them over \$60,000 next year, we will be looking into a fire protection fee which would be an additional fee on the water/sewer bill. The PSC allows us to charge so much for fire protection services, but we have held off on it. More discussion and approval will be at a special meeting on April 22nd at 6:00 pm.

Mike Sexauer was here asking the board for any suggestions as to what the Village would like to see in his addition. The Planning Commission will also convene on April 22nd at 6:00 pm for discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The March Treasurer's report was reviewed. Linda Young motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Randy Rowell motioned and Linda Young seconded to approve payment of ACH's and checks #13580-#13602 in the amount of \$115,019.17. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPT. UPDATE: Walking path signs are up, plows are off the trucks, we have a quote for the well update and inspection, gravel for the alley behind the Stop & Go is ordered, the guys will be installing an outside water faucet at the Hall with a locking cover so it cannot be turned on by anyone other than the maintenance department, the parks are being sprayed with fertilizer and weed killer. We need to send letters to the homeowners next to the walking path the clean up around the area and remove items from Village property. We will put a note on the next water bill noting not to put grease down the drains. They are having issues at the wastewater plant with an extensive amount of grease build up and could become costly.

OLD BUSINESS: Jon will contact MSA to see the status of the Birdd Development. Birdd would like to start as soon as possible. The dog park sign will be on buried treated 4 X 4's.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rockland Flooring donated \$4000 for the fireworks for Rockland Day. The permit has been issued.

Bob Rueckheim motioned and Bob Nielsen seconded to approve a quote of \$3500 to take a rotten tree down behind a house on Oak St that is on the Village property. The homeowner has said they would pay \$1000 towards the quote. Motion carried.

Decision on TIF projects: Well updates and repairs, streets and infrastructure Hummingbird Heights, Ondell and Campbell Streets, Implement the outcome of the water & sewer study by MSA and park maintenance and improvements. This will be voted on at the April 22nd meeting.

Linda Young motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve a \$1.00/hour increase for Keegan Erickson.

ADJOURNMENT: Linda Young motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Brueggeman
Village Clerk

**Rockland Water & Sewer Utility
Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025**

Board Members Present: President Jon Hohlfeld, Trustee Bob Nielsen, Trustee Randy Rowell, Trustee Linda Young, Trustee Bob Rueckheim

Newly Elected Board Members Present: Trustee Penny Stock and Trustee Seth Hemmersbach

Absent: Trustee Derek Millin,

Support Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Melody Brueggeman

Meeting called to order at 9:25 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

MINUTES: Bob Rueckheim motioned and Linda Young seconded to approve the 3/11/25 minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The March Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Linda Young motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Randy Rowell motioned and Linda Young seconded to approve payment of ACH's and checks #5563 - 5576 in the amount of \$38,453.89. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: 10-day notices went out on 4/10/25 to notify residents who are delinquent on their water/sewer bills, that shut off date is 4/21/25.

Letters have been sent to residents for the non-compliance of the federal service line inventory.

NEW BUSINESS: Well #1 pumphouse repairs will be started. Linda Young motioned and Bob Nielsen seconded to forgive the water property tax equivalent.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Rueckheim motioned and Linda Young seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Brueggeman
Village Clerk

