

**Village of Rockland  
Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2021**

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

**Absent:** Trustee Bob Nielsen

**Support Staff Present:** Public Works Employee Tyler Small  
Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Rowell

**Also Present:** Dale Johnson, Karen Johnson, Wayne Solberg, Amy Cropp, Jimmy Robinson, David Hanson, Janet Hemmersbach, Jason Metzger, James Kirk, Brittany Witte, Karl Treu, Brady Ebert (residents)  
Dave Laehn, Julie Meyers & Tina Mathison (Bangor School District)

Meeting called to order at 6:12 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

**MINUTES:** The 2/9/2021 and 2/23/2021 minutes were approved as submitted.

**VARIANCE REQUEST (KNUTSON):** A variance request from Brian Knutson was on the agenda to act on at this meeting. There were several surrounding residents present who received the letters sent regarding the variance. The residents were upset that the letters were only received one day prior to the meeting date. Stephanie indicated that she had gotten the necessary information from Building Inspector Randy Sullivan on Monday morning and wanted to get the letters to the residents in time. She knew they all had post office boxes and had the postal clerk put them in their boxes, with plans to call them all Monday afternoon to make sure they received them. The ordinance Mr. Knutson was requesting was to purchase the garage located at 103 S. Portland St. owned by Matt & Jean Mathison and use the home as his residence. The variance he was asking for would be for a home without a basement and less than 1,000 square feet. There was discussion from the residents with the board about the variance request. Mr. Knutson did not attend the meeting and therefore, the variance was not acted upon. The board did reassure the residents that they would be notified of any more meetings regarding this request.

**VARIANCE REQUEST (Witte):** Brittany Witte and Karl Treu who reside at 202 E. Center St. were present to discuss the garage they wanted to build on their property. They have decided to put an attached garage onto their house instead of the original unattached garage they had asked for the variance for. This would fall under the building ordinance for height and would not require a variance for an accessory building, therefore, the variance request is now null and void. No action needs to be taken by the village board.

**BANGOR SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Dave Laehn, Bangor School Superintendent was present along with Julie Meyers and Tina Mathison, school board members. Dave addressed the board about the school district referendum which will be on the April 6<sup>th</sup> ballot. The referendum is for the time frame of 2022-2025. This is an operating levy for programming, services, staffing and facilities. The amount of the referendum is \$900,000 each of the 3 years. There is one year left on the 2019-2022 operating referendum, with a possibility of paying it off sooner. That referendum helped pay for staffing/programming, security, facilities/maintenance and technology. There will be a presentation open to the public on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the high school and also via YouTube.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The February treasurer's report was reviewed. Ole Mathison motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to approve the February treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**VOUCHERS:** The vouchers were reviewed. Ole Mathison motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve payment of checks #12391 - #12420 in the amount of \$50,206.69. Motion carried.

**MAINTENANCE DEPT.:** Tyler said the sludge truck is done with the repairs needed. He did an oil change after getting it back. They are working on Spring maintenance at this time. He said that there needs to be some type of locks/chains on the garbage can lids at the parks. They will check into this. They also will be exercising the generator. There was discussion on getting a quote for a new garage door for the garage by the village hall. Tyler and Brandon will get quotes. The tractor will be in the end of April.

**JMC ORDINANCE:** The Joint Municipal Court Ordinance needs to be adopted every time there is a change with the municipalities. Ole Mathison motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to adopt the current Joint Municipal Court Ordinance. Motion carried.

**TIF & DEBT REVIEW.:** The village board reviewed the village's outstanding debts and the TIF.

**PARK COMMITTEE UPDATE:** The park committee held a meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The consensus was to not have the Park Day celebration this year due to covid and the timeframe for planning. They did decide to have fireworks and feel this is important. Terry Beron agreed to do the fireworks on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. They plan to put together some boards with prizes to sell chances on in order to help pay for the fireworks. They will also ask local businesses for donations. Dana passed the treasurer duties to Stephanie. She will set this up in Quick Books with the other accounts. Jon Holfeld's name will be added to the account. Stephanie thought that the checking account should require 2 signatures to be uniform with the other checking accounts.

**ATV/UTV REQUEST:** Ron Chamberlain, County Highway Commissioner sent an email stating that the Township of Burns village board did not recommend opening CTH J from Rockland's village limits to STH 16 for ATV/UTV traffic. He said that they would prefer to wait until such time as the intersections of CTH J/STH 16 and STH 16/Big Creek Road can be properly addressed as well as until such time as they have decided to open Big Creek Road. Opening CTH J from Rockland's south village limits to the Monroe County line was recommended. The change to the ordinance, adding the routes will be taken up at the La Crosse County Board meeting, if passed it will be advertised and signed in accordance with the WDNR and the MUTCD requirements. Once the signage is complete, the highway will be open for ATV/UTV use.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Bob Rueckheim motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell  
Village Clerk

**Rockland Water & Sewer Utility  
Board Meeting Minutes  
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**VOUCHERS:** The vouchers were reviewed. Corey Wilson motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to approve payment of checks #4910 - #4921 in the amount of \$9,476.94. Motion carried.

**DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:** The delinquent utility accounts were reviewed. The PSC will be lifting the restriction on disconnects on April 15<sup>th</sup>. This will allow municipalities to enforce disconnections again.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Paul Langrehr motioned and Ole Mathison seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell  
Village Clerk

