

**Village of Rockland
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2022**

Board Members Present: President Jon Hohlfeld, Trustee Derek Millin, Trustee Randy Rowell, Trustee Bob Rueckheim

Absent: Trustee Ole Mathison, Trustee Bob Nielsen, Trustee Corey Wilson

Support Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Rowell
Skylar Holzhausen, Public Works Employee

Also Present: Diana Gwilt, resident
Kate Olson, resident

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

MINUTES: The 8/16/22 minutes were approved as submitted.

Village resident Diana Gwilt was present to discuss her concerns with a vicious dog that resides in Rockland. There have been 2 reported incidents with the La Crosse County Sheriff's Dept. where said dog attacked another dog and caused a person bodily harm. There was also discussion of a known 3rd incident that has not as of this date been reported, in which another dog was allegedly attacked. Diana wanted to make the village board aware of the situation and that she has been in contact with the Sheriff's Dept. and the County Health Dept. trying to get something resolved before more incidents take place. Diana is asking the village board to have their attorney file a motion with La Crosse County so that a judge can order the dog be euthanized or removed from the county. She referenced Wisconsin State Statute 174.02. Randy Rowell motioned and Derek Millin seconded to have Stephanie contact Attorney Kathy Schmidt to discuss filing a motion with regards to the above mentioned state statute. This will be further discussed at the October board meeting.

NO MOW MAY/WEED ORDINANCE: Kate Olson, resident was present to discuss No Mow May and our current weed ordinance. Kate would like to see our current weed ordinance revised to remove dandelions and milkweed from the list of noxious weeds. She would also like to see the option of No Mow May for Rockland residents who wish to participate. Randy Rowell motioned and Derek Millin seconded to remove dandelions and milkweed from the list of noxious weeds in village ordinance Chapter 10, III, B Weed Abatement. Motion carried. Derek Millin motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to follow the City of La Crosse ordinance with regards to "No Mow May" and allow those who wish to participate to have until June 15 each year to resume mowing. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The August Treasurer's report was reviewed. Randy Rowell motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Derek Millin motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to approve payment of checks #12865 - #12888 in the amount of \$30,510.64 which includes a TIF loan payment to River Bank in the amount of \$11,952.85 which will be paid to the general fund from the TIF account. Motion carried.

LA CROSSE CO. SHERIFF'S DEPT. CONTRACT: The contract draft was reviewed by village attorney Kathy Schmidt, she advised that the contract states how many additional hours per week or month the village will be charged for and that the contract states that this is in addition to the hours that the county patrols Rockland currently. The contract draft will go back to La Crosse County for revision/review. This will be addressed again at the October board meeting.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE: An operator's license request was received for Allison Hoth for The Vault. The background check showed that there were no incidents. Derek Millin motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve the operator's license for Allison Hoth for the period of September 21, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Motion carried.

FERAL CATS: Jon indicated that feral cats continue to be an issue in the village. Discussion was held regarding working again with the La Crosse County Humane Society to try and decrease the number of feral cats in Rockland.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE: Discussion was held about the current recycling schedule and if there is a need for weekly pickup instead of biweekly pickup. Bob Rueckheim stated that the reason we have biweekly pickup is because we are on the same schedule as Village of Bangor, this would not be something that Harter's would most likely do. There was no further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Randy Rowell motioned and Derek Millin seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell
Village Clerk

**Rockland Water & Sewer Utility
Board Meeting Minutes
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Absent: Trustee Ole Mathison, Trustee Bob Nielsen, Trustee Corey Wilson

Support Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Rowell
Skylar Holzhausen, Public Works Employee

Meeting called to order at 7:42 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

MINUTES: The 8/16/2022 minutes were approved as submitted.

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

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Derek Millin motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve payment of checks #5161 - #5172 in the amount of \$4,538.12. Motion carried.

SEWER RATE: Increasing the sewer rate was discussed. The sewer rate has not been increased in 4 years. This was tabled until the full village board is present for discussion and/or action.

SPRINKLER CREDIT: Discussion was held regarding the current sprinkler credit and making changes to it or removing it. This was tabled until the full village board is present for discussion and/or action.

ROCKLAND FLOORING: Isaac has left messages with Rockland Flooring to discuss the flowmeter that needs to be installed at their facility and has not gotten anyone to return his calls or emails. The village board advised that Jon set up a meeting to go discuss this with Rockland Flooring.

ADJOURNMENT: Randy Rowell motioned and Derek Millin seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell
Village Clerk

