Village of Rockland  
Regular Meeting  
May 9, 2023

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

Absent: Trustee Corey Wilson

Support Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Rowell  
Public Works employee Isaac Bauer

Also Present: James & Carrie Schmitt

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

BOARD OF REVIEW: Ole Mathison motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to open Board of Review at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Assessor Neil Betts did not have anyone at Open Book or Board of Review. We will look at a possible reevaluation for next year. Ole Mathison motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to adjourn Board of Review. Motion carried. Board of Review adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MINUTES: The 4/11/23 minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The April Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Ole Mathison motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Bob Rueckheim motioned and Bob Nielsen seconded to approve payment of checks #13057-#13075 in the amount of $13,611.59. Motion carried.

WWTP TANK: Isaac indicated that the tank at the WWTP will be repaired next week. We also have a water tower inspection this month.

REZONING APPLICATION: James and Carrie Schmitt were present to discuss rezoning a parcel of land in the village. They own the lot known as parcel #15-12-0 which is located on the east side of Commercial St. across from the Rockland Stop & Go. The lot is currently vacant and zoned residential. They are not certain what they will do with the property in the future, but thought it would be beneficial to have it zoned commercial due to the location. They are currently using it for displaying storage sheds that they sell. The village board indicated that until they know what they plan to do with it, it would probably be in their best interest to wait until they have a plan for it. A conditional use permit is always an option as well. They agreed to this and will let the board know of any future plans.

ORDINANCE REVISIONS: Ordinance Chapter 10 Public Nuisance currently refers to the Bangor Police Dept. for enforcement of ordinances. Derek Millin motioned and Ole Mathison seconded to remove Bangor Police Department from Ordinance Chapter 10 and replace with La Crosse County Sheriff Department. Motion carried. Derek Millin motioned and Randy Rowell
seconded to amend the fees for Chapter 10 D (3) Weed Abatement – Failure to Comply to the following fees: 1. $100 for first cutting 2. $300 for subsequent cuttings. Motion carried. “No Mow May” which was adopted in 2022 will also be added to Chapter 10 (D) Weed Abatement.

Ordinance Chapter 14 (1) Building Regulations Building Permit fee schedule needs to be updated to reflect the current fees. Derek Millin motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to amend Chapter 14 (1) to read as follows: A. Reference Exhibit A for the adopted fee schedule for building permits.

Exhibit A
1. New construction .28 per square foot with a minimum permit fee of $770
2. Any other structures, additions or alterations are .28 per square foot with a minimum permit fee of $193 for additions and $128 for alterations and remodeling.
3. Garage permit fees are .17 per square foot with a minimum permit fee of $165.

Derek Millin motioned and Ole Mathison seconded to remove the paragraph Uniform Dwelling Code and the fee for the Uniform Dwelling Code. Motion carried.

OPERATOR’S LICENSE: Ole Mathison motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve an operator’s license for Brittany Oswald for The Vault with current procedures followed for holding an operator’s license. Motion carried. The license is effective May 10, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Meeting adjourned to the Utility meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

BUILDING CERTIFICATES: We need to look at issuing building certificates for commercial buildings since this is not something done by General Engineering for permitting. This was tabled for further discussion.

DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT: This was tabled.

BANGOR REC. DEPT.: Stephanie will ask Jeff Parr with the Rec. Dept. to attend a meeting in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT: Ole Mathison motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell
Village Clerk
Rockland Water & Sewer Utility  
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ADJOURNMENT: Ole Mathison motioned and Derek Millin seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell  
Village Clerk