

**Village of Rockland
Regular Meeting
October 11, 2022**

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

Absent: None

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

Also Present: David Brokopp, Bangor School District Superintendent
Tina Mathison, Bangor School Board Member
Neil Betts, Homefield Assessing

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

MINUTES: The 9/20/22 minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The September Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Corey Wilson motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Randy Rowell motioned and Ole Mathison seconded to approve payment of checks #12889 - #12905 in the amount of \$18,079.37. Motion carried.

BANGOR SCHOOL REFERENDUM: David Brokopp, Superintendent and Tina Mathison, school board member were present to address the village board regarding the Bangor School District referendum that will be on the ballot for the November 8th election. Superintendent Brokopp handed out a brochure that gave facts about the referendum. The Bangor School Board is asking voters to consider a \$24 million referendum to address significant facility needs, which cannot be addressed within their annual budget. The additional money that they are asking taxpayers to consider is for the construction of renovations and additions to the elementary school, middle/high school and old school gymnasium. Approval of the referendum would result in an annual estimated tax increase of \$60 for every \$100,000 of property value. There will be a Talk & Tour at the middle/high school on October 12th at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested in attending. More details about the referendum can be found at the website Bangor.ReferendumFacts.org.

NEIL BETTS – HOMEFIELD ASSESSING: Earlier this year Heather Wolf, owner of Milde Appraisal Services let the village board know that at the end of this year she will be stopping her appraisal business to pursue another career. Neil Betts was present to talk to the board about his experience and any questions/comments the board has for him. He has been assessing homes for 15 years and is currently the assessor for eighteen municipalities. He would like to contract with the village to include the maintenance of all the assessment files for 2023 through 2025. He will perform all assessor duties as per statutes of the State of Wisconsin. The contract for 2023 through 2025 will be \$9 times the total of personal property accounts and real estate parcels. Payment for the 2023 through 2025 maintenance years is to be \$2,000 paid on the date of the first January board meeting with the remaining balance due at the end of the Board of Review

meeting each year. The expenses for 2023-2025 will be the assessor's expenses. (maps, supplies, mileage, telephone, postage, envelopes for notices) or other incidental expenses the assessor may incur. Homefield Assessing Inc. can provide all insurance if requested by the village board. Ole Mathison motioned and Corey Wilson seconded to approve the contract with Neil Betts, Homefield Assessing, Inc. for term of 3 years to include 2023 through 2025 at the above-mentioned cost. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE DEPT.: Skylar called Fahrner and told them we will postpone the road work until the Spring. Isaac discussed the need for a box blade to grade the alleys, etc. The cost would be at or less than \$1,000. Corey Wilson motioned and Ole Mathison seconded to approve up to \$1,000 for the purchase of a new box blade for the tractor. Motion carried.

CLASS "B" BEER LICENSE: The Bangor Burns Fire Dept. has applied for a temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License for their chili suppers at the Rockland Fire Station for the following dates: November 5, 2022, January 14, 2023 and February 11, 2023. Ole Mathison motioned and Corey Wilson seconded to approve the Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License for the Bangor Burns Fire Dept. for the above mentioned dates for the premises located at 200 S. Commercial St., Rockland, WI. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Corey Wilson motioned and Ole Mathison seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell
Village Clerk

**Rockland Water & Sewer Utility
Board Meeting Minutes
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Board Members Present: President Jon Hohlfeld, Trustee Ole Mathison, Trustee Derek Millin, Trustee Randy Rowell, Trustee Bob Rueckheim, Trustee Corey Wilson

Absent: Trustee Bob Nielsen

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

Meeting called to order at 7:53 p.m. with President Jon Hohlfeld presiding.

MINUTES: The 9/20/2022 minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The September Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Corey Wilson motioned and Ole Mathison seconded to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS: The vouchers were reviewed. Corey Wilson motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to approve payment of checks #5173 - #5187 in the amount of \$35,491.99. Motion carried.

SEWER RATE: Increasing the sewer rate was discussed. The sewer rate has not been increased in 4 years. A 3% increase was discussed. Corey Wilson motioned and Ole Mathison seconded to increase the sewer rate by 3% effective January 1, 2023. Motion carried.

DAVY ENGINEERING-WWTP: The needed upgrades/repairs to the WWTP were discussed. Isaac and Skylar met with Davy Engineering to go over any funding opportunities or grants available. The only grants currently available would not apply or Rockland would not be eligible for. Stephanie received interest rate quotes from both First National Bank and River Bank for a \$200,000 loan. First National Bank quoted a 10 year term with a 4.5% interest rate and River Bank quoted a 10 year term with a 4.58% interest rate. Derek Millin motioned and Bob Rueckheim seconded to approve a utility loan for the above-mentioned projects in the amount of \$200,000 for a 10 year term with an interest rate of 4.5% at First National Bank. Motion carried.

SPRINKLER CREDIT: The sprinkler credit that is currently in effect for the months of June through September was discussed. Discussion was held as to changing this to a credit that will be applied only if requested by residents who use larger amounts of water than normal for watering lawns with underground sprinkler systems, above ground sprinkler usage or pool filling. The credit will be available for the same months as mentioned above, June through September but residents must ask for the credit on the sewer portion of their bill in order to receive. Corey Wilson motioned and Randy Rowell seconded to change the sprinkler credit to the terms listed above. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Ole Mathison motioned and Derek Millin seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Rowell
Village Clerk