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A Note from the Chairman:

On November 17th, 2016, we held a Public Hearing on the proposed 2017 Town Budget and a Special Town Meeting of Electors. At the public hearing we reviewed the budget and answered any questions and concerns from the electors. The electors approved the 2016 payable in 2017 tax rate levy of \$477,489.00. The Town tax levy rate will be \$2.43 per \$1000.00 of assessed value, about a 4% increase over last year.

With winter upon us now, so is the plowing of town roads. If you push snow across the road from your driveway, do not leave piles of snow on the edge of the roadway or on the roadway. This directly violates Wisconsin State statues 86.01 and sec. 346.94 (5). It is unsafe for drivers and plow trucks.

With Christmas a few weeks away, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

Our next town board meeting is on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. I hope to see you there.

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman



Notice of Meeting

On Wednesday, December 21, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Green Bay City Hall Council Chambers, the Brown County Board of Supervisors will consider the donation of parcel R-181-1, 5384 Moonlite Drive, to Brown County for use as a future park. If you would like to provide input on this matter, you are encouraged to attend.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Rockland Residents!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and our hunters, a successful season. We all have many reasons to be thankful, and one of my reasons includes the people that help make Rockland a great place to live. Thank you for taking the time to make Rockland better; it is a pleasure working with you:

Town Officials:

Dennis Cashman, Chairman
Alan Lasee, Supervisor
Jann Charette, Town Clerk
Mary Van Dyck, Town Treasurer
Bob Gerbers, Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector



Rockland Planning Commission Members:

Bob Coenen, Chairman
Randy Hansen
Lee Anderson
Terry Vertz
Glen Schwalbach
Mike Wier

Special thank you to these members for their work on the fire signs, especially Randy Hansen, who led the project. Those signs will make it easier for our emergency personnel.

Board of Appeals

Frank Hutjens, Chairman
Steve Gander
Dave Diedrich
Terry Schneider
Randy Janssen
Kay Rimmel

Poll Workers –Toni Carter, Randy Hansen, Kathy Anderson, Karen Cashman, Bob Coenen, Deborah Hansen, Alan Le Clair, Jodi Kaftan, Donna Koehler, Kay Rimmel, David Schaefer, July Schwalbach, Sue Vande Voort, Jaelene Wentland, Judy Hodel, Barb Zambon & David Verhagen

Town Hall Opener

Kim Winkler

Electors that attend our meetings

Thank you for taking the time to attend our meetings. It is your insights that help us make better decisions and help us conduct the town business.

Rockland town signs

Thank you, John Gage, for your wonderful donation to make our signs, and to Matt Giese, for your donation to create our town logo which started this project. Many of the signs are already posted, with a couple more to be placed on the state highways. They look great!

New Year's resolution and continuing Rockland's desire to remain a Town

Please, when asked where you live, say the Town of Rockland; especially when interviewed by the media. I know our mailing address is De Pere, but we live in the Town of Rockland; using our town name instead of the city would be beneficial. Thanks for your help.

Larger accessory buildings approved by the Town Board

On Monday, December 5, 2016 the town board approved the revision to increase the sizes of accessory buildings. The size of your accessory building is dependent upon the size of your parcel and whether it is an accessory farm structure. The new sizes are presented below:

Parcel Size (acres)	Maximum square footage allowed per parcel
0.99 or less	600
1 to 1.99	1200
2 to 2.99	1500
3 to 3.99	2000
4 to 4.99	3000
5 to 5.99	5000
6 to 6.99	5500
7 to 7.99	6000
8 to 8.99	6500
9 to 9.99	7000
10 and above (Non-Farming)	8000

Interior design project for the Town Hall

The inside of our town hall is showing wear and tear. We have committed budget dollars to improve the interior of our town hall. Our hall is not only used for meetings, but also is rented out for special occasions.

We are looking for an individual(s) to help us with the color scheme and accessories needed to update the interior of our town hall. If you have the gift of interior design and would like to volunteer your time and talents for this project, please contact Jann Charette at 336-2814 and she will give you more specifics of the project.

And finally, thank you all for your continued support and wishing you the best in the New Year!

Vicky Van Vonderen, Supervisor Town of Rockland

A Note From Supervisor Alan Lasee.....

Congratulations to all of you in Rockland for voting. Nearly 85% took the time and responsibility to cast your vote. There was a lot at stake this time with the presidential race and control of Congress and the US senate. Of significant importance was potential Supreme Court nomination 's by the next president. About 74% of you voted for Donald Trump and Ron Johnson for Senate and Mike Gallagher for congress. Now it is up to them to show it was the right vote. Even the Republicans in Madison gained seats in the assembly and senate . The reason, I believe this happened is because the Democrat party has moved so far to the left, they've become the party of the dependent on big government whereas the Republicans are the party of independents. Putting belief in individuals. So the slogan, make America Great Again, through hard work and individual accomplishments matter. Those of us who put our names on a ballot always try to reflect the beliefs and values of the people we represent. Likewise , your Rockland town board has worked toward that end and has done a pretty good job. We just adopted a budget for 2017, and we are able to hold the line on spending and taxes all the while providing the services we need, no more, no less.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Town Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. The tax bills this year are being mailed out on December 9. If you do not receive your bill by December 19, please call the County Treasurers' Office at 448-4074.

Please look over your bill and make sure you have the lottery credit if the home you have in Rockland is your primary residence and you do not claim the lottery credit anywhere else. You can only claim the lottery credit in one place. If you have any questions on your tax bill or regarding the lottery credit, please call me at 336-5968.

There is a list of all bank locations that will be accepting tax payments on the tax bill. This year some banks are only collecting if you have an account at that bank. You may also pay your taxes at the County Treasurers' office or you may mail your payment to the County Office. The address is Brown County Treasurer, P.O. Box 23600, Green Bay, WI 54305-3600. Please remember to check the box if you want a receipt.

I will be collecting the dog licenses again this year. All dogs must be licensed. This is a State Law and there are no exceptions. The fee for 2017 is \$5.00 for a neutered or spayed dog, OR \$10.00 for a male dog that is not neutered or a female dog that is not spayed. A kennel license is \$40.00. Kennel licenses are for anyone who has more than 3 dogs. All applications MUST be received by April 1, 2017. Any dog license application after April 1, 2017 will be charged a late fee of \$5.00. Enclose a copy of the rabies shot history for each dog. This will be kept on file with the Town. Please make checks payable to: Town of Rockland



Below is a form to fill out and send with a SELF-ADDRESSED envelope to me along with the fee for the license. I will then send you the 2017 license for your dog.

Dog License for 2017

All dogs must be licensed. This is a State Law and there are no exceptions. Please fill out the following application and return to Mary Van Dyck, 2185 Deer Point Lane, De Pere, WI 54115 along with your check made out to the Town of Rockland.

Name of dog _____ Phone Number _____

Name of dog owner _____

Address _____

Breed _____ Color _____ Chip no. if available _____

Male _____ Female _____ Neutered _____ Spayed _____

Date of Rabies shot _____ Expiration Date _____

A Note From Clerk Charette....

When I was attending law school many years ago, my hope was to use my education to serve the public after graduation. After graduating, I worked for the DNR on a limited term basis and then served as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for two separate counties. I then took off a number of years to stay at home with our two children, who are now 16 and 19. When they got older, I was fortunate to re-enter the work world in a part-time capacity so that I could still be there when the kids got home from school. Rockland has been my work home for almost four years now and I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to serve you while also being available to serve my family. Thank you for allowing me to do so! And thank you for reading this newsletter!



Having just celebrated Thanksgiving, I want to dedicate this article to all of the other public servants in Rockland who have so generously shared their talents, their time, and their resources this past year, to benefit you, the residents.

I know that Supervisor Van Vonderen already thanked our “sign people” but I wanted to especially thank John Gage, from Reinhold Sign & Service, and Matt Giese, from Someday Farms, who not only donated financial resources but also spent much time working with us on the layouts and final touches of the logo/slogan and welcome signs. Thank you John & Matt!

I also want to thank our advertisers who are incredibly faithful in supporting this newsletter and thank Dave Krutz and Greenleaf Wayside Bank who generously provide food and refreshments at our annual meetings each year. Thanks Dave and thank you advertisers!

I also am thinking about Mary Van Dyck and Darlene Simoens who lead and set the example of servanthood to their 4H group. They are the ones out there each year helping at the e-recycling event, the bakes sales, the horse shows, the county fair, and baking and sharing cookies with other residents. Thank you Mary, Darlene, and all of the 4H members and families!

I also am grateful for all of our election workers and volunteers. There is absolutely no way, that our elections could run as smoothly and professionally as they do without our Chief Inspectors– Toni Carter and Randy Hansen. Thank you Toni and Randy! Nor could they have been run as accurately and proficiently without our workers- Kathy Anderson, Bob Coenen, Karen Cashman, Deborah Hansen, Judy Hodel, Alan LeClair, Jodi Kaftan, Donna Koehler, Kay Rimmel, David Schaefer, Judy Schwalbach, Jaelene Wentland, Sue Vande Voort, David Verhagen, and Barb Zambon. Thank you to all of you! And a special thank you goes out to Michelle Kahl, Jodi Kaftan, Janet Prunty, Judy Hodel, Laurie De Baker, and David Ver Hagen, who volunteered their time and talents at our elections this past year. Thank you!

I also want to say thank you to Jay Graetz, from Greenleaf Greenscapes, who has often donated some of his time and materials to ensure that the Town’s lawn and landscaping look so wonderful. Thank you, Jay!

Many of the people I have thanked will probably be embarrassed that I even mentioned their name. You see, they don’t want the accolades, the toot of the horn or the pat on the back. Their thoughts are not on

what can they do to make themselves look better but rather on what can they do to help better their community. As I noted above, I have witnessed many public servants living and serving in the Town of Rockland. I also have had the privilege to work alongside a number of great Board members and co-workers, who, by my definition, truly are public servants. You are fortunate to have them serving Rockland. They are the ones keeping the Town looking nice by cleaning the ditches with their families and removing and taking the old tires and garbage to the dump. They are the ones hosting the lost animals in their homes until you come to claim them. They are the ones storing signs and extra recycling bins in their garages so that when they are needed, they are available to you. They are the ones on nights and weekends installing new road signs and making repairs to the town hall. They are the ones taking time off from their full time jobs to represent the Town at meetings, to meet with you to address concerns, and to attend training sessions. Yes. By law, your Board members could charge an hourly fee for public works activities like installing signs. Your Board could create a paid constable position who would be responsible for recovering and hosting lost pets. Your Board could choose to contract out many of the town hall maintenance, consulting, and legal services. Your Board could choose to seek mileage reimbursement whenever they attend a meeting or meet with you. But instead, they have chosen to donate their time, their talents, and often their materials to benefit all of you and set the example of what it means to be a servant. Thank you to all of you public servants who just pitch in and get the work done!

As you may know, every two years, you get to vote for your elected town officials. If you have the heart of a public servant, I encourage you to throw your name in the hat. A Spring Primary is scheduled Tuesday, February 21, 2017, if necessary. The Spring General Election will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The Town offices up for election are: 1) Town Chairperson; 2) Town Board Supervisors– two positions; and 3) Town Treasurer. If you are interested in running for one of these offices you can use the following link: http://www.townofrockland.org/candidate_info.html to obtain the necessary paperwork. Or you can stop by the Clerk's office and pick up a packet. Your notice of candidacy, nomination papers (including twenty elector signatures) and campaign registration statement must be submitted to the Clerk's office no later than Tuesday, January 3, 2017. With holiday office hours, please call (920) 336-2814 to ensure I am in the office to receive your paperwork.

Thanks again to all of you who have pitched in this year to make Rockland a wonderful place to live and to work! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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ROCKLAND 4-H NEWS

Our celebration event of our members and club achievements was held the end of October on a Saturday night. Members discussed their projects and goals for next year. Families all brought a dish to pass and it was a great meal with lots of country family bonding. The November meeting was the club election of officers for 2017. Candra Carter will be our new president. Dates were set in February for a meal at the NEW Shelter in Green Bay. Our Christmas party is scheduled for December 12th @



6:00. We are having a cookie exchange with cookies being sorted, packed and delivered to Rockland Friends of 4-H. With money made at our 4-H food stands at the horse shows - we are excited to "adopt" two families in the East De Pere area to help make their Christmas somewhat brighter. Items on their listing and being purchased on a shopping spree with members - range from socks, PJ's, T-shirts and a board game or two. Of course, cookies will be included and a few

items not on their Santa list. Homemaker hint: When you bake a lot of cookies and need them to stay soft - put a half slice of bread in a Ziploc bag, poke holes in the bag and put that in the cookie jar with the cookies - they will stay fresh for weeks AND keeping cookies in a cool/cold area (garage - back porch) - will make them even better. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL** and thank you for your support

Garbage and Recycling News

The winter months are here and the snow will be falling and the wind will be blowing. Please keep this in mind when you put your garbage and recycling out. Please try to put your containers out by the road in the morning if at all possible especially if it is snowing. It is difficult for the snow plow drivers to see the containers when they are plowing the roads. When putting your containers by the road, remember to have them in your drive way if possible. Try not to have them on the road. Sometimes it makes it very difficult to meet cars on our narrow roads if the containers are out too far.

The Town of Rockland does a wonderful job of recycling. We have met and exceeded the weight for each household every year. In 2015 the town collected 162.79 tons of recyclables. This means 183.32 pounds were collected per person who lives in the town.



Remember that all dairy containers & lids, bakery & deli containers are now accepted in recycling. Some items that are not accepted are plastic bags, Styrofoam, hoses, ropes, tires, electronics, and clothing. When these items are placed in your bin for recycling they become contamination.

Please know before you throw or call 920-492-4950. They will answer all of your recycling questions.

2017

Town of Rockland

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