



Winter 2018

Quarterly Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

At the November 13th, 2018 Meeting of the Electors, the electors approved the 2019 Tax Levy of \$490,190. The town tax levy rate will be \$2.42 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. This is the same as last year – no increase! Thank you to all Town Board members for their work on this budget and this past year for keeping the expenses within budget.

With snow plowing season just around the corner, remember do not leave piles of snow on the shoulders of the roadway. It's unsafe of drivers and plow trucks.

Town right-of ways are the width of the road and the ditches on both sides, typically 66 or 70 feet wide. Do not plant trees, shrubs, or landscape in the town's right of way. Do not put rocks around culvert ends or in the ditches. The town has the right to maintain all road right-of-ways.

Enjoy the upcoming winter season and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Thank you,
Dennis J. Cashman

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Hi friends,

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Another deer hunting season is in the books and again no buck for me but that's ok. My 3 sons each got one on opening Saturday. That was a first for the Lasee family. I hope the hunters didn't cause you any unnecessary problems.

Your Rockland Town Board has adopted our budget for next year. The good news is we are able to provide services without raising taxes. The board is in total agreement with that strategy. Winter and cold weather means snow will soon be upon us. If for some reason your road needs, regarding plowing, aren't satisfactory let us know. Rockland has again contracted with Carter Trucking to do our snow removal. They have always done a good job for us in the past and got the job done in a timely manner. Sometimes that is not always easy because of weather conditions but again feel free to call if there are questions or problems.

That's it for now. Have a great Christmas season.

Warmest regards from all of us on the town board.

Alan Lasee

Hey Rockland,

Did you know you can rent the Town Hall for \$75/day, with a \$100 security deposit (refundable*). The Rockland Town Hall is a great venue for get togethers, grad parties and showers. It can hold up to 150 people. With our new rental terms, and ample parking, it is a very appealing venue for any resident hosting a party. Call Julie today to make your reservation.



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*conditions apply

Happy Holidays Rockland Residents!

With the changing of the seasons comes opportunities for fun outdoor activities with skiing, skating, tubing, ice fishing, and snowmobiling. Along with the fun comes hazards such as slippery roads, extreme cold weather, heavy snow and furnace troubles.

As you prepare for the winter season, here are a few safety tips to keep in mind. Ensure that your furnace vents are clear and your furnace has been checked/any repairs made. If you use a wood burning fireplace, have the chimney cleaned before use. Be cautious on slippery walkways (use salt or sand) and keep an eye out for elderly neighbors who may need assistance with snow removal. When driving, refrain from following too closely behind another vehicle and be aware of changing conditions like black ice and snow drifts. If you are traveling a long distance, it's always a good idea to bring blankets, a high visibility vest, flashlight, cellphone charger, bottled water and snacks. The town has again contracted with Carter Trucking for snow removal this winter. Please give them adequate room to do their job.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season!

Matt Meeuwsen

ROCKLAND 4-H NEWS

Members are spreading holiday spirit with a number of community events. The first week in December we donated three dozen cut out cookies to the White Pillars Museum in DePere for their Santa Claus visit on December 5, 6 and 7th. This year, for our "adopt a family" program – we are supporting DePere High School and DePere Outreach by contributing to their new effort to create a Christmas Store to benefit struggling children and families in the DePere area. On December 1st we purchased grocery and gas gift cards, Christmas toys and games, and some clothing. Club members also cut and tied three large fleece blankets. Adults members/leaders can also assist at the store on December 12th and 13th.

Funds used for this event came from our Horse Show food stands and donations from Rockland families. On December 8th we will continue our tradition of baking, frosting and decorating cut out cookies for our friends of 4-H. On December 10th, we will have our 4-H Christmas party where we will sort out and individually plate the cookies, package, and label for our 4-H families and friends. We will play Christmas bingo and have pizza, milk and cookies.

To all of you and your families we wish you a happy holiday season.



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 bins 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 bins by the road, remember to have them in your drive way if possible; please do not put them on the road. I know many of us put our containers across the road so the garbage truck only goes one way down our roads. When doing this make sure it is on the shoulder of the road. This will help the snow plow drivers.

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.

Thank you to the residents of the Town of Rockland for the wonderful job you are doing with recycling. If you have any questions on recycling do not hesitate to call the Brown County Recycling Center at 920-492-4950.

Rockland Dog License for 2019

All dogs must be licensed according to state law and there are no exceptions. Please fill out this application and return to Mary Van Dyck, 2185 Deer Point Lane, De Pere, WI 54115 along with a check made out to the Town of Rockland, and the rabies shot history. Complete by 4/1/2019.

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 _____

Special Meeting Dates for the Town of Rockland

- Town Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month at 7:30 pm
- Planning Commission meets 1st Thursday each month at 7:00 pm
- February 12, Election Equipment Testing 10:00 am
- February 19, Election Day Spring Primary Election 7:00 am—8:00 pm
- March 26, Election Equipment Testing 10:00 am
- April 2, Spring Election 7:00 am—8:00 pm
- April 16, Town Annual Meeting of the Electorate 7:00 pm

News from Town Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. I hope everyone spends some time this holiday season with family and friends.

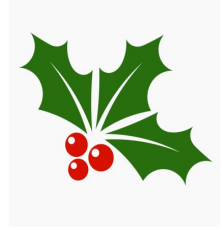
The tax bills this year are being mailed out on December 8th. If you do not receive your bill by December 20, please call the County Treasurers' Office at 448-4074. Please look over your bill and make sure you have the lottery credit if the home you have in Rockland is your primary residence and you 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 609-1478.

You may 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. The County Treasurers' office will not be accepting credit card payments in person this year. If you want to make a credit card payment, you can do this by going to the website listed on the tax bill. The banks that are collecting taxes this year are North Shore Bank, Community First Credit Union, Greenleaf-Wayside Bank and Associated Bank. Associated Bank is only collecting tax payments for their customers.

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 2019 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. Kennel licenses are for anyone who has 3 or more dogs. A kennel license is \$40.00. All applications MUST be received by April 1, 2019. Any dog license application after April 1, 2019 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.

On the previous page you'll find a form to fill out and send with a SELF-ADDRESSED, stamped envelope to me along with the fee for the license, and the rabies history. Once received, I will send you the 2019 license for your dog. Thank you.

With the holidays upon us, I like to look back and think of all that was accomplished and take stock of my blessings. I really enjoy being your clerk. But I couldn't have been effective were it not for the support of your local government officials. Thank you to Rockland Chairman Dennis Cashman who works tirelessly on behalf of the town. Thank you to Matt Meeuwsen, Alan Lasee, Mary Van Dyke, and Bob Gerbers, who do everything they can to keep Rockland safe and efficient.



The Planning Commission has met throughout the year on behalf of the town: Chairman Bob Coenen, Glen Schwalbach, Mike Wier, Justin Samuels, Terry Vertz, David Stubenvoll, and Lee Anderson have been working on revising and updating the code of ordinances, the Farmland Preservation work as well as other state mandated updates. And the Zoning Board of Appeals is led by Frank Hutjens, and that team is ready to step into action if it is needed. Thank you to my election officials—more on them below.

And I'd be remiss if I didn't mention Kim Winkler who keeps the hall clean for all of us. We have a great group of people who work on behalf of the Rockland community. I'm looking forward to another year of cooperation!

May God bless you and keep you safe, and may peace and good health be yours this year and always,
Julie Koenig, Clerk

ELECTION NEWS,

Rockland, you turned out in great numbers at the last election! We had 1168 registered voters and recorded 76 more registrations that day. In total, we had 990 voters, of which 128 voted absentee/early voting. Traffic was steady all day long and the election workers did a great job. Thank you to Randy Hansen and Judy Hodel who served as the Chief Inspectors and managed the staff of Election Inspectors: Kathy Anderson, Karen Cashman, Bob Coenen, Deborah Hansen, Jodi Kaftan, Michelle Kahl, Donna Koehler, Alan LeClair, Judy Schwalbach, Sue Vande Voort, David Verhagen, and Jaelene Wentland. You all are amazing.

Even with the nice turnout, Rockland can do better! In advance of the presidential election in November 2020, I'd like to encourage everyone to register to vote. If we can get everyone registered in 2019, we will have a smoother election the following year. You can accomplish this by going to MYVOTE.WI.GOV. On this site you can see what will be on your ballot, you can register, record a change in name or address, request absentee ballots for every election of the new year, or just one for the next election. If you requested an absentee for every election through the end of the year, that will expire on 12/31/18 and you'll need to reapply for automatic absentees in 2019. Email me. Keep in mind, if you are requesting a ballot, you must attach a photo of your ID before anyone can give you a ballot. Any post card requests will not be honored without an ID. Non drivers 65+ years of age can apply for a permanent ID card that will never expire. Call the Voter ID Hotline at (844) 588-1069 with questions regarding this or for anyone who needs an ID 18+ years of age.

In April, we will vote again for our Rockland Town Board and Treasurer. If anyone is interested in running for one of these positions, please contact me as Declaration of Candidacy papers are due at the Clerk's office no later than 2:30 pm on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. If a primary is needed, it will be held on Tuesday, February 19th. Your voice needs to be heard. Thank you to everyone who voted and who will get ready to vote in the new year.
— Clerk Julie

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