



Winter 2022

Quarterly Newsletter
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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

At the November 15, 2022 Special Meeting of the Electors, the electors approved the 2022 Town tax levy to be paid in 2023 of \$599,819. The town tax rate will be \$2.75 per \$1000 of valuation. I'm pleased to say this is the same rate as last year. I would like to thank the entire Town Board for working together to keep expenses under check.

Back in May of 2020 we applied for a grant from the WIS DOT to resurface Midway Road between Hwy 57 and CTH PP. The 2 mile stretch of roadway would be resurfaced with 4 inches of hot mix asphalt pavement and add gravel shoulders. The DOT accepted our project as one of 84 town projects accepted across the state and one of only two projects in Brown County. The Multimodal Local Supplement program will reimburse us \$381,197 in road costs. The project is in the final stages of completion. At our October Town Board meeting, we also lowered the speed limit on that section of road from 45 MPH to 35 MPH. New signs will go up in December.

With the snow season already here, remember not to plow snow onto or leave piles on our town roads. This is a hazard to all drivers and for the plow trucks. If you have any questions or issues about snow plowing on our roads, please call me or one of the other Supervisors.

With the Holiday season upon us, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! I hope to see you at the next Town Board meeting.

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman

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Hello Rockland residents,

I want to thank everyone for being patient while Midway Road was being rebuilt. This was a successful project that will benefit the town for many years. A word of caution - the ditches are a little steeper than before, so the speed limit will be lowered to help keep everyone safe; we don't need this to be a race track.

I'd also like to remind everyone that if you do not have permission to go onto someone's property, you do not belong there. It is your responsibility to know where the property lines are when you are enjoying the outdoors. If you need to go on property that is not yours, ask permission. I think most people would be understanding and work with you.

If you are on the East River this winter on a snowmobile or ATV, that does not give you the right to come off the ice and just go anywhere you'd like. There have been a few issues of late, so let's all try to be respectful to each other before law enforcement needs to get involved. Thanks for understanding.

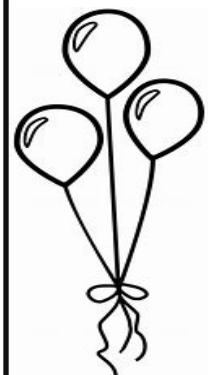
I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday and time to spend with family.

Matt

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Hey Rockland,

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS:
This winter property taxes will be payable to the Town of Rockland and collected by Treasurer Mary Van Dyck. Brown County is no longer collecting for the Town of Rockland. Please read Mary's message for more information.
Thank you.

The Town of Rockland is going through the process of converting our email to dot.gov addresses. This will keep town information and correspondence more safe than ever in this age of cybersecurity concerns. We anticipate the change to occur soon. You will start to see messages come back notifying you of the change of address. All town addresses that follow the format of first initial, last name @townofrockland.org will now be first initial last name @RocklandBrownWi.gov. Please know that the former email addresses will remain live for some time but responses will likely show up with the .gov address.

Thank you to all who participate in the management of the Town of Rockland!

We are fortunate to have a core group of folks who step up and help out when decisions need to be made and things need to be done. A thank you goes out to Bob Coenen and the Planning Commission members, to Frank Hutjens and the Board of Appeals members, to Randy Hansen and Jodi Kaftan and the election inspectors. Thank you to Kim Winkler for keeping the town hall clean and sparkling! Thank you Bob Gerbers for being a wonderful Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator and an all around handy man for the town. And thank you to the Treasurer Mary Van Dyck and the Supervisors: Chairman Dennis Cashman, Supervisor Matt Meeuwsen and Supervisor Alan Lasee. Together, they manage to keep ideas flowing, the purse strings under control and Rockland safe. Merry Christmas!

Hello Rockland,

Lots of things to report since last newsletter, I'll touch on a few. The elections are over—it's safe to turn on a TV without a negative political commercial. As always Rockland voters turned out in great numbers with just over 80% having voted. We needed 33 more voters to be the number one voter turnout township in Brown County. According to Randy Hansen, Chief Election Inspector in Rockland, 1,067 folks voted out of 1,319 registered voters. State wide only 57% voted. That's very sad. I'm proud that folks in Rockland value the privilege of voting.

Your Town Board adopted the 2023 budget and I'm proud of our Clerk, Treasurer and Chairman; we all worked to keep the property tax rate the same as last year. It is \$2.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value. By comparison, De Pere's rate is \$4.73 per \$1,000 and Green Bay rate is \$7.58 per \$1,000.

On November 7th, Rockland held a public hearing on a request by a dairy to build a 2 million gallon manure digester water storage pit just off Tetzlaff Road. Nearly 100 neighbors and others attended and made their feelings known to the board. I want to thank everyone for the very respectful manner in which they conducted themselves. As I stated in the meeting, when a new development is proposed, the developer needs to convince the neighbors that it's a good idea. In this case, there is no benefit to the town and it does interfere with neighbors quality of life. Ultimately the full board voted it down.

Last item, a 4-way stop sign will be installed on the corner of Ryan and Old Martin Roads by Scrays Cheese Factory.

Finally, the difference between school and real life: in school you are taught a lesson and given a test, but in life you are given a test and taught a lesson. My neighbor Ed said he's finally figured out why the chicken crossed the road. Well, it was to prove to the racoons that it could be done ! Keep smiling.

Warmest regards, Supervisor Alan Lasse

IMPORTANT DATES: UPDATE

Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays ea. month

Planning Commission: (usually 1st Thursday of ea. month)

please check the calendar on the website (December's is on a Wednesday)

Property Tax payments will be collected at the Town Hall from 8:30-4:30: December 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 29, and 30.

Mary will also be at the Town Hall on January 30 and January 31.



Burning yard waste?

Chief Mark DeCleene of Greenleaf can be reached at (920) 639-6939 or (920) 864-2200. In Morrison, the Chief is Jeff Pischke. Jeff can be reached at (920) 676-3203.

If you are doing any kind of rubbish or ditch burning, please give them a call to verify conditions are safe and to give them a heads up in case they get calls regarding the smoke, etc. If it will be a sizeable fire, please also call Brown County Sheriffs Non-emergency number 920-391-7450.

Construction Projects: Please be reminded to get your permits before your building or landscaping project. Permit fees double when taken out after the fact. It's always better to call first and ask questions before you start your project. You could save big money by getting in contact with our Building Inspector, Bob Gerbers.

You can reach him by email at bgerbers@townofrockland.org, or by cell phone at 655-8602.

ROCKLAND 4-H NEWS

November is the start of our holiday community service programs. We start at our monthly meeting where members made tie blankets for Christian Outreach in De Pere for donation to needy families in the De Pere area. Parents help with the cutting and the younger members do the tie of the cut strips. We made 6-8 youth size blankets. We also made name tags for the December meeting when we will package up the sugar cookie holiday cut outs. We bake, decorate and package about 75 dozen cookies to be distributed to Rockland and friends of 4-H. We make sure to make enough for grandparents and families of 4-H members – Leaders included. In early December we go shopping at Wal-Mart with the money we made at the Creekview Horse Shows this past summer. The items purchased are donated to the De Pere Christian Outreach program that has special families receiving gifts to make their Christmas a little bit “nicer” for their families, especially their children. Our donation to the event includes school supplies, socks, clothing, board games, the fleece tie blankets and cookies. We also donate workers the day of the event.

We have a Holiday Christmas party at our December monthly meeting. Once we have the cookies packaged and labeled, we have a 4-H tradition of playing Christmas card bingo, pizza, cookies and just having a good time.

If you know of anyone that would have their day brightened up with a plate of cookies please let Mary Van Dyck or Darlene Simoens know and we will add them to our list.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

TAX COLLECTING FOR 2022 -2023

This year I will be collecting the taxes for the Town of Rockland. You can pay by mail, or I will be at the Town Hall from 8:30 – 4:30 on December 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 29, or 30. I will also be at the Town Hall in January. Those dates are January 30 and January 31 from 8:30 – 4:30. I also have a box by my front door where you can drop off your payments anytime. I will mail a receipt to you for your taxes. The address to send the taxes by mail is Town of Rockland, 1712 Bob Bea Jan Road, De Pere, WI 54115. I will only be accepting checks or cash. If you want to pay with a credit card, you must do that on line. My preference is a check. Thank you.

Your tax bill should arrive around December 8. If you do not receive it by December 15, please call the County Treasurer Office at 920-448-4074 to check where it is. Every year there are bills that get lost in the mail. It is your responsibility to pay taxes on your property.

When you receive your bill, look it over. If your home in the Town of Rockland is your primary residence, make sure you have a lottery credit on the bill. It is up to you to claim the lottery credit. You only need to claim the lottery credit once. Then every year it should be on your tax bill.

If you have any questions, please call me at 920-609-1478. I am happy to help anyone out with their concerns.

Wishing everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your New Year be full of warmth and happiness.

From Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

Garbage and recycling news

Please keep in mind that winter and snow is coming and will continue for a couple months. Remember when you set out your garbage and recycling bins for Monday pick up if snow is forecast, the snowplow drivers need to clear the roads. So if possible put your bins out in the morning. If you put them out at night, remember to have them in your driveway so the plows can do their job of clearing the town roads. Take your bins in as soon as possible so the plows can do their job if snow is forecast during the day. Maybe even remember your garbage man at Christmas with a little gift. He is doing an excellent job for all of us.

Keep up the good work that you are all doing for us in the Town with garbage and recycling. We have met the target weights that the state sets for us.

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