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A Note from the Chairman:

Later this fall every residence will get a fire sign installed near their driveway. These signs will have your address on them and will be highly reflective with green and white colors. Lange Corporation from Oconomowoc will supply and install all signs. This project has been in the works for over two years and it will be nice to see it finally happen.

Also, this fall we will be cutting grass on the town road ditches to the backside of the ditch. This process removes all vegetation, keeps ditches clean, and helps water flow properly in the ditches.

Our Budget Public Hearing and Special Elector Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting, the electors will vote on the proposed tax levy and that will determine our tax rate for the town.

With fall upon us now, farmers are busy harvesting their crops, hauling manure, and doing field work. Please be patient and drive safely around farm equipment.

Hope to see you at the next town board meeting.

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman

Halloween Trick or Treat Hours: Monday, October

31st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please leave your porch lights on; this is the universal “open for trick or treating” sign that candy seekers look for.



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Hello Rockland Residents,

Fall is here! As you are enjoying our beautiful country roads to take in the fall colors; please be mindful of the traffic on our roads: vehicles, school busses, farm equipment, bikes, walkers, and horses.

TOWN SIGNS

Now that we have a Town logo and slogan, thanks to Matt Giese's generous donation, we are continuing to look for ways to "brand" Rockland. Our website, townofrockland.org, has been updated with the new logo and slogan, "Agriculture-Community-Home."

For the next phase, the Town Board will be bidding out the design and installation of our town signs to be placed along the main roads in and out of Rockland. Approximately 8 signs will be considered to be used on CTH PP, CTH ZZ, CTH W, CTH OO and STH 57. We are looking at designs that will just have our name on it and designs that will include our name and logo. This next phase of branding Rockland will appear as an agenda item as we progress with this project. Our town board agendas are posted on our website.



DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE AND EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESSIBILITY

On August 15, 2016, the Town Board adopted 08-03.00 Driveway Ordinance which is part of Chapter 8 of the Rockland Code of Ordinances which can be found on our website: townofrockland.org.

The basis for the ordinance is for access for emergency vehicles on NEW driveways in excess of 300 feet in length. Any NEW driveway that is more than 300 feet in length, shall be reviewed by the Fire Department.

It is important for our emergency vehicles to have access to your home. Even with existing driveways, it would be beneficial to review the requirements of this ordinance. This ordinance also includes a section regarding obstructions (trees, shrubs, walls, pillars, etc.) on either side of the driveway that impedes an emergency vehicle.

Our local fire departments, Greenleaf and Morrison, are willing to answer any questions you may have regarding your driveway's accessibility. Chief Joe Daul, Greenleaf Volunteer Fire Department, may be reached at 864-2200 or at greenleafaffire@new.rr.com. Chief Bill Lasee, Morrison Volunteer Fire Department, may be reached at 864-2501 or at morrisonvfd@gmail.com. Your home is one of your largest investments, please take the time to review its accessibility for emergency vehicles.

Take care and as always, thank you for your support.

Vicky Van Vonderen, Supervisor



Volunteers Wanted: Clerk Charette is seeking volunteers to work at the Tuesday, November 8th Election between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Any shift you are available would be greatly appreciated. Duties would include greeting and assigning number to electors, making copies, and providing any other assistance required. Food and drinks are provided. This is a great opportunity to learn first hand what the election process is like. If you are interested in serving your community in this unique way, please contact Clerk Charette at jcharette@townofrockland.org or call 336-2814. Thank you!

A Note From Supervisor Alan Lasee..... Hi Folks, summer time has gone fast and we all remained too busy to really enjoy it. Maybe it comes with old age? A couple of important things have happened in Rockland. Some dear friends made an extremely generous offer to donate their property of over 35 acres including their home and a new round barn and pond to become a county park along with additional financial support to help pay additional expense. They truly wanted to give back and allow everyone else to enjoy this beautiful site. At a Town Board meeting, neighbors came and voiced their concerns. They were all respectful but opposed the change, mostly, it could bring in an undesirable element such as what's happening at the county's Fonferek Glen Park (drinking, drugs, etc.). One person especially, made the point that this was their dream home, lots of children in the area, and his dream could be a nightmare having to worry about the children. The Board did vote against the plan. It's a sad commentary on the world we live in today. One man's dream could become another's nightmare. The Board voted against a haunted house being proposed at a farm near highway OO and W for pretty much the same reason. Rockland should remain rural and safe for families. Lastly, the cost of building permits may be going up in our township. Our Building Inspector made the request at the last meeting and it will be on the agenda at the next meeting in October. If you have an opinion on this or other issues let your board know. We have pages of things that require permits. We have given up so many of our rights and freedom in exchange for more government control. (And it will cost more)

Garbage and Recycling Update: On September 19, 2016, the Town Board signed a new agreement with Harter's Fox Valley Disposal that will continue through December 31, 2021. Here are some of the highlights of that agreement:

- 1) The cost of garbage and recycling collection services will be locked in for the first year at \$11.10/household per month down from the current monthly charge of \$12.66/household.
- 2) Harter's will pay all tipping fees for garbage and recycling. Currently, the Town pays the recycling tipping fee and Harter's pays the refuse tipping fee.
- 3) Harter's will provide new residents one 96 gallon recycling bin and one 96 gallon garbage bin at no cost. Harter's will replace broken or damaged bins caused by normal wear and tear or taken by Harter's at no cost. Any bin that is stolen, lost, or not damaged by normal wear and tear will be replaced by Harter's at a charge of \$75.00/bin to the customer.
- 4) All garbage and recycling bins must be placed at the end of the driveway by 6:00 a.m. on the date of pickup. If the bin is not there at that time, Harter's has the option to directly charge you for an additional pick up if you want them to return to pick up your garbage. The town's website lists the current pick up schedule at www.townofrockland.org– under Resident Information.
- 5) Harter's staff will be available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Monday-Friday, except holidays, at 1-888-804-8556 to receive calls regarding missed collection, replacement of worn or damaged bins, or scheduling a large household item pick up. If you are unable to resolve an issue with Harter's please contact Clerk Charette at 336-2814 or Treasurer Van Dyck at 336-5968.



A Little History of the Town of Rockland– From Treasurer Van Dyck

There were 4 schools in the Town of Rockland. They were Schinke School on Hwy. W., Lincoln School on Ryan Road, Ravine School on Tetzlaff Road, and Pershing School on County PP. Lincoln School was the last school to close. The children of the Town of Rockland now go to De Pere School or Wrightstown School.

There has been 3 Town Halls that is remembered by people who lived in the Town. They were located on Midway Road. This Town Hall had a wood burning stove. Then the Town purchased Lincoln School which became the Town Hall. Then in 1999 the present Town Hall on Bob-Bea-Jan Road was built. The land for the present Town Hall was donated to the Town.

There were 3 cheese factories in the Town at one time. They were Scray's, Eiler's and Laach's. Presently Scray's is still operating. The Town had 3 taverns. They were Carter's, Hibbard's and Kelly's. Hibbard's is now known as Just Stop In and is the only tavern still operating. De Pere Sportsman's Club does have a bar and is also operating.



In the early days only annual meeting minutes were kept. Some of these are presently in the Town Hall. Also each school district in the town had meetings. There were 5 school districts.

When people of the Town died, they were shown in their homes. Bob Ryan lived in the Town. He owned a funeral home and that is why most people were shown at Ryan Funeral Home when they died.

When Bill Zirbel was clerk, he was killed in an accident. His wife took over as clerk without an election and continued as clerk until she resigned.

The Town started as mostly farmers. It continues to be a farm community with some residential increasing. The Town never had a lot of business and still does not have many businesses.

ROCKLAND 4-H NEWS

Lots of work and fun doing it - produced laughs and smiles for members showing at the Brown County Fair. Although we all like blue ribbons - the excitement of the fair, the rides, and the smell of Carmel Popcorn made everything good. Our members exhibiting Chickens received the Herdsman's 1st place award and received a Golden Shovel. Candra Carter received the ribbon for Grand Champion chicken along with a scholarship award based on her essay. At our last meeting - Olivia Kamps gave a presentation on her 4-H Spirit Trip to the Historical sights going to New York and sights along the way. She also talked about her selection to the Clothing fashion show at the Wisconsin State Fair. James Anderson spoke about his fair exhibit of a Duct Tape wallet and what the judge said and did. He will have a story to tell for years to come. Graduation for 4-H member was a special event at the Brown County Fair also. Members graduating from our club were: Paul Kamps, Zak Kocken, Sarah Moran, and Summer VanPay. Clover Bud graduates were: Aila Rice and Paige Lamers. Our Fall Achievement program will be October 29th - meal at 4:30 with a dish to pass. Members will present a short speech and fair checks will be handed out. We are discussing a Club T-shirt and we are asking members to submit a design to go forward with. We'll vote on the design, color and have ready to go for January 2017 or earlier. Anyone having ideas or activities for our club - please give us a call.



A COOKING HINT: Frying Bacon? - put about 1/4 cup of water in the frying pan and fry the bacon. Doesn't curl as much, not as greasy, doesn't spit as much (does take longer to fry). - Try it - Just in time for a Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato Sandwich

A Note From Clerk Charette.....

After listening to and watching the many political campaigning ads, I am sure you are aware that there is an important election being held on Tuesday, November 8th. You all have been vigilant in taking advantage of your right to vote. That is why Rockland won the VOTER CHALLENGE two years ago for the highest voter turnout (77%) in Brown County. There have been a few changes that have occurred in the election laws since I last wrote. Please read on to see how these changes will affect you in the upcoming election and view the sample ballot on page six of this newsletter.

ABSENTEE VOTING: Normally, in person absentee voting in the Clerk's office was only allowed the two weeks prior to an election. Due to a recent court ruling, in person absentee voting in the Clerk's office will begin on Thursday, September 22nd and run through Friday, November 4th as follows:

Mondays– Thursdays (except September 29th) —8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Monday, October 3rd & Monday, October 17: 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, October 13th– 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 4th: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Thursday, November 3rd at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in receiving an absentee ballot by mail, please complete the EL-121 form inserted in this newsletter and submit it to me along with a Photo ID. You must be a registered voter to vote an absentee ballot.

All absentee ballots must be received in the Clerk's office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Any ballots received after 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, will not be counted.

REGISTRATION: I have been receiving a number of completed registration forms (EL-131) without the required proof of residency document. Please note that when registering, you are required to provide proof of residence that shows your current residence in Rockland. Please go to www.townofrockland.org/voter_registration.html to view the complete list of acceptable documents. You can register by mail or e-mail through Wednesday, October 19, 2016. You also can register in person in the Clerk's office. If I do not receive an acceptable Proof of Residence with the EL-131, I will mail it back to you. So please remember to send a copy along. You may also register on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th. But due to the expected high turnout for this election, it is highly advised to register in advance to avoid long wait times.

MY VOTE WISCONSIN– Please note that you can go online to myvote.wi.gov to request an absentee ballot, view the upcoming ballot, check to see if you are registered, change your address, and so much more. If you have an electronic device, I would highly recommend using this site!

De Pere High School Registration- Please note that the Independent Special Registration Deputies of Brown County (ISRDP) will be registering new voters at the De Pere High School over the lunch hour on Thursday, October 6th. Your birthdate must be on or before November 8, 1998 to be eligible to register and vote for this upcoming election. Remember to bring a proof of residence along with you to school so that you can register that day.

Budget Public Hearing/Special Elector Meeting: The 2017 Budget Public Hearing and Special Elector meeting will take place, Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. This is your opportunity to ask questions and provide comments on the proposed 2017 budget. Qualified electors will then have the opportunity to vote at the Special Elector meeting (following the public hearing) on whether to approve the proposed tax levy. The approved levy affects the mill rate to be charged per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Official Ballot
Partisan Office and Referendum
November 8, 2016

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Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initiated by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initiated by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials.)

This sample ballot reflects the ballot that electors residing within the Wrightstown School District will be completing on Election Day.

Electors residing outside of the Wrightstown School District will be completing a ballot similar to this one less the School District Referendum question.

Due to a lack of space, only this ballot was printed in this edition of this newsletter.

General Instructions		Legislative and State		Official Ballot	
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: Contact your municipal clerk.) To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ● To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●		Representative to the Assembly District 2 Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Andre Jacque (Republican) <input type="radio"/> Mark Grams (Independent) <input type="radio"/> write-in: _____		Official Ballot Partisan Office and Referendum November 8, 2016 for Brown County, WI Ballot issued by _____ Initials of election inspectors _____	
Federal When voting for President and Vice President, you have one of two choices: • Vote for candidates on one ticket, or • Write in names of persons on both write-in lines. A write-in vote for only a vice presidential candidate will not be counted.		County County Clerk Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Sandy Juno (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in: _____		Absentee ballot issued by _____ Initials of municipal clerk or deputy clerk (If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.) _____	
President/Vice President Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump/ Michael R. Pence (Republican) <input type="radio"/> Hillary Clinton/ Tim Kaine (Democratic) <input type="radio"/> Darrell L. Castle/ Scott N. Bradley (Constitution) <input type="radio"/> Gary Johnson/ Bill Weld (Libertarian) <input type="radio"/> Jill Stein/ Ajamu Baraka (Wisconsin Green) <input type="radio"/> Monica Moorehead/ Lamont Lilly (Workers World Party) <input type="radio"/> Rocky Roque De La Fuente/ Michael Steinberg (American Delta Party) <input type="radio"/> write-in (President) _____ <input type="radio"/> write-in (Vice President) _____		County Treasurer Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Paul Zeller (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in: _____		Certification of Voter Assistance I certify that I marked or read this ballot aloud at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance. Signature of assistor _____	
Register of Deeds Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Cheryl Berken (Republican) <input type="radio"/> Cathy Williquette Lindsay (Democratic) <input type="radio"/> write-in: _____		Referendum To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "YES," like this: ● To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "NO," like this: ○		For Official Use Only Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade. Reason for remaking ballot <input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Other Original Ballot No. or Duplicate Ballot No. _____ Initials of inspectors who remade ballot _____	
Congressional United States Senator Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Ron Johnson (Republican) <input type="radio"/> Russ Feingold (Democratic) <input type="radio"/> Phillip N. Anderson (Libertarian) <input type="radio"/> write-in: _____		School District Referendum INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,800,000 BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Wrightstown Community School District, Brown, Outagamie and Calumet Counties, Wisconsin, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing and equipping a Student and Community Wellness Center at Wrightstown High School. Shall the foregoing resolution of the School Board of the Wrightstown Community School District be approved? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Town of Holland W1-2 Town of Lawrence W4-6 Town of Morrison W1-2 Town of Rockland W1-3 Village of Wrightstown W1-3 Wrightstown Community School District	
Representative in Congress District 8 Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Mike Gallagher (Republican) <input type="radio"/> Tom Nelson (Democratic) <input type="radio"/> write-in: _____		Continue voting at top of next column.			



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