



Winter 2020

Quarterly Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

At the November 10, 2020 Special Meeting of the Electors, the electors approved the 2021 tax levy of \$559,844. The Town tax rate will be \$2.65 per \$1,000 of valuation. 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. I think this Town Board works great together and always watches over our expenditures.

When you get your tax bill, look at all the fine lines on your tax bill, remember Town of Rockland is only one of five that make your total tax bill. The Town Board does not set the rate for the other four.

The November 3rd election went very smoothly. We had over a 90% turnout of registered voters for the election. Fantastic job Rockland residents! Thank you to all the poll workers and volunteers for the great job on election day. Also our Clerk Julie did a great job on the election; both before and on election day. She is always on top of everything!

With winter just around the corner, so is the snow and ice! If you think your road gets missed, please call one of the supervisors or myself and we will take care of it. Remember SNOW means SLOW!

Have a happy holiday season!

Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman

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Hello Rockland residents,

I hope everyone is doing well. The stress of having to deal with the virus and the changes it has brought to all of us can really be a challenge. Then we had to watch the country become divided over an election the likes of which I hope we never see again. I was fortunate to attend the first Packer game after 9/11 and I have never experienced a time when there was so much national pride and patriotism. It was a moving event and an attitude that I hope the country can get back to. It should not take an event like that for us to come together, we are better than that. 2020 will soon be in the past and it will hopefully end with a successful vaccine that really turns the tide.

Winter will soon be here so plan on a little extra time to get places and check over your vehicle safety equipment.

Enjoy the holidays and hopefully some time to spend with those close to you.

Matt

I'd like to thank my election team who went above and beyond this year to be certain that everything was clean, orderly and by the book! They are amazing and I'm certainly grateful to be working with them. They are: Chief Inspectors Randy Hansen & Jodi Kaftan, Inspectors, Kathy Anderson, Karen Cashman, Bob Coenen, Deborah Hansen, Charles Kaftan, Michelle Kahl, Donna Koehler, Alan LeClair, Judy Schwalbach, Sue Vande Voort, David Verhagen and Jaelene Wentland. If you happen to see any one of them, thank them for their work! Thank you too to our volunteers, Missy Zahn, Lisa Macco and her daughter and Peggy Seiler. Ladies, you made the day much easier. Thank you. *Julie*

In the coming weeks, you will receive a survey from us here at the Town of Rockland regarding your ability to get internet, WIFI and broadband.

If you've been reading the Wrightstown Spirit, you'll have read that some of our neighbors are looking to receive grants to improve their connectivity. Grant money does exist to help connect rural America. There is yet another article in the Dec 2nd issue of the Wrightstown Spirit.

While we know it will be an insurmountable financial commitment, it is in the Towns' best interest to at least survey the need and look for options. If we can determine the most need, we can map it out and build a plan, possibly apply for a grant, and bring it to the public for their input. This is a lengthy project, but I feel the best place to start is to determine your current needs, speeds, rates, and evaluate options. Watch for it in early January.



Hi Rockland Friends,

As I write this, Thanksgiving is a few days away and deer hunting is underway. It is my wish for everyone to stay safe and enjoy this time of year. Thank you for putting up with the hunters.

Your Town Board has adopted a new budget and for the most part we've held the line on new spending and therefore new taxes. Our Clerk does a good job putting it together for our review. School spending takes the lions share of our taxes which the board does not control - that's up to school boards.

Well, the dust has pretty much settled on elections. It appears that we will be getting a new president. Rockland voters turned out with 1,225 folks voting. The results show that 787 voted for President Trump and 408 voted for Senator Biden; 8 skipped it all together and 22 voted for others. There were 721 absentee voters. I voted for President Trump. The man doesn't drink, doesn't smoke and took no pay for years. America, for the first time is energy independent, gas prices are under \$2.00 a gallon. His Supreme Court picks were outstanding and will have an impact for generations. The Trade deal with Canada and Mexico was a good move; also he alone has dealt with imbalanced trade with China. I could go on, but you get the picture. In the end, it was his own obnoxious personality that people voted against. Because of the very close vote America will remain divided. I hope and pray that we all can get past our differences.

You should know the last time I wrote about national issues the Clerk and Chairman received calls wanting them to stop me from these comments, saying I should stick to Rockland issues. Well, actions in Washington do affect Rockland residents. My comments are in no way intended to offend anyone. They are my beliefs.

Lastly. President Ronald Reagan, said, " We are the only country in the world where it takes more brains to figure out how much taxes we owe than it takes to earn the money in the first place. "

Warmest regards,

Alan Lasee



Rockland Dog License for 2021

All dogs must be licensed according to state law and there are no exceptions. The fee for a kennel license is \$40.00. Anyone with 3 or more dogs needs to get a kennel license. The fee for a neutered or spayed dog is \$5.00. The fee for a male or female dog is \$10.00. Please fill out the following form for each dog that you have. Also include a copy of the dog's rabies shots. Dog licenses are due by April 1, 2021. Return the form to Mary Van Dyck, 2185 Deer Point Lane, De Pere, WI 54115. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope and your check made out to the Town of Rockland.

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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** _____

Amount enclosed: _____

One form for each dog please.

Notes from Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

The County Treasurer has notified me that tax bills were to be mailed on December 4. When you receive your tax bill, look it over. Please make sure you have a lottery credit on your bill if the home you have in Rockland is your primary residence. In order to receive the lottery credit, you must have lived in your home as of January 1, 2020. It is up to you to claim the lottery credit. You only need to claim the credit once. Then every year it should be on your tax bill. If you have any questions, please give me a call. My phone number is 920-609-1478.

If you do not receive your tax bill by December 16, give the County Treasurer a call at 920-448-4074. Each year there are bills that get lost or have the wrong address on them. It is your responsibility to pay the taxes on your property. Just because you do not receive a bill doesn't mean you do not have to pay the property tax for the year.

The following banks are collecting taxes this year: North Shore, Greenleaf and Community First Credit Union. Associated Bank is not collecting this year. With the COVID pandemic this year, it is highly suggested you pay by mail or online. If paying by mail, you will receive a receipt if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Otherwise, you can go to the Brown County website to see if your payment has been recorded. There is a drop box at the Brown County Treasurer office. The box is located on Adams Street.

Just a reminder that if it is snowing, please try to put out your garbage and recycling bins out on Monday morning. This helps our snowplow drivers. Keep up the good work of recycling in the Town. The Town continues to meet the number of pounds per household that is required. Please do not put plastic grocery bags in with the recyclables. These bags should be taken to the containers that are by Festival Foods and Piggly Wiggly.

IMPORTANT DATES: UPDATE

Spring Primary—Tuesday, February 16th

Spring Election—Tuesday, April 6th

Annual Meeting for Town of Rockland—Tuesday, April 20th,
7:00 pm

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

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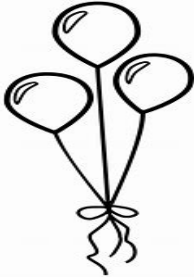
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*conditions apply




The snow will have already begun. This is a friendly reminder not to push snow across the roads when clearing your driveways. This creates icy areas on the roads and packs the ditches so spring thaw can't move downstream. This is an offense that can be cited up to \$100 per occurrence.

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