



Summer 2022

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Town Board members toured all our roads earlier in the spring for possible repairs and maintenance. We will be doing work on Ryan Road, Old Martin Road, Old Military Road, Club Drive and some small repairs on other roads. We always start out by reviewing last years list that didn't get done because of our budget. There is never enough money to get everything repaired every year. And of course the cost of wedging and chip sealing has gone up in price like every thing else! We also replaced three large culverts this spring that will come out of the Bridge Fund. They are East Blake Road, Lasee Road and Alcor Trail.

And that brings me to the next item: road construction signage. When there are signs up that say loose gravel, road construction ahead, fresh oil or ROAD CLOSED and BRIDGE OUT, OBEY the signs. Slow down and give the workers a BRAKE!

The 4th of July and shooting off fireworks is almost here. Some fireworks require a signature from the Town Chairman before you can use them. The permits are supplied by the fireworks vendor. Remember you are responsible for your own actions and be courteous of your neighbors pets and cattle with fireworks.

Thank you,
Dennis J. Cashman

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Hello Rockland Residents,

The summer is upon us and things are pretty much back to normal. It would be nice if politicians would get back to resolving real issues and getting along instead of outright hate for others who have a different opinion. I think some of our leaders have forgotten that they work for the people, not their chosen party. Both sides of the system are at fault and unfortunately common ground seems to have disappeared. I believe the local levels of government are good examples of how things can be done cooperatively and efficiently.

With the warmer temps, more people will be using the trail. We've had increased reports of bikes not stopping at the crossroads so please be on the lookout as you pass these areas.

As a reminder, if you are doing any digging in your yard for summer projects, please remember to call Diggers Hotline (811). If you cut through something it could be dangerous and expensive. It is a free service and will typically be done for you within a few business days.

Have a good summer,
Matt Meeuwsen

If you are unable to get to the polls, please visit www.myvote.wi.gov and request an absentee ballot. You must either mail it back or return it to the Clerk personally. Drop boxes are no longer permitted by Wisconsin law. You can also vote in person by early absentee. Remember, the primary is a partisan primary meaning you can only vote within one political party.

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Hello Rockland Neighbors,

As I write this ,it's June 15th and the warm weather has arrived. Your Town Board has reviewed all our roads and decided on which ones need repair. We always stay within our budget; this year we've agreed to spend just over \$160,000 on various roads, the largest project will be Midway Road with a complete makeover between STH 57 and CTH PP. Work will be starting soon.

On May 10th, we held our annual Board of Review. That is when property taxpayers can review and question the assessed value placed on their property by our Assessor. Wisconsin state law requires that your property is valued at 100% of what it is worth with a 10% high or low tolerance. The current value of all property in Rockland is currently \$217,776,700. Because of inflation and high demand for homes and the increased selling prices, Wisconsin has told us we are at 86% and therefore "out of compliance" with state law—which means the entire township must be "revalued" and raised by the Assessor. The town has three years to complete this re-valuation.

What triggered this is one or two sales of property at an extremely high price. One property was assessed at \$950,000 and sold for \$2.1 million dollars. A quirk in state law does not allow it to be assessed and taxed at that selling price because it's an unusual sale. However if a new home is sold the first time "it" can be taxed at the selling price. Your entire town board believes this is unfair to the rest of township. If property sells for a given price then that SHOULD be the assessed value and taxed accordingly. I have talked to several legislators about this and hope we can change the law. In the mean time we are stuck with a revaluation and potentially higher property taxes. It's not fair.

On another note, Rockland lost another lifelong resident - my neighbor, Ben Albers. Ben, I believe was the oldest Rockland resident, who passed away at the age of 95 on May 31st. Ben and his wife Lee raised 5 children on an 80 acre dairy farm on county PP which he still owned. It would be nice if you could still make a living on a small farm today.

Stay well, warmest regards.

Alan Lasee

IMPORTANT DATES: UPDATE

July 26 — First date for in person absentee voting 10:00—2:00 or by appt

August 9 — Fall primary Election, Tuesday 7:00 am—8:00 pm

November 8—General Election Tuesday, 7:00 am-8:00 pm

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

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

please check the calendar on the website



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.

Notes from Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

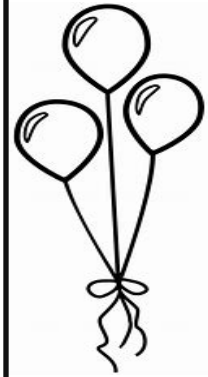
I hope everyone is doing well and is ready to enjoy the summer heat and sunshine. I want to thank everyone who came to the Town Recycling Day. It was a very cold day, but all the youth and adults that helped had a very good time. We collected 14,453 pounds of recyclable material in 4 hours. All the booyah and bakery also sold. We thank everyone who came. Our next Recycling Day will be on April 15, 2023.

The Town has received word that the recycling grant for 2022 will be \$2411.00. We will use this money to offset the expenses of recycling pick up. In order to get this grant, we need to collect a set amount of weight from each household in the previous year. Thank you to everyone who collects recyclable material.

I want to also thank everyone who cleaned up the ditches in the town on our clean-up day in April. I saw many smiling people driving down the roads picking up garbage. Again thank you for keeping Rockland a clean place to live. Thank you also for picking up the garbage that has blown out of all the garbage bins in the Town. We sure have had many windy Mondays lately. Keep up the good work.

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 and even small weddings. We can support your gathering with lots of tables and chairs and a full kitchen. We can accommodate parties too large for your home. Our new rental terms and ample parking make the town hall a very appealing venue for any resident hosting a party. Reserve your date today. *conditions apply



ROCKLAND 4H CLUB - JUNE

School is out and it appears that we have started the summer - full throttle ahead with 4H projects. We have already started with ceramics: picking out greenware, painting and putting into the kiln. We have some very enthusiastic members in picking out, glazing and dry brushing items. The sewing project has also started, material has been picked out, patterns are pinned, some seams put in and some seams removed and re-done. We will start making stepping/garden stones and acrylic chain art in the next couple of weeks. In late May, we had a club outing to Loppnow/Norton's Greenhouses (Morrison). Members participated in a discussion about creating a nice large pot of flowering plants as an exhibit for the Brown County Fair. Members picked out plants and planted the flowering pot at the greenhouse with good potting soil and fertilizer. Fingers crossed, we will have a large and colorful display for competition at the fair. Once the large pot was completed, members all created their own potted flowers for their homes using the guidelines given to us by Colleen. Thank you Colleen for reaching out to another 4H club.....

In May, we joined the Lost Dauphin 4H Club in a shoe collection. Our club delivered 93 pairs of shoes to be shipped out by Lost Dauphin to be refurbished and shipped to a needy country.

For those of you with a farming background - members participated in the Hoards Dairyman Cattle judging contest. We are waiting for national results and club prizes will be given out. June is Dairy Month and at the June meeting we had an ice cream social featuring make your own sundaes with chocolate, strawberries, oreo cookies, sour snake candy, and we also do root beer floats. Ice cream was provided by Cedar Crest as a prize for the runner up for naming a flavor of ice cream by the Rice family.

Looking forward to a busy and successful 4-H summer.....

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