

Winter 2024
Quarterly Newsletter
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1712 Bob-Bea-Jan Road
De Pere, WI 54115

#### A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

At the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Special Meeting of the Electors, the electors approved the 2024 Town tax levy to be paid in 2025 of \$640,869. The Town tax rate will be \$1.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Remember when you receive your tax bill, look at all five lines on your tax bill to understand where your tax dollars go. The Rockland Town Board does not set the rate for school, county, NWTC or state taxes. I would also like to thank the entire Town Board for working together to keep expenses under check.

Per our ordinances, you are allowed one unlicensed vehicle per property. All other vehicles must be licensed and drivable. Otherwise, store them inside a shed or dispose of them properly.

With winter just around the corner, so is the snow and ice! As always, there will be two snow plow trucks out at a time. Remember, somebody's road is first and somebody's last; be patient. If you think your road gets missed, please call me or one of the Supervisors and we will take care of it. Remember, snow means slow!

Enjoy the winter season that's approaching soon and have a Happy Holiday season! Thank you,

Dennis J. Cashman

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Hi friends,

Well, elections are over. It's safe to turn on the TV again and answer the phone.

Polls showed over 70 percent of Americans thought America was headed in the wrong direction and the results showed it. Rockland voters turned out in great numbers and you are to be congratulated. On several occasions Rockland was the leader of all towns in Brown County in turnout. Thank you for caring. Elections have consequences. When you voted, you may have noticed that you had to find the correct ward you live in. Historically, Rockland was one ward only but the new Wisconsin Supreme Court decided to chop up our township because we are too conservative. (By the way, thank you goes to the election workers for what they do). Where I live on Lasee Rd, my home is in one ward and yet my barns of 100 years is in another ward, and across County PP is yet a third district even though the Town border is one half mile away.

We put the final Rockland budget together and tried to keep tax rates low. 46% of our expense goes for protection services: 36% goes for road maintenance and snow plowing. Because we revalued the township, by law, the fire departments got a windfall of new dollars because they are paid a percentage of the Town's value which went up because of inflation. Hopefully our new administration in Washington will fix it.

At our last meeting, it was brought up that some folks are putting the garbage cans on the road. They need to be placed on your driveway off the roadway. We know our roads don't have much of a shoulder therefore putting cans on the road is problematic, especially with winter snow plowing coming soon. Thanks for your understanding.

On a lighter note. I just learned how to make Holy water: easy, just boil the hell out of it.

Our time on earth is limited. Age with grace but throw in a little mischief and audacity so they will have a great story to tell when you're gone.

Keep smiling, warmest regards,

Alan Lasee, Supervisor

#### A letter to all Town of Rockland Election workers:

On behalf of the Rockland Town Board, Treasurer, Clerks, and all the residents of the Town of Rockland, we would like to extend a huge THANK YOU for the efforts of all our election workers for their tireless efforts to ensure that not only this past Presidential election, but every election held in the Town of Rockland under their supervision, has been impeccably managed and run. The on-going teamwork you all have displayed has been inspiring.

We extend a THANK YOU to Kathy Anderson; Sher Brandl; Karen Cashman; Bob Coenen; Abbey Grunwald; Randy Hansen; Jan Hockers; Jodi Kaften; Charlie Kaften; Michelle Kahl; Jeff Kaufman; Donna Koehler; Alan LeClair; Barry Metzentine; Brett Rowe; Judy Schwalbach; Sue Vande Voort; David Verhagen; Jaelene Wentland.

Your work is truly appreciated!

Hello Rockland residents,

I hope everyone enjoyed some time outdoors this fall. To me it is the best time of the year. even though winter is coming so quickly. Speaking of winter, that brings me to some snowplowing topics we should all be aware of. Did you know it is illegal to push snow out onto a roadway and even across a roadway? Wisconsin statutes 86.01, 86.07, 346.94 and 941.03 prohibit those activities. Pushing snow out onto a roadway could cause an obstacle that could wreck a vehicle, or worse, hurt someone. The rule about pushing snow across a roadway and into a ditch exists so a ditch does not have a large block of ice and snow when things start to melt and cause flooding upstream. It is also there so that when our contracted snow plow comes by to push all the banks further back to accommodate more snow, they don't hit a large immovable chunk in the ditch. Plowing snow is already a difficult task, done during storms with decreased visibility, freezing conditions and often when it is dark out, so plow drivers don't need added risk. We know this happens occasionally but we don't want this to become a regular practice. Avoid this if at all possible and if there are no other options, please push the snow as far back past the ditch as possible to not cause an issue later in the season. It is also illegal to follow a snowplow closer than 200 ft. It is not illegal to pass a plow but many accidents have happened when the wing plow is not visible due to snow flying up around it. It is a good idea to plan on leaving a little more time to get places in the winter weather. Most of us have lived here long enough to know that, but it always takes some getting used to every year.

Have a wonderful holiday season,

Matt

Bring your old worn out and torn U.S. Flags to the Town Hall so that they can receive the dignified and respectful retirement they deserve

At Monday's (10/21/2024) Town Board meeting, Lucas Beck presented his Eagle Scout project. Lucas constructed 2 flag retirement boxes in memory of his father, Dan Beck, former Lawrence Firefighter.

This flag retirement box will allow the public to properly retire a flag with the respect and gravity that it is entitled. The box is located in the coat rack area in the Rockland Town Hall. Any person



with a torn or worn out flag may drop it off at the town hall during normal open hours.

Lucas belongs to the De Pere Boy Scout Troop 1039. Pictured with Lucas (behind the flag box), (L to R) Pat Moran (Commander, De Pere VFW Post 2113), Matt Meeuwsen (Supervisor), Dennis Cashman (Chairman), Lucas, Alan Lasee (Supervisor) and Gavin Beck (Boy Scout Troop 1039). Thank you Lucas for your commitment to our community and our country!

#### NEWS FROM YOUR TREASURER

TAX COLLECTING FOR 2024-2025

Your tax bill should arrive around December 10. If you do not receive it by December 16, 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.

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, 27, 30, and 31. I will also be at the Town Hall on January 30 and 31 from 8:30 – 4:30. The address to send the taxes by mail is Town of Rockland, 1712 Bob Bea Jan Rd., De Pere, WI 54115. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want a receipt.

I will only be accepting checks or cash. If you want to pay with a credit card, you must do that online. My preference is check. When paying by cash, correct amount please as we are unable to make change. Thank you.

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.

I am also accepting dog license applications. You may pay your dog license by mail with your taxes or in person on the dates listed. Dog licenses are due by April 1, 2025. The form to fill out is included in this newsletter. 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 peace and joy.

From Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

#### **Important Dates:**

Tax collection December 19, 20, 27, 30, 31 from 8:30-4:30; January 30, 31 from 8:30-4:30 at Rockland Town Hall

Dog licenses due April 1, 2025

Recycle Day at Town Hall: Saturday, April 12

Annual Meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 Rummage Sale: Saturday, April 26, 2025

Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays ea. Month; Planning Commission: (usually 2nd Thursday of ea. month) please check the calendar on the website



#### **ROCKLAND 4H NEWS**

Our club kicked off the holiday community service program by making flannel tie blankets at our November monthly meeting. A total of 11 blankets were created and will be delivered to Christian Outreach, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and De Pere High School for distribution to families in need.

Our next holiday community service event will be shopping at Walmart for the De Pere Outreach Holiday event. Each family will be allocated an amount of 4H money to buy items to donate to the event. Items can be clothing, toys, health and beauty aids, books and even a gas/grocery gift card or two. This learning experience for the members includes recognizing items on sale, pricing of items, deals and how to stay within the budget the club has set.

The week after Thanksgiving, the ovens of our leaders will again be put into over-drive by baking over 70 dozen cut out cookies- just in time for the members/families to frost and decorate. The December meeting will be the Christmas party. Cookies will be sorted, packaged and distributed to Rockland senior residents, special 4H friends and the families of 4H members. Once that is completed, we will have our Christmas party, with traditional Christmas bingo, pizza and cookies for everyone. Money used on these projects is made by members working the food stand at select horse shows, special events at the Resch Center, and the Brown County Fair.

If you know someone who should be on our list for cookies, please contact Mary Van Dyck.









#### Rockland Dog License for 2025

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. The fee for a dog license is \$5.00 for a neutered or spayed dog. The fee for a male or female dog that is not neutered or spayed is \$10.00. Anyone with 3 or more dogs must get a kennel license. The fee for a kennel license is \$40.00. If you have a kennel license, there is no additional fee for each dog.

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. You must include a copy of the rabies shots.

Name of Dog	Phone number
Name of dog owner	
Address	
Breed	Color
Chip No. if chipped	
MaleFemale_	NeuteredSpayed
Date of rabies shot	Expiration Date of rabies shot



**Construction Projects: Please be** reminded to get your permits before your building, solar panel 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 \$\$\$ 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.

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Trash Only
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(Please call Harter's office at
888-804-8556 for pricing and to
schedule.)

Holiday Observance

Jan 1st - New Year's Day

May 26th- Memorial Day

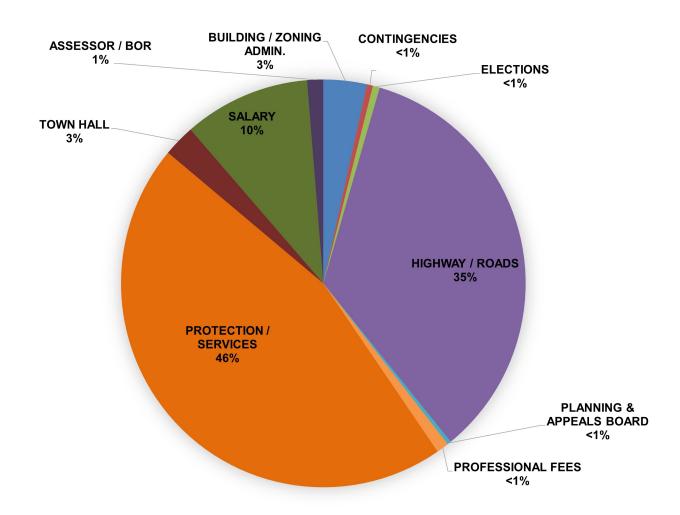
July 4th - Independence Day

Sept 1st - Labor Day

Nov 27th - Thanksgiving Day

Dec 25th - Christmas Day

#### 2025 Proposed Budget



- Protection Services 46% Greenleaf & Morrison Fire Department dues, rescue & insurance
- Town Hall 3% Rockland Town Hall maintenance, utilities, cleaning
- Salary 10% Salaries for Town Board, Treasurer, Clerks
- Assessor/BOR 1% Property assessor
- Building/Zoning Administrator 3% Salary & mileage

- Contingencies 1% -
- Elections <1% wages & expense for elections</li>
- Highway/Roads 35% Town road maintenance & repair, snowplowing
- Planning & Appeals Board <1% wages for board members
- Professional fees <1% Dues for engineering and legal consult regarding Town business

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