

# TOWN OF ROCKLAND

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## PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes from Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Bob Coenen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Clerk Charette verified that the meeting was properly noticed. All members except Vicky Van Vonderen were in attendance. Bob Gerbers and Matt Giese were also in attendance. Chairman Coenen read the agenda.

### MINUTES FROM JULY 15, 2015, MEETING

Clerk Charette provided members with a copy of the minutes from the July 15, 2015, meeting.

M/M by Lee Anderson to approve the minutes from July 15, 2015, meeting as presented; seconded by Randy Hansen. Motion carried.

### PROPOSAL FROM MATT GIESE- CONTEST FOR TOWN LOGO/SLOGAN

Matt Giese appeared before the commission to request the Town to hold a contest to receive entries for a potential slogan and logo for the Town. Giese expressed his desire for Rockland to maintain its identity and not get swallowed up by neighboring municipalities. Giese would for the Town to brand an identity and is offering \$250 as an award for the winning entry. Giese ask that the logo and slogan showcase Rockland's agricultural features, work ethic and topography (escarpment) of the area.

Following discussion, the Commission concluded that the contest should be open to contestants 13 and older; there should be two separate contests for the slogan and logo; the slogan and logo winner will be chosen based on how well the entry depicts Rockland's work ethic, agricultural heritage, topography and quality of life; \$125 will be awarded to the winner of the selected slogan, and \$125 will be awarded to the winner of the selected logo; deadline is January 4, 2016; Planning and Commission will review the entries in January and then forward the top 5 selections to the Town Board.

Notice of the contest will be put in the September newsletter and sent to the middle and high schools in Wrightstown and De Pere.

M/M by Randy Hansen to proceed with the contests as discussed; seconded by Glen Schwalbach. Motion carried.

## **CREATION OF SEC. 10-01.05 A.2., PARAGRAPH M, ROCKLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Clerk Charette provided Ordinance #2015-07 creating paragraph (m) of Section 10-01.05 A.2, public nuisances affecting health, as it relates to the application of animal manure or manure by-products in liquid form by uses of a center pivot, traveling gun or pressurized spray irrigation system through spray or drop nozzles.

M/M by Randy Hansen to forward Ordinance #2015-07 to the Town Board for approval; seconded by Terry Vertz. Motion carried.

## **DRAFT MOBILE TOWER SITING REGULATION ORDINANCE**

M/M by Lee Anderson to table the Mobile Tower Siting Regulation Ordinance until the next meeting; seconded by Glen Schwalbach. Motion carried.

## **FIRE ACCESS AREA ORDINANCE**

Clerk Charette provided a draft of a Fire Safety Ordinance to commission members. After discussion the following recommendations were made:

- 1) Add the following language under 5-01.06 B.1. to state “The segment closest to the house must be at least 175 feet but not more than 300 feet from the structure or a “T” turn at least 175 feet from the structure that is minimum 24’ wide and 30 feet in length.
- 2) Change A.3. Minimum height clearance to 18 feet.
- 3) Change A.5. Minimum distance from road to 125 feet
- 4) Change A.7. Turn around radius at dead end or end of driveway to 30 feet
- 5) Eliminate the unimproved property paragraph in paragraph C to allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a building permit and to consult with the Fire Department as needed.

Clerk Charette will check with the Wisconsin Town’s Attorney to see whether the Town should adopt a policy versus an ordinance regarding its concerns for fire access.

## **FEMA FIRE PROTECTION & SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE**

Randy Hansen reported that FEMA will award grants until September 30, 2015. As of this date, Rockland has not been chosen to receive an award on its application.

Glen Schwalbach discussed an option to obtain such signs under the Department of Revenue regulations labeling them “911 signs.” Schwalbach explained that a “911 sign” is used to assist emergency response personnel to identify the location of an emergency. If the Board chose to require these signs, they could charge the resident a special assessment for the cost and installation of the sign without having the allowable levy reduced.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Lee Anderson requested that the well warning article be published in the newsletter once a year and that it also be recommended that residents test their wells each year.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION, IF ANY**

Clerk Charette provided 1) a copy of the letter from Brown County Public Works regarding the meeting on September 22, 2015, for the reconstruction of County Road ZZ and, 2) a copy of the letter from DATCP regarding 2016 Ag Enterprise Areas.

## **SET MEETING DATES**

The following dates have been set for future Planning Commission meetings:

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 12, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, December 10, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

M/M by Randy Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m.; seconded by Lee Anderson; motion carried.

All minutes have been taken truthfully and honestly and to the best of my knowledge and ability.

  
Jann B. Charette, Secretary

Minutes approved as written/~~with corrections~~ (**strike one**) by the Rockland Planning Commission on Thursday, November 12, 2015.

  
Bob Coenen, Planning Commission Chairman