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Dennis Cashman – Chairman  
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**Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 21, 2017, at the Rockland Town Hall**  
**Called to order by Chairman Cashman at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Adjourned at 9:12 p.m.**

The Clerk, Treasurer, and all members of the Board were present along with Bob Gerbers, Terry Vertz, Steve Gander, Kevin Derenne and his attorney Deron Andre, Darrin Butry, Rick Noel, Pete Kolaszewski, and Craig Schuh from Ayres Associates, Bill Thomasma, and Scott Hemauer. Clerk Koenig verified that the meeting was properly noticed; the agenda was presented after the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Minutes from August 7, 2017, Town Board Meeting, after any corrections have been rectified.**

M/M by Chairman Cashman to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2017 Town Board Meeting; after corrections seconded by Supervisor Lasee. Motion carried.

**Proposal from Ron Schmitz Construction to remodel the Town Hall office/closet.**

Chairman Cashman reviewed the proposal from Ron Schmitz and indicated that there will be no electrical, flooring or heating included in the work to be done. He asked the public for any discussion. Having none, Supervisor Lasee proceeded.

M/M by Supervisor Lasee to approve the proposal made by Ron Schmitz to remodel the clerk's office closet as proposed less the \$80 required for the Town issued Building Permit. 2nd by Chairman Cashman. Motion carried.

**Discussion on the Hickory Ridge Drainage Project.**

Chairman Cashman indicated that the majority of the punch list has been completed on the project. There are still a few areas that will require work and that RC Excavating will completed them after a payment is made to them. The work includes a segment which will go even further into the woods to get more pitch, and to regrade and seed there and in another areas.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to move to open the floor to the public. Seconded by Supervisor Meeuwesen. Motion carries.

Darrin Butry, 3887 Stonewall Drive, is seeking permission to lay 2-4" Mississippi stone in the bottom of the drainage ditch between his home and Sukos. He will do all the work, and bear the full expense. He understands that should future excavation be necessary at the ditch, there would be no compensation for loss of materials or work. He stipulated that he is not proposing to change the grade and that it is simply to make caring for the ditch easier for him and for his neighbor. Chairman Cashman indicated that Darrin should bring the matter back another day.

Chairman Cashman indicated that there is a low spot just north of the culvert at the Kuss property. 3900 Stonewall Drive.

Kevin Derenne, 3950 Seven Oaks Drive addressed the room. He indicated that though there have been many improvements, the fine detail work required to finish this project has not been done per drawing standards on his property. He provided many photographs and measurements to support his claim. Chairman Cashman inquired as to whether his dog fence had been repaired. Mr. Derenne indicated that it was "half" repaired but the repair did not hold. At this point, Mr. Deron Andre, 1255 Scheuring Road, Mr. Derenne's attorney addressed the board. He argued that the 3-1 slope had not been accomplished and that there still was standing water at the end of the culvert. He maintains that the construction management team hadn't done adequate supervision of the project.

Pete Kolaszewski addressed the concern of standing water at the west end of the culvert indicating that the pool at the end of the culvert is designed to dissipate the energy from the flow of water. Mr. Derenne stated that the water does not run through the culvert, and in fact it does flow from the sump pumps in the neighborhood continually moving water out of the ditches upstream of Derenne's.

Chairman Cashman, having reviewed the photographs Mr. Derenne submitted, indicated that using a riding lawnmower, with wheel weights in a newly constructed ditch would cause damage to the grading and it would result in topsoil being shifted by the weight of the machine. More damage would result in wet conditions; it has been a wet few years.

Mr. Derenne again submitted that the work hadn't been done to plan. Chairman Cashman indicated that the work RC Excavating completed was "average", and not excellent. However, it is what the Town received. Everyone needs to just work with it. No more investment will be made concerning the project. Supervisor Lasee indicated that even in ditches decades old, people, including himself, were getting riding lawn mowers stuck in the ditches. It is advised to wait until its drier to cut or use alternate methods of trimming such as a weed eater or push mower. Chairman Cashman indicated there is one more section of work to do, and that the dog fence also needs to be repaired on either side of Mr. Derenne's driveway.

Mr. Rick Noel, 3900 Stonewall Drive, inquired as to whether the road would be patched, as there are spots that are quite bad. Chairman Cashman indicated that it was now too late to get chip sealing done there, but the wedging work will be completed this year.

Mr. Andre summed up the comment: "It's the opinion of Ayres that it was constructed to plan". That was confirmed to be the case.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to close the public comment concerning Hickory Ridge. 2nd by Supervisor Lasee. Motion carried.

The conversation turned to the 4th payment needed by RC Excavating to continue with the work. It was determined that a 2% retention would be held until the work is finished. That would result in one last payment of \$522. The discussion turned to the idea that more should be held until the work is completed to the satisfaction of the Town Board. It was determined that \$25,000 would be paid and the \$8220 would be withheld until such time as the work is completed.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to pay \$25,000 to RC Excavating as the 4th payment for services concerning the Hickory Ridge Drainage Project. 2nd by Supervisor Lasee. Motion carried.

Pete will check into the dog fence repair.

Bill Thomasma, 3046 Old Plank Road, addressed the board indicating that he had contacted Tim Ambrosius of CQM to help determine how to eradicate water from his property which should drain through the culvert, but will not. Tim did some elevation work and determined that the natural flow of the water was not where the culvert previously existed, rendering it useless. De Pere and Rockland had an agreement that Rockland would pay to replace the culvert up to \$2,050. Now unless further ditch clearing is done, the culvert won't work. A call was made to the De Pere City staff to try to appeal to them to move the culvert so it will be more effective. De Pere, though, will not put in a culvert where one didn't previously exist. CQM sent the elevations to the City of De Pere. Chairman Cashman will call the City once again.

#### **Announcements and Distribution of Correspondence received, if any**

The August tax deposit is approximately \$127,000.

#### **Items intended for future meetings.**

Public Hearing on September 5, 7:00 pm for Marx

Budget meetings will also be set on September 5th.

#### **Public Comment**

Scott Hemauer, 2364 Meadow Ledge Court, came to address the noise complaint filed against him and his son. He told the board that his son does have a car with a turbo timer on it and it runs for one minute and then it shuts itself down. He also drives a diesel truck with a modified exhaust. He has also received texts at 9:30 at night complaining about his kids playing basketball in their own yard. Mr. Hemauer stipulated that his vehicles are noisy, but that the De Bakers also have equipment and vehicles that are loud, including their Harley's. They also have junk vehicles in their back yard. Mr. Hemauer's intent was only to represent his side of the story. Chairman Cashman said it was his hope that the neighbors could work out their differences.

Treasurer Van Dyke indicated the Garbage/Recycling amendment needed to be signed and so it was.

#### **Voucher in Payment of Bills**

M/M by Chairman Cashman to approve checks #10081, #10083, with one voided check #10082, two online payments for a total of \$27,031.10; seconded by Supervisor Lasee. Motion carried.

#### **Adjournment**

M/M by Chairman Cashman to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Meeuwsen Motion carried.

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

Julie Koenig,

Town Clerk

Minutes approved as written / with corrections (**strike one**) by the Town Board on September 5, 2017.

Dennis J. Cashman

Town Chairman