

**Town Board Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2013 at the Rockland Town Hall  
Called to order by Chairman Cashman at 8:05 p.m.  
Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

The Clerk, Treasurer, and all Town Board members were present. Also present were, Annie Brewer (Wrightstown Spirit), Steve Gander, Terry Vertz, Randy Hansen, Dorothy Cashman, and Bob Gerbers. Clerk Charette verified that the meeting was properly noticed; the agenda was presented after the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2013 Town Board Meeting Minutes**

M/M by Chairman Cashman to approve the November 4, 2013, minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Adoption of 2014 Budget**

Chairman Cashman explained that the electors at the Special Meeting of the Electors approved an increase in the allowable tax levy for 2013 collected in 2014 to \$ 433,233.00. The proposed 2014 budget detail was presented at the public hearing.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to adopt the budget as presented; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

**Approval of Agreement with Brown County for Winter Maintenance Services**

M/M by Chairman Cashman to table a decision on this agreement due to lack of service rates being provided by Brown County; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Adoption of Ordinance #2013-10 Regulating the Discharge of Firearms**

Discussion was had regarding the timeliness of adopting this ordinance. Chairman Cashman received comments from both sides regarding this ordinance and mentioned it may be too late to adopt the ordinance since hunting season is starting soon.

M/M by Chairman Cashman not to adopt Ordinance #2013-10 regulating the discharge of firearms; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Town Board recommended that this ordinance be placed on the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting in April.

**Adoption of Resolution #2013-11 Supporting Increasing Sec. 82.03(2), Wis. Stats., Highway Expenditure Limit**

Current statute allows the Town Board to expend \$5,000 per mile for highway maintenance and improvement. This dollar amount has not been changed since 2001. Costs are continuing to go up. This resolution supports enabling a Town to expend more without elector approval as long as costs stay under \$10,000 per mile.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to approve Resolution #2013-11; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Reports**

**a. Building Report**

Bob Gerbers provided a written building report for October 2013 to the Board. He reported that there were 6 permits granted. Income generated from these permits = \$2,630 in fees; \$1,000 in

security deposits. The Town collected \$780 of the fees. Building Inspector received the balance of \$1,850.

**b. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Cashman reported that Dick's Lawn Care finished cutting the ditches today and now has begun tree cutting.

Chairman Cashman reported that he has completed the PASER/road condition report due to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation every other year.

Request for proposals for traffic signs were sent to five vendors last week. These are due prior to the December 2, 2013 meeting and will be opened at that meeting.

There was a meeting last Monday with the County Executive and other local municipalities last week. The Brown County Planning Director reported that the proposed second southern bridge is no longer on the books.

**c. Working Lands Initiative report**

Supervisor Van Vonderen reported that DATCP has certified the town's proposed Farmland Preservation Ordinance. The public hearing on this proposed ordinance, amendments to other zoning ordinances and the rezoning map is set for December 12, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Notices will be mailed to all affected property owners this week.

**d. Wind Siting Update**

Supervisor Schwalbach reported that Senate Bill 167 is currently being considered to clarify that people living on wind farms that are having health issues can sue wind farm developers. There is a hearing on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> that Supervisor Schwalbach will be testifying in support of the bill.

**e. Traffic Sign Inspection Update-**

Based upon Supervisor Schwalbach's report, the Town has sought proposals from five vendors for costs for traffic signs that are going to be replaced within the Town. These proposals will be reviewed on December 2, 2013. Delivery of signs to be made prior to December 27, 2013.

**f. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Van Dyck provided her written report to the Board which is herein incorporated by reference. She reported that \$200 was donated by the Rockland 4H from proceeds made at the craft sale in October. Additionally, \$146.00 is being donated by Barb Zambon from proceeds made at the craft sale. Reported that dog license bill due to Brown County Treasurer is \$594.00. M/M by Chairman Cashman to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Announcements/Distribution for Correspondence**

Chairman Cashman reported that there will be a Martin Luther King celebration on January 18, 2014 at NWTC; NEW Water reported that they will be making amendments to their sewer ordinance and invited all to attend meetings on those; UW-Extension sent invoice requesting payment for services provided on invasive species to town residents; Chairman Cashman received a letter from Governor Walker thanking him for Resolution opposing SB 349.

Supervisor Schwalbach reported that Senate Bill 314 passed last week which states that if a subdivision is proposed a town will not be allowed to require any other special conditions except for those required under the existing ordinance. This bill has been lobbied for by real estate brokers.

**Items for future meetings-** proposals for traffic signs; newsletter articles; future town board meetings; UW-Extension donation; winter service agreement; cash flow analysis; approval of election workers

**Public comment**

Steve Ganders recommended having an advisory referendum regarding the Ordinance regulating the discharge of firearms. It was mentioned that this will go before the residents at the Annual Town Meeting.  
Bob Gerbers requested a map delineating properties affected by extraterritorial jurisdiction of De Pere.

**Voucher for Approval**

Clerk Charette provided the Voucher for Approval through end of November.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to pay the voucher in the amount of \$11,183.93 for check #8305 through #8310 with no voided checks and one online payment; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Adjournment**

M/M by Chairman Cashman to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

Jann B. Charette,  
Town Clerk

Minutes approved as written / with corrections (**strike one**) by the Town Board on Monday, December 2, 2013.

Dennis J. Cashman  
Town Chairman