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Dennis Cashman – Chairman
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Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 6, 2017, at the Rockland Town Hall
Called to order by Chairman Cashman at 7:30 p.m.
Adjourned at 8:42p.m.

The Clerk and all members of the Board were present along with Bob Gerbers, Terry Vertz, Frank Hutjens, Jenny Bloemer, Steve Gander, Kevin Derenne, and Tom Collins from the Spirit. Clerk Koenig verified that the meeting was properly noticed; the agenda was presented after the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes from October 2, 2017, Public Hearing regarding a Conditional Use Permit for Tyler Nackers, after any corrections have been rectified. M/M by Supervisor Lasee to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2017 Public Hearing; with no corrections seconded by Supervisor Meeuwsen. Motion carried.

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Carter Contract for Snow Removal

The current contract was a three contract and is schedule to conclude on May 31, 2018. There is language in the contract that provides the opportunity to extend the contract for an additional two years with written agreement between the two parties. Carter has provided an updated schedule of charges which were provided for discussion. Clerk Koenig drafted the agreement. A question was asked as to whether it should have gone out to bid, and seeing it's an extension of a current contract it was determined a bid process would take place in 2020 at the conclusion of this contract.

M/M to approve the two year extended contact with Carter for snowplowing as presented, prices as attached. Motion made Chairman Cashman, seconded by Supervisor Meeuwsen.

Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP)

Chairman Cashman shared the information related to the application he submitted for Tetzlaff Road. The Bid was described as a proposed construction to widen the roadbed to 22' in width with 2' shoulders on each side providing a total of 26' in width. Six inches of stone will be added to the top of the existing chip seal, which will be milled together and then another 4 inches of fine stone added, leveled and compacted. The bid didn't include any hot mix, labor or gravel.

M/M to affirm the proposal sent to LRIP for Tetzlaff Road. The Bid was described as a proposed construction to widen the roadbed to 22' in width with 2' shoulders on each side providing a total of 26' in width. Six inches of stone will be added to the top of the existing chip seal, which will be milled together and then another 4 inches of fine stone added, leveled and compacted, made by Supervisor Lasee, 2nd by Supervisor Meeuwsen. Motion carried.

Hickory Ridge Drainage Project

Chairman Cashman summarized the status of the punch list. The final check was held back from RC. Any of the punch list items done this year have a one year warranty attached to them. Pete from Ayres couldn't attend. Chairman Cashman opened the floor to discussion.

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

Kevin Derenne, 3950 Seven Oaks Drive addressed the room. Mr. Derenne made the case that the residents had been made to believe that the slopes in the ditches would be 3:1, and instead they are 2.5:1. He maintains that they are considered a safety risk and the town should withhold payment and maybe go after the bonding to force completion.

Chairman Cashman suggested that the acceptable deviation in specifications was far too stringent being at 1 inch from sketch. If that's what was truly expected, the ditches should have been done in concrete. The ditches have one season of water flow and silting now, and any measurements may have changed over the course of the year. Chairman Cashman also proceeded to tell Mr. Derenne that it was a problem that he used a riding lawnmower with wheel weights in the ditches when they were wet. That may have caused a shifting in the top soils.

Supervisor Lasee asked Mr. Derenne if he was contacted by Ayres and offered money. Mr. Derenne didn't immediately answer, but eventually conceded that he had been offered money to get the work done in exchange for what he perceived to be a gag order. He declined the offer. Mr. Derenne continued that the work needed would require the top soil be stripped, more clay added to the appropriate slope, and then top soil returned.

Chairman Cashman indicated that RC had done some fixing and doubts that they'd do it again. All Town Board members agreed that the project must be ended.

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

M/M by Chairman Cashman to make the final payment to RC Excavating for \$8,720.80. Seconded by Supervisor Lasee. Motion carries.

Air Conditioner Bids

The Clerk presented a few bids received to receive feedback on the potential to replace one unit this calendar/budget year. It was decided a few more bids be requested.

Bonding for Treasurer – Tax Collection

State statutes changed and it has become necessary for the Treasurer to be bonded according to Sec 70.67 of the Wisconsin Statutes. According to the County, the amount Rockland should carry would be around \$1,000,000. The Clerk checked with the insurance carriers and with neighboring municipal clerks. It seems all are moving toward the three month bond to be covered from December through February. The rate appears to be \$200.

M/M Supervisor Lasee to acquire a three month bond through Liberty for the Tax Collector Bond. 2nd Supervisor Meeuwsen. Motion carries.

Relier Agreement with Brown County

The Clerk explained that the County requires a Memorandum of Understanding be on file in order to support Rockland during Election. It's consistent with what was done last year, and the amount fits in what was budgeted for in 2018.

M/M Chairman Cashman to approve the MOU between BC Clerk and the Town of Rockland for WisVote and election support. 2nd by Supervisor Meeuwsen. Motion carries.

Building and Zoning Report

Bob Gerbers stated that he gave five permits including one new home on Windchime Way. The report is attached. He inquired about a contractor who has two projects going at the same time. At one point in time, a separate deposit was required for each property. That changed to one deposit per contractor. Because it makes the record keeping difficult, it was determined that a \$1000 security deposit would be required for each parcel.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Cashman reported that the ditches have been cut and they look good. There are some dead trees along Sportsman Road that require removal before they fall over into the road and hurt someone or cause an accident or road closure. Bill Urban was contacted and he prepared a bid of \$2000 for the work requested. He will grind anything 6 inches or less, and Bob and Joe Binsfield will take the larger wood away once the ground is frozen.

M/M by Supervisor Lasee to accept the \$2000 bid to remove the trees on Sportsman Road. Seconded by Supervisor Meeuwsen. Motion carried.

Announcements and Distribution of Correspondence received, if any

The budget meetings have gone well and the Public Hearing and Special Budget Meeting of the Electors will be held on Wednesday, November 15th, at 7:30. Clerk will be out at a WMCA training on Thursday, Nov 9 in Waupaca.

Chairman Cashman shared that Carter had been filling potholes throughout the town.

Items intended for future meetings

Board approval of election workers

Public Comment

Steve Gander suggested that the country the air conditioners are made in is important, particularly those built in China.

Jenny Bloemen, 2444 Watson Circle, De Pere addressed the board asking questions about the size of the herd at Tyler Nackers. She and her husband own a parcel to the north of Tyler Nackers along Tetzlaff Road. They were approached by Mr. Nackers to sell him their parcel and instead purchase a different parcel to be drawn on a 40 acre parcel Mr. Nackers intends to purchase. They intend to build a new home in the near future and are close to beginning their dream property. In short, she wanted to know if he would be able to grow the farm and what that would do to the animal counts. The board indicated that they'd keep an eye on his development, but if he did add more land, he'd fit under the general animal ordinance, with less than 1 per acre.

Voucher in Payment of Bills

Clerk Koenig presented the voucher in payment of bills. There are two: one from late October, as a result of a cancelled board meeting. Voucher dated October 31, checks # 10140 – 10154 \$27,284.39 no voided checks and two online payments .

M/M Chairman Cashman to approve the voucher dated October 31, 2017, 2nd by Supervisor Meeuwsen. Motion carries.

The second voucher is dated November 6th, check numbers #10138, and #10155 through 10177, with one voided check and no online payments

M/M Chairman Cashman to approve the voucher dated November 6th, 2017, check numbers #10138, and #10155 -10177, with one voided check, and no voided payments. 2nd Supervisor Meeuwsen. Motion carries.

Adjournment

M/M by Chairman Cashman to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Lasee. 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 November 15, 2017.

Dennis J. Cashman
Town Chairman