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A Note from the Chairman:

On November 16th, 2015, we held a Public Hearing on the proposed 2016 Town Budget and a Special Meeting of Electors. We reviewed the budget and answered any questions from the electors.

The electors at the Special Town Meeting of Electors approved the 2015 allowable tax levy payable in 2016 in the amount of \$464,438. The Town's tax levy rate will be approximately \$2.42 per \$1000.00 of assessed value, about the same as 2014.

With winter nearly upon us, so is the plowing of town roads. The town contracted with a private contractor to plow and salt our roads in the town. Carter Trucking and Excavating of De Pere was hired earlier this year by the Town Board.

Remember, if you push snow across the road from your driveway; do not leave any piles of snow on the edge of the roadway. This directly violates Wisconsin State Statute Sec. 86.01 and Sec. 346.94(5). It is unsafe for drivers and plow trucks. Remember...SNOW means SLOW!!!

About a dozen street signs have been stolen this past year from their locations. If you have any information on who might be responsible of these thefts, please contact any Town Board Member or the Brown County Sheriff Department.

Hope to see you at the next Town Board meeting scheduled on January 4, 2016. Have a Happy Holiday Season!

Thank you,



Hello Rockland Residents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and for our hunters, a successful season.

As a supervisor for the Town of Rockland, I want to thank the following people for all the work they have done for Rockland this past year. It is because of these individuals Rockland is the great community that it is:

Town Officials

Dennis Cashman, Chairman

Alan Lasee, Supervisor

Jann Charette, Town Clerk

Mary Van Dyck, Town Treasurer

Bob Gerbers, Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector



Rockland Planning Commission Members:

Bob Coenen, Chairman; Randy Hansen; Lee Anderson; Terry Vertz; Glen Schwalbach; and our newest member, Mike Wier

Board of Appeals

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Toni Carter, Randy Hansen, Kathy Anderson, Karen Cashman, Ellen Coenen, Alice Daul, Alan LeClair, Jodi Kaf-tan, Donna Koehler, Kay Rimmel, Judy Schwalbach, Sue Vande Voort & Barb Zambon

Town Hall Opener

Kim Winkler

Electors that attend our meetings

Thank you for taking the time to attend our meetings. It is your insight that help us make better decisions and help us to conduct the town business.

It is a pleasure working with you all. And finally, the residents of Rockland; thank you for your support.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year! I look forward to working with you all in 2016.

Vicky Van Vonderen, Supervisor

A Note From Supervisor Alan Lasee.....

Well, Happy Thanksgiving season to all. Even though I didn't get a buck, I and a few of my neighbors and sons had a good time in our new elevated, heated deer stand on my farm. As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Rockland has joined the ranks of other levels of government, by being in debt some \$325,000 to solve a drainage problem.

Just this past week, Governor Walker signed a bill which will return some \$18 million dollars of excess Lambeau stadium tax to the citizens of Brown county. Rockland's share is about \$91,000 that is a real windfall for us. It is my preference that all of that money be used to reduce our new debt. Lastly, we are all going to be getting a fire number and sign in front of our property. Even though I was out voted, I believe it to be a waste of tax dollars. I know many disagree with me, but the best solution is for everyone to take their own responsibility and post their own number on the mailbox. (It is the same number) Besides, all emergency vehicles have GPS equipment on board which really makes the signs obsolete. And another waste of money. I may be wrong but that is what I believe. (We had to raise the towns tax levy limit to do this instead of planning for in future budgets). Christmas is only a few weeks away and please accept my very best wishes to all of you. Stay safe and healthy, warmest regards Alan

Garbage and Recycling News

The winter months are here and the snow will be falling and the wind will be blowing. Please keep this in mind when you put your garbage and recycling out. Please try to put your containers out at the end of the driveway in the morning, if at all possible. It is difficult for the snow plow drivers to see the containers when they are plowing the roads. When putting your containers by the road, remember to have them in your drive way if possible. Try not to have them on the road. Sometimes it makes it very difficult to meet cars on our narrow roads if the containers are too far out.

Some frequently asked questions: When is the household hazardous waste facility open? It is open Thursdays from 12:00 – 6:00 PM and Saturdays from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Where is the household waste facility? It is located at 2561 S. Broadway Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Their phone number is (920) 492-4951. Their website is www.browncountyrecycling.org

Where can I take my old electronics? These may be taken to the Cyber Green stores (in Ashwaubenon or east Green Bay) or to the hazardous waste facility. In May of each year, the Town of Rockland sponsors a Cyber Green day. The electronics can be brought to the Town Hall on a Saturday morning and the 4-H youth help you unload.

What do I do with paint? This is brought to the hazardous waste facility. A fee may apply.

What do I do with shredded paper? Paper that is shredded should be put in a paper bag or cardboard box and put in your recycling bin. **DO NOT PUT IN A PLASTIC BAG.**

Did you know that trash collection is the fifth most dangerous job in the U.S.? Data gathered indicates that vehicle accidents and workers being struck by mobile equipment are the leading causes of injury to garbage and recycling material collectors. Please remember our garbage collectors this winter and maybe a gift of candy or cookies at Christmas would put a smile on their face.



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Town Treasurer Mary Van Dyck

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. I know each year we all get a Christmas present from the County Treasurers' office. It is our tax bill. They are being mailed out on December 14, 2015. So if you do not receive your bill by December 20th, call the Treasurers' office at 448-4074.

Please look over your bill and make sure you have the lottery credit if the home you have in Rockland is your primary residence and you do not claim the lottery credit anywhere else. You can only claim the lottery credit in one place.

There is a list of all bank locations that will be accepting tax payments on the tax bill. This year there are 29 bank locations. They also can be located on our website at townofrockland.org/property_tax.html. You may also pay your taxes at the County Treasurers' office or you may mail your payment to the County Office. The address is Brown County Treasurer, P.O. Box 23600, Green Bay, WI 54305-3600. Please remember to check the box if you want a receipt.

I will be collecting dog licenses again this year. All dogs must be licensed. This is a state law and there are no exceptions. The fee for 2016 is \$5.00 for a neutered or spayed dog, OR \$10.00 for a male dog that is not neutered or a female dog that is not spayed. A kennel license is \$40.00. All applications MUST be received by April 1, 2016. Any dog license application received after April 1, 2016, will be charged a late fee of \$5.00. Enclose a copy of the rabies shot history for each dog. This will be kept on file with the Town. Please make checks payable to: Town of Rockland

Please remember that your pet's license is entered into a county-wide system that can be used to locate it if it should ever stray from home. Please put the tag on your pet's collar.

Below is a form to fill out and send with a SELF-ADDRESSED envelope to me along with the fee for the license. I will then send you the 2016 license for your dog. Thank you!



Dog License for 2016

All dogs must be licensed. This is a State Law and there are no exceptions. Please fill out the following application and return to Mary Van Dyck, 2185 Deer Point Lane, De Pere, WI 54115.

Name of dog _____ Phone Number _____

Name of dog owner _____

Address _____

Breed _____ Color _____ Chip no. if available _____

Male _____ Female _____ Neutered _____ Spayed _____

Date of Rabies shot _____ Expiration Date _____

2016 Town of Rockland Calendar

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 Trash Only
 Trash & Recycle
 Large Item Pick-Up
 (Please call Harter's office at 888-804-8556 for pricing and to schedule by 2pm on Tuesday before pickup day.)

 Holiday Observance
 Jan 1st - New Year's Day
 May 30th - Memorial Day
 July 4th - Independence Day
 Sept 5th - Labor Day
 Nov 24th - Thanksgiving Day
 Dec 25th - Christmas Day

PROOF OF RESIDENCE

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PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION

Proof of Residence (Registration)	Standards	Proof of I.D. (issuing a ballot)	Standards
State of WI Driver License	- Valid and unexpired	State of WI Driver License	- May be revoked or suspended - Unexpired or expired after 11/4/2014
State of WI Identification Card	- Unexpired	State of WI Identification Card	- Unexpired, or expired after 11/4/2014
Identification card issued by WI governmental body or unit.	- Valid on date of registration*	Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service	- Unexpired, or expired after 11/4/2014
Identification card issued by employer (not a business card)	- Valid on date of registration* - Photo required	U.S. Passport booklet or card	- Unexpired, or expired after 11/4/2014
Real estate tax bill or receipt	- For current year or year preceding date of the election.	Certificate of Naturalization	- Unexpired - issued not earlier than 2 years before election
University, college or tech college ID	- Photo required - Address not required on I.D. - Plus fee receipt with address dated within last 9 months	Driving Receipt	- Unexpired - Valid for 45 days
University, college or tech college ID	- Photo required - Address not required - Plus name appears on certified housing list which indicates citizenship	I.D Card Receipt	- Unexpired - Valid for 45 days
Utility bill (gas, electric, phone, cell phone, cable TV, satellite, internet)	- For period that starts no earlier than 90 days before registration	University or college ID	- Unexpired - Date of issuance - Signature of student - Photo required - Expiration date no later than 2 years after issuance date - Plus document that proves enrollment
Bank or credit union statement	- None	Citation or Notice to Revoke or Suspend WI Driver License	- Unexpired - Dated within 60 days of the election
Paycheck or stub	- None	I.D. card issued by federally recognized WI tribe	- Expired or unexpired
Check or other document issued by a unit of government	- Valid on date of registration*		
Residential Lease	- Effective on date of registration* - Cannot be used as POR when registering by mail.		

*identifying documents which are valid for use during a specified period must be valid on the day an elector registers. Wis. Stat. 6.34(3)(c).

Hello Rockland Residents,

2016 Elections:

As you can tell from all of the debates and news coverage, 2016 will be a busy election year. The following election dates are set for 2016:

Tuesday, February 16, 2016: Spring Primary Election (if needed)

Tuesday, April 5, 2016: Spring General Election (includes the County Board, Multi-Jurisdictional Judge & School Board races)

Tuesday, August 9, 2016: Fall Primary Election

Tuesday, November 1, 2016: Fall General Election (includes the Presidential, US Senate, Congressional Representatives, State Senate, State Assembly and County Constitutional races)

As we get ready for the 2016 election year, there are a few actions you can take to ensure our elections move efficiently and smoothly:

1) Make sure that you are registered to vote in the Town of Rockland. If you are not registered, you will need to register prior to voting. Wisconsin law requires all voters to provide proof of residence as part of the voter registration application. Therefore, if you are new to Rockland or are a first time elector (who is not a military elector or a permanent overseas elector) you will need to provide a valid proof of residency. *Please see the left hand side of the white insert in this newsletter which notes the types of documentation that can be used as proof of residency.* Even though the elections are still a few months away, you can save yourself some time on Election Day by registering now. Just complete the GAB-131 form (located at <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/gab-131-english> or on myvote.wi.gov) and then mail it along with a copy of your valid proof of residence to Clerk Charette at 1712 Bob-Bea-Jan Road, De Pere, WI 54115.

2) Make sure to bring a valid photo ID to the polls. As mentioned in earlier newsletter articles, Wisconsin's Voter ID law was upheld. Consequently, electors, are now required to provide a valid proof of identification prior to receiving a ballot (either absentee or in person) for all elections. *Please see the right hand side of the white insert in the newsletter which notes the types of documentation that can be used to validate identity.*

3) If you wish to vote absentee by mail in 2016, please make your request in writing and send your request to me by mail: 1712 Bob-Bea-Jan Road, De Pere, WI 54115; or by fax to: 920-336-5565; or by e-mail to: jcharette@townofrockland.org. The absentee ballot request form is available at <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/gab-121-english>. Please note that this form is not required but merely recommended. When submitting your written request to vote absentee, please also include a copy of your valid PHOTO ID.

4) If there is a February 16, 2016, Spring Primary Election, electors may vote absentee in person in the Clerk's office during in-person absentee voting hours, starting Monday, February 1, 2016. Hours for voting in person absentee are Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The last day to vote absentee in person is Friday, February 12, 2016. Office hours for Friday, February 12, 2016, will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. if there is an election on February 16th. Please bring along a valid Photo ID.

The Rockland Town Hall, 1712 Bob-Bea-Jan Road, is the only polling location for the Town of Rockland. On election day, the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you have any questions about the above information, please feel free to call me at the office at 336-2814.

Lost/Found Button

The Town website (www.townofrockland.org) has been revised to include a Lost/Found button on the home page. This page will be used to list items that have been left behind at the Town Hall. It also is being used to list pets that are lost or found and are currently in the Town's custody. If you are in that unfortunate situation of having lost a pet, please remember to check this page as it will list whether the Town has found any lost pets and also will provide additional resources you can refer to assist in your search.



Online Code

Recently, the Town enlisted the services of Municipal Code Online to electronically codify the Town's Code of Ordinances. For those of you who have attempted to search through the former 286 page WORD document, you will be pleasantly surprised to find that the new online code will provide you with easier access, easier search capabilities and friendlier reading functions. This new online version should be up and running by the end of December. You can go to Rocklandbrowncounty.municipalcodeonline.com or Click on the link under Ordinances on the Town website.

2016 Budget Hearing and Budget Adoption

As Chairman Cashman stated, the Town Board held a public hearing to review and adopt the 2016 tax levy on November 16th. At the Special Meeting of Electors, which followed the public hearing, the electors voted to approve a total tax levy of \$464,438, which included an additional \$15,000 above the allowable levy, to be used towards the purchase and installation of fire address signs in 2016. On your tax bill, the Town's portion will include a tax rate of 2.423/\$1,000 of assessed value (which is a decrease from last year's rate of 2.432/1,000 of assessed value); a special charge for residential waste disposal/recycling of \$148.00 (which is unchanged from last year's rate); and a one-time charge of \$43.00 for those residents who received a new recycling bin in 2015.

Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed on December 24th, 25th and December 31st for the holidays.

As I close, I want to reiterate Supervisor Van Vonderen's appreciation to all of the wonderful elected officials, employees, committee members, and election officials who work diligently and professionally to provide you with the services you deserve as residents, electors and taxpayers. Wishing you a joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Merry Christmas to you all- Clerk Charette

THANK YOU to The Rockland 4H Club, Darlene Simoens, Mary and Ron Van Dyck, Judy Schwalbach and all of you Rockland crafters, for the generous contribution you made to the Town from the proceeds of your bake sale and craft sale in early October. The money is used to defray the costs of this quarterly newsletter.

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