

Town Board Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2013 at the Rockland Town Hall
Called to order by Chairman Cashman at 7:30 p.m.
Adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

The Clerk, Treasurer, and all Town Board members were present. Also present were Steve Gander, Terry Vertz, Rachel Johnson, Norb Scray, Dan & Wanda Wanie, Bob Gerbers and Patience Carlson. Clerk Charette verified that the meeting was properly noticed; the agenda was presented after the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2013 Town Board meeting

M/M by Chairman Cashman to approve the September 16, 2013, minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Sec. 18-01.23, Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance Certification Application, Zoning Ordinance & Zoning Map

M/M by Supervisor Van Vonderen to submit Sec. 18-01.23, Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance, draft zoning map and all other information required to approve the application being sent to DATCP; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Set Public Hearing for Adoption of Ordinances 2013-4, 2013-5, 2013-5, 2013-6, 2013-7, 2013-8 & 2013-9

M/M by Supervisor Van Vonderen to take action on agenda items 5-11 together; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Supervisor Van Vonderen explained that items 6-11 are all being proposed due to the Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance being submitted for approval by DATCP. Discussion was made regarding whether these items get tabled until DATCP approves the application or whether the Board gives the Clerk approval to publish after DATCP approval without waiting for the next Town Board meeting.

M/M by Supervisor Van Vonderen to give Clerk Charette authority to set public hearing date on items 5-11 as soon as final approval of the application and ordinance is received from DATCP; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Wisconsin Document Imaging Proposal for upgrade to copier

Clerk Charette requested that the Board table this matter until its next meeting in order to receive additional information from Modern Business Machines.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to table agenda item #12; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Building/Zoning Report

a. Planning Commission report.

Supervisor Van Vonderen provided the minutes from the September 25, 2013, Planning Commission meeting and gave a brief summary as to what occurred during the meeting. Future Planning Commission meetings are set for Tuesday, October 22 and Tuesday, November 19th.

b. Building and Zoning report.

- i. Bob Gerbers provided a building report to the Board and explained that four permits were issued in September for a total of \$1, 225.00 in permits and an additional \$2,000.00 for security deposits. Gerbers also indicated that a demolition permit was granted for the property on Marilyn Ley Drive and that the home has been torn down. The builder has obtained a building permit and will be starting construction soon.
- ii. Gerbers met with Frank Calaway on September 26, 2013, at 8:15 p.m. They took readings from lights right below the light pole. Both Gerbers and Calaway each had their own reading machine. Upon taking readings from the light pole each found that the

projection was under the 5% limit set in the ordinance. Upon taking readings from the light on the shop each found that the projection exceeded the 5% limit set in the ordinance. Based upon this finding, Calaway tipped and turned the light fixture downward. Gerbers reinspected the light tonight and stated that his readings taken tonight are now below the 5% limit and are in compliance with the ordinance.

Chairman Cashman stated that the Town's attorney has sent a response letter which has been mailed to Calaway's attorney. Per the letter, Calaway has until October 21, 2013, to cease the use of the property as a repair garage or apply for a conditional use permit.

- iii. Gerbers inspected the Rick McCutchin property. He reported that the drainage ditch has been cleaned out and the swale has been installed. The grass was being cut tonight. Clerk Charette will put the matter on the agenda for November 4th and verify that the delinquent property taxes have been paid in full.

c. Chairman's Report

Chairman Cashman reported that the two spots on Old Martin and Old Military will be blacktopped this week by Scott Construction. Dick's Landscape will be brush cutting the town ditches in approximately 2 weeks. It also was requested that trees be cut at the location near Sportsman Road and Old Martin, Moonriver, and Eiler and Big Valley Road.

Chairman Cashman explained that the DNR is approving rifle hunting for the deer season starting November 1, 2013. Clerk Charette asked whether the Town had an ordinance restricting the use of certain firearms. Chairman Cashman stated that it did not.

Chairman Cashman was informed of a pothole on Midway Road close to the Dorn residence.

d. Working Lands Initiative report

Supervisor Van Vonderen explained the ordinance, map and application has been sent to DATCP.

e. Wind Siting Ordinance

Supervisor Schwalbach spoke with the Governor and expressed his disappointment that no money was in the state budget to conduct epidemiological studies.

- f. **Traffic Sign Inspection Update-** Supervisor Schwalbach reported that he is working on this report and will have some final numbers soon. Chairman Cashman stated that it is the Board's intent to replace the signs before the end of this year.

g. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Van Dyck provided her report to the Board and explained that the Clerk and Treasurer's numbers reconcile. The Treasurer reported that she transferred the old security deposit money in the amount of \$5,000 from the New Home Security Deposit Fund to the General Fund.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to accept the Treasurer's report; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution #2013-6 amending Town of Rockland 2013 budget

Clerk Charette read Resolution #2013-6 amending the 2013 budget which specifically moved funds from the General Fund to cover deficits in the Building/Zoning Administrator account and in the Planning and Appeals account. The resolution also approved the movement of funds from the General Reserve Contingency account to the Professional Fees account.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to accept Resolution #2013-6; seconded by Supervisor Schwalbach. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Announcements/Distribution for Correspondence

Chairman Cashman distributed the Brown County Planning and Commission minutes from September. He also announced the Rockland Craft Sale taking place on Saturday, October 12, 2013. Clerk Charette verified the response to the open records request regarding the taking of property by eminent domain. Clerk Charette also mentioned the upcoming trainings for the Board by the Local Government Center.

Items for future meetings

McCutchin- November 4th; Public Hearing/Special Elector's Meeting-November 18th; TRIP and road inventory-October 21st;

Public comment

Patience Carlson, 1457 Midway Road, reported that on October 2nd, she witnessed the neighbor's three dogs defecating on her property and swimming in her pond. She approached the neighbor and the neighbor swore at her. The dogs are not on the leash and she is looking for direction on how to handle this type of situation.

Chairman Cashman will speak with the neighbor, Jerry.

Voucher for Approval

Clerk Charette provided the Voucher for Approval.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to pay the voucher in the amount of \$57,946.35 for check #8248 through #8278 with no voided checks; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Closed Session

M/M by Chairman Cashman to convene into closed session at 8:50 p.m. pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Cashman- aye; Supervisor Van Vonderen-aye; Supervisor Schwalbach-aye.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to reconvene into open session at 9:30 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Roll call vote: Chairman Cashman-aye; Supervisor Van Vonderen-aye; Supervisor Schwalbach-aye.

Adjournment

M/M by Chairman Cashman to adjourn at 9:31 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. 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, October 21, 2013.

Dennis J. Cashman
Town Chairman