

**ROCKPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
OCTOBER 7, 2014 5:00 PM**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Robert Lindsey, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts and City Attorney, John Hargis and his associate - Bryan Rudisill. Carol Huff absent.

**PLEDGE:** The *Pledge of Allegiance* was said by all.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Robert made a motion to approve the minutes of our regular meeting from September 2, 2014; Harold seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. Robert made a motion to approve the minutes of our special meeting on October 6, 2014; Harold seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**WASTEWATER REPORT/B & H SEPTIC:** Sherry Roeder gave the wastewater report (see attached report).

**B & H SEPTIC REQUEST:** The request from B & H Septic was tabled from last month until we could decide which plant the old Peerless Pottery facility emptied into. It was determined that it emptied into the south treatment plant. A recommendation was made to allow them to use the north plant, subject to an agreement such as the one we have with Waupaca.

**TREE REMOVAL ON WALNUT ST:** Mayor Goffinet received an estimate of \$1,100 from K & K Dirtworks to remove a tree on Walnut Street, in front of McKenzie's. At the request of our attorney, John Hargis, this was tabled until he can check the statute of limitations from a previous incident.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UP:** The property owner at **722 Vine St** appeared before the board regarding a clean-up letter she received. She explained that she is maintaining her yard except for a small portion in the back of her yard that is in a flood zone. **319 S 8<sup>th</sup> St** – Building Inspector Phil Brown presented a copy of the “Notice of Violation” to the board for their review. His recommendation is that it be torn down. Robert made a motion to set a hearing for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 PM; Harold seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was approved. **720 Jefferson St** – The property owner contacted Phil Brown and indicated to him that his intentions are to tear down the structure. He has requested bids from three different companies. John Hargis presented the certified mailing and acknowledgement of receipt, for the notice of violation that was sent to him, to Susie (for her records). It was signed for on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Robert made a motion to accept Phil Browns’ order to have the property condemned and inform the owner he has until November 3, 2014 to state his intentions and sixty days to tear it down; Harold seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. **111 Greenwood** – grass needs mowed; **707 Main St** – grass needs mowed; **710 Seminary St** – property is so grown up that the building inspector was not able to gain entry. A notice of violation was sent to Mia Brooks to appear at today’s hearing, which she has failed to do. John Hargis has contacted Sean Kennedy, with the IRS, regarding the large federal tax lien on this property. He indicated to John that the purchaser of the property could have filed a blanket consent agreement with the County Assessor regarding the federal tax lien. John was not able to locate a blanket consent agreement for this property and is waiting to hear

back from Mr. Kennedy. Harold made a motion to continue the hearing until the next meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to allow time for John to communicate with Mr. Kennedy; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** The ton truck is needing some transmission repairs. We have requested quotes from three companies and have received two back. The lowest quote was received from Guisewhite Automotive for \$1,921.40. Harold made a motion to accept the quote from Guisewhite Automotive for \$1,921.40; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Chief Meredith appeared before the board and informed them that Officer Jason Haycox has resigned. He would like to hire Brandon Dixon full time, with a one year probationary period, to take Jason's place. He has already been to the academy and will not need training. Robert made a motion to hire Brandon on the police department; Harold seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

He also mentioned that he is getting several complaints about citizens not cleaning up after their dogs. He is recommending that we put up signage around town stating that citizens clean up after their pets. Harold made a motion to get signs to put up around town; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. It was also suggested that Chief Meredith look into purchasing bag dispensers and waste receptacles for this and to report back at the next meeting.

Z Party is wanting to do another party on Main St on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8. Harold made a motion to allow Z Party to block off Main St (from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St) on October 28<sup>th</sup>; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**ADJUSTMENTS:** Adjustments were approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Robert made a motion to adjourn; Harold seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.