

**TOWN OF RHINE
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
WITH PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting is a meeting of the Town Rhine Board of Supervisors in public for the purpose of conducting the Town Rhine business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting which is indicated below.

Present: Ron Platz, , Al Feld, Frank Zimmermann

1. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Posted on March 1, 2018.
2. **Called to order** at 6:32 pm by Ron Platz.
3. **Pledge:**
3. **Approve minutes of February 6, 2018:** Motion to approve as presented by Zimmermann. 2nd by Feld. No discussion. Vote: all in favor.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Read into the record.
5. **Building Permits for February:** Read into the record.
6. **Public Comments of a general nature:**

Paul Booher: Elkhart Lake Fire Dpt. sold some land. He would like to know if any of the proceeds went to pay off the debt. Zimmermann responded that the land was donated to the firefighters and has nothing to do with the Town of Rhine or the Village of Elkhart Lake.

No other public comments.

7. **Discuss and Possibly Act on:**
 - a. **Dr. Brad Ebert - School District:** Upcoming referendums were explained and presentations given on the need for additional funds. There will be 2 questions on the ballot. If both referendums are passed there would be \$116 increase per year per \$100,000 of property value for homeowners. For the average property owner in Kiel, their taxes would increase about 44 cents per day.
 - 1.) Regarding the district's budget – They are asking \$840,000 a year over the course of the next 10 years to maintain buildings, upgrade technology, and to maintain programming going forward. The board has been scaling back on staff and programs, and there is a need for more funds going forward.
 - 2.) Building a new auditorium and renovation of the athletic complex - The athletic facility needs the track redone. The football fields and grandstands are not compliant. There is a need for water and restrooms on one side of the complex. Some of the lights need repair. A 1200 seat grandstand is being proposed, along with restrooms and concession

stands. The field would be upgraded to a synthetic field and track also. The current track is not usable.

John DelRay, Choir and Theater Director - He explained the current condition of the existing auditorium and what the proposed new auditorium would consist of, as well as possible benefits that might be derived from it

Paul Boocher asked how the referendum questions are formulated. Will "yes" mean "yes" and "no" mean "no". Dr. Ebert said yes, that the questions are formulated in a very straightforward and clear manner. There will be further explanation in newspapers and other venues in order to help the public be better informed on the referendums.

There was a question from the audience on why the Kiel School District receives such a small amount of revenue from the state. Ebert explained the state's revenue cap which was imposed in 1993. That cap locked the school into a formula for revenues that the school receives. In order for the school district to bring in more money it has to get more students in the door or to ask the taxpayers to provide more money. The district is locked into that 25 year formula until the state changes it, and they have been working with the state reps and officials in order to change that, but it is a long process.

Chairman Platz thanked the district for their presentation and excused them so they can attend their next meeting on time.

b. Discuss and act on the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request of Michelle Barbriere of W5740 Garton Road, Plymouth, WI 53073 for a Conditional Use Permit to operate Taouschek's Pine Lodge Country Inn as the new owner. (parcel 59018256400)

Platz gave a brief history of the B and B. Zimmermann said the Planning Commission recommended to approve her CUP with the change of permitting her to have up to 2 part time employees and to correct a signage issue. Other than that the new CUP is the same as the previous owner's CUP. Consideration was given as to whether she needs to move her sign or not. Frank will have Mr. Harvey from the county come check for the right of way. He will stake the right of way out on her property.

Michelle said when she changes her name it will just be the hanging part of the sign. If she has to move the entire sign it could be costly. Zimmermann said once the right of way has been established, then if she has to move it, she should move it a couple of feet just to be sure she is in compliance. Platz recommended that if her sign IS in the right of way, she should speak with the building inspector before moving it to be sure it is done properly. Platz wants to be sure there is a real need for this before making her move the sign.

Platz said for the time being, the CUP gives her 16 months to move the sign if needed. He feels the town needs to have a policy which might grandfather certain signs.

Michelle also brought up the situation about how many part time employees she could have. She's been a business consultant for 25 years and she's never been told how a planning committee can tell her how many employees she can have at her place of business. Platz explained that it is because the business is in an R1 zone. If the land was zoned commercially then the guidelines are different.

She would like a little more space on the number of part time employees she can have. Zimmermann said she can always come back to the town board to adjust it for her.

Motion to approve her CUP by Zimmermann as presented with the understanding that the right of way will be marked for her sign and that if she needs more employees in the future, she should come to the board. 2nd by Feld. Vote: All in favor. Approved.

c. **Approve liquor license for Abraham Meinnert** - Black Dog Saloon and Grill, LLC

Motion to approve by Zimmermann. 2nd by Feld. All in favor.

d. **County Stewardship Grant Application for 2018** - are there any projects that would qualify for this?

Explained by Platz. He is not aware of any projects that would qualify for this.

e. **Request from Miller Public Adjustors** to issue a raze order W4507 Highway 32, Elkhart Lake.

There was a house fire here earlier. Miller Adjustors presented a large document to the Building Inspector. Normally if a building needs to be raised, the inspector would do a complete inspection and the town would issue a raze order. The building inspector would bill the Town. In this situation, Miller Adjustors were contracted by the homeowner's insurance company. They said the home could not be saved and it needed to be razed. The building inspector does not want to issue a raze order without approval from the town board.

Motion to issue a raze order to Miller Public Adjustors with the understanding that there would be no expense or liability to the town was made by Zimmermann. 2nd by Feld. All in favor. No nays.

f. **Move the dates for April and November Town Board meetings** to the 2nd Tuesday of these months due to elections on the 1st Tuesday.

Motion to move these meetings by Al. 2nd by Frank. Al in favor.

g. **Elections report:** 1472 registered voters, 288 voted, 19.56%

8. Chairman's information report:

An email from Coreen Fallat at DATCP regarding upcoming Farmland Preservation and Livestock Facility Siting meetings was reviewed.

There was a county leadership meeting recently to introduce the new Sheriff and upcoming transportation work. The ½% sales tax for road work should show an increase this year.

He reviewed the request from Schorenbroch, whose application was rescinded. He would recommend that people review the ordinances before going through the rezone process.

9. Sub-Committee Report:

Purkey - Planning Commission: The Planning Commission heard a request from Dan Scharenbroch to rezone his property at 852B Crystal Rd., Kiel WI 53042 from A1 to R1. At the meeting it was determined he did not need to rezone; therefore, his application was rescinded. No action was taken or needed.

Zimmermann - Roads: He and AL met about the gas lines at Marshview Heights. The Town has a right of way permit. The lines should have been put on the back slopes. There are 2 lots for sale in the area. He will get a price on lowering the ditch to prevent flooding. He might need to meet with the homeowners about the slope. Previous discussion about culverts on Cedar View. He would like to re-do the ditch line. Brush work is done for the year.

Feld - Properties: Installed new lights in the office area. Toilets were upgraded. Shelter lights are being replaced and repaired as needed. The drop off site is working well. Literature was handed out recently to explain what items can be brought to the site.

Zimmermann has spoken with Neumann Plumbing. It would cost about \$350 to fix the blower situation so that it is not so noisy. It could be fixed with a relay and a timer. This should be addressed with the properties committee.

10. **Vouchers:** Motion to approve by Zimmermann. 2nd by Feld. All in favor.
11. **Next meeting date** is April 10, 2018 .
12. **Motion to adjourn** at 7:42 by Zimmermann. 2nd by Feld. All in favor.