

**TOWN OF RHINE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m.**

**GENERAL MEETING CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Town of Rhine Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Ron Platz at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in the Town of Rhine Hall, W5250 CTH FF, Elkhart Lake, WI.

**PRESENT:**

Ron Platz, Chairman  
Frank Zimmerman, Todd Purkey, Al Feld  
Jon Rost (absent)

1. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Posted March 2, 2017.
2. **Pledge:**
3. **Approve minutes** of Tuesday, February 7, 2017. Motion to approve as distributed by Zimmermann. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. All in favor. No nay votes.
4. **Treasurer's/Finance Committee:** Read into record.
5. **Election report:** 1664 registered voters, 139 voters at Feb. primary.
6. **Building Permits for January:** Read into record.
7. **Public Comments:**

Paul Booher asked to comment on item 10 at the appropriate time.

Julie Stodolka had questions regarding the Dahm/Koenig farm situation. Platz reminded her of his phone call with her and that he still has not heard back from Mr. Koenig. This issue might be considered at the next town board meeting. If the farm has not applied for its CUP at that time, the Board may have to take action. Platz explained there have been some health issues in the Koenig family and a death, so that has detained them in completing their CUP application.

She commented that if the farmers intend to expand and add more animal units, they would need to complete a new state report at that time. She inquired if they should finalize the state application now or wait until they add more animals. Platz explained we need to deal with the existing situation as it is.

**8. Recent Communications:**

**Elkhart Lake Triathlon:** A letter regarding the Triathlon on June 10, 2017 was discussed. The town has no control of the routes, etc. The Village of Elkhart Lake is primarily in charge of this.

**Municipal Court:** Platz discussed a letter from Police Chief, Mike Meeusen. Elkhart Lake's Police Department will now be providing police protection for Howards Grove, and they will also be utilizing the court system. There is a meeting this week to review this. Platz will be attending it and will report next month.

**9. Discuss and possibly act on:**

**Approve March 21, 2017 as special Town Board meeting for Justin Ehlenbeck:**

Zimmermann motioned to hold the special Town Board meeting to act on the planning commission's findings for Justin Ehlenbeck on March 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. There were no nay votes.

**Set date for April Town Board due to election:** A motion to move the April Town Board meeting to April 11, 2017 due to the election was made by Feld. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zimmermann. No nay votes.

**Set date for Annual meeting:** A motion to hold the semi-annual meeting of the electors on April 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm was made by Feld. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zimmermann. No nay votes.

**Review Aquatic Invasive Series information:** Review of information from the county. The town did not budget for this for 2017. The information should be put on the town's website to see if there is any interest in it. We will request to receive information sooner next year so it can be added to the budget if there is sufficient interest in the program.

**10. Chairman's information report:**

**Sheboygan County Stewardship Grant Application:**

There was a brief discussion on whether the town should apply for this grant or not. The town took advantage of it in 2003. Part of the funds were likely used for used for the wildlife park behind the town hall.

Paul Booher said he took advantage of this grant for LEL a few years ago to restock fish, and he feels it is a good program. His opinion is there has been little done to maintain the park behind the town hall. The deadline to apply is May 1<sup>st</sup>. It might be too late to apply this year, but it should be considered for next year. Chairman Platz would like to refer this back to the properties committee for review. (Clerk will put this on her the calendar to start working on it perhaps in October of 2017 for next year.)

**11. Sub- Committee reports:**

Chairman Platz is requesting our agent from Rural Mutual attend the next Town Board meeting to review our insurance coverage and discuss any changes he feels are applicable.

Committee assignments might be rearranged at the April meeting. Also after the election in April, he would like to set up a 3 person committee to review the clerk/treasurer's position regarding hours, compensation, etc.

There is a Roads Committee meeting on March 28 per Frank Zimmermann. One of the topics is to review details on that has been targeted for repair. He suggests others attend if possible.

Al Feld said some physical changes were made at the recycling center, including some dumpsters to make it easier for residents and the recyclers. Everything else is going well at the recycling center. The issuance of the tags has helped save money this year. There was a brief conversation concerning people who want more than one tag. The policy is that one tag is issued per household.

12. **Approve Vouchers:** There was a motion to approve the vouchers by Feld. 2nd by Zimmermann. No nay vets.
13. **Next Meeting Date:** April 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
14. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:13 ? p.m. by Zimmermann. Second by Al Feld. All in favor. No nay votes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lexann Hoogstra, Clerk/Treasurer