

TOWN OF RHINE
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.

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.

GENERAL MEETING:

Called to order at 6:31 pm by Ron Platz.

Present: All Board Members

1. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Posted April 4, 2017.
2. **Pledge:**
3. **Approve minutes of Tuesday, March 21, 2017:**
(Minutes from March 7, 2017 were previously approved.)
Motion to approve by Frank Zimmermann. 2nd by Feld. No discussion. All in favor. No nays.
4. **Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report:**
Read into the record.
5. **Elections report:** 1662 voters in the poll books, 305 voted for 18% voter turnout. Platz, Rost, and Feld were each re-elected.
6. **Building Permits for March:** Read into the record.
7. **Public Comments:**

Julie Stodolka: Julie would like to know if there has been any process on the Rhine Boarder farm CUP situation. Platz explained that Mr. Koenig has provided a report by Roach and associates. The attorney, board chairman, and planning committee chairman will review this to see if it is adequate information to go forward with an application for a CUP. He added that the report is very detailed and extensive. Julie expressed her gratitude to the town for its work on this situation. Chairman Platz and the owner prefer not to release the report yet. Mr. Koenig has requested that it remain with the town at this time. Julie mentioned that some of her neighbors want to attend the CUP meeting and that they have requested a time frame for that meeting so they could attend. Purkey might consider it at the time, but he said, the Planning Commission usually does not change its standard schedule. Platz reminded her that if someone cannot attend they can send an email or a letter that will be read into the record.

There were no other public comments.

8. **Discuss and possibly act on:**
 - a. **Rural Mutual Insurance Presentation from Matthew Lueck:** Not present. He asked to reschedule for May.

- b. **Consideration of request from Emily Stewart of the Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation Dept.** to sign letter of support for Elkhart Lake Iron- Enhanced drainage project for their grant application. The county wants to put in new drainage systems in the area. Both Al Feld and Frank Zimmermann have visited the site.

There was a discussion and explanation regarding this project. The county is looking for a letter of recommendation and support from the town. At this point, they are only looking for a letter of support from the Town for their grant application.

Frank Zimmermann expressed that there is a culvert which would need to be repaired or replaced before moving forward with the proposed project.

Paul Booher commented that he has had experience with this from the LEL lake Association. He feels there are two different issues with this. A letter of support costs nothing. The lakes are a valuable asset of this town and should be enhanced and saved. He agrees that the situation with the culvert could be problematic. He shared the history of a property owner who had a similar situation in the past. He feels the issue is that the letter of support for a grant application is easy to accommodate and the town should support it. The other issue is that of the work that needs to be done. Who would be expected to pay for it? He thinks it would be money well spent to save the lake.

Jon Rost made a motion to supply a letter which supports the grant application. 2nd by Todd Purkey. No discussion. Roll call vote: All yes. No nays.

- c. **Consideration of CORE invitation:** We have an invitation for a coordinated response exercise on April 25th. If anyone is interested in attending, they should let the clerk know so they can be signed up.

- c. **Municipal Court Ordinance to combine courts with Village of Elkhart Lake and Howards Grove:** Changes to the new ordinance are minimal and mostly regard adding Howards Grove to the existing shared court arrangement. Jon Rost moved to adapt the updated municipal court ordinance. 2nd by Zimmermann. Roll call vote. All in favor. No nays.

- d. **Approve 2017 roads maintenance:**

Snake Rd from EH to County line needs to be reconstructed. The notice for bids will be placed in the paper. The repairs will require a 2 ft. compact shoulder on each side. There is also some chip sealing that needs to be done and some culvert work. This is in addition to standard road maintenance.

Zimmermann motioned to approve the 2017 roads projects. 2nd by Feld. Roll call vote: No nays.

- e. **Vote on operator's license for Joshua Prigs** for Church Picnic on Memorial Day. Motion to approve by Zimmermann. 2nd by Feld. No nays.

- g. **Decision on sending Clerk/Treasurer to University of Wisconsin Clerks/Treasurer Institute from July 9 - 14, including hotel:**

Motion to approve by Zimmermann and the town will pay the costs. 2nd by Al Feld. No discussion. All in favor. No nays.

9. **Chairman's information report:** Platz thanked everyone for their support in the election. He expressed gratitude for Rost and Feld. The Board's job is to help, not hinder, people. He feels like the Board has done an excellent job the last 2 years in carrying out its duties.

10. **Sub-Committee reports:**

Al Feld: The collection site might need a base placed under the port- a -potty so it does not keep tipping over.

Rost: Properties will have a meeting the last week of the month.

Purkey: The ordinance committee has been waiting on a response from the attorney to get an answer on a section of the ordinance book before we move forward.

Platz has spoken with the attorney, who apologized for being behind on the ordinance committee work. Platz told him we really need it back so that the ordinance committee can get back to work. He wants the ordinance committee to look at Farmland Preservation.

Comment from Paul Booher regarding the Ordinance. Committee: He feels the fireworks permit could be acted on and some other small issues could be acted on while waiting on a response from legal counsel.

Last year we told the people from Crystal Lake to come to the Board with their fireworks request before the 4th of July. They should request it early.

Zimmermann asked about the Adell Coop Application and overweight limits: Dirkse did give us some language to discuss the weight issue. We can suggest routes they can take, but we can't really keep them off unless there is a bridge. The prohibited roads list can only be requested, not required that they don't drive on them. Dirkse did not think we can ask for the dates they are hauling. Platz explained we do not have the manpower to monitor all of that.

Frank Zimmermann expressed that if a hauler is honest, they would tell us if they caused damage, but that is not likely to happen.

Zimmermann had other concerns regarding Farmland Preservation. If we go into that program, there would be changes to the ordinances, whether they are in long range planning or not. If we move ahead with that, we should do so with caution.

Platz will be coming to the board next month for new committee assignments. If anyone is interested in serving on a committee, please contact Mr. Platz.

11. **Correspondence:** None.
12. **Approve Vouchers:** Motion to approve by Zimmermann. 2nd by Feld.
13. **Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017
14. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. by Zimmermann. 2nd by Rost. No nays.

