

**TOWN OF RHINE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 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 6:32 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in the Town of Rhine Hall, W5250 CTH FF, Elkhart Lake, WI.

**PRESENT:**

Chairman: Ron Platz

2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor: Jon Rost

4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor: Frank Zimmermann

1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor: Allen Feld

3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor: Todd Purkey

Clerk/Treasurer: Lexann Hoogstra

**PROCEEDINGS:**

1. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Posted April 27, 2017.
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance:**
3. **Approve minutes of Tuesday, April 21, 2017:** Motion to approve as presented by Zimmermann. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. No discussion. No nay votes.
4. **Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report:**
  - Checking: \$35,841.49
  - Market Rate: \$1, 126,262.80
  - 3 CD's totaling \$149, 617.85
  - Miller Cemetary Fund: \$2,962.08
  - Park Fund: \$2,368.53
5. **Building Permits for April:** Read into the record.
6. **Public Comments:**

Michael Williams of Ridge Creek Rd. spoke regarding a concern of the possible sale of outlots 1 and 2. When purchasing their land they were told these lots would not be available for sale at a later date, as they were to be designated as green space for the residents of the community. The current residents of the subdivision would like to find the zoning of the 2 outlots to determine if they can be split up or not, and if Dr. Nielson and Bob Nielson will be held liable for misleading the homeowners of the Ridge Creek Rd. Subdiviison. The contractor might also have liability. The residents want to keep the 2 lots as a green space for the subdivision as they were promised when they purchased their land.

Red spoke with someone who was on the Town Board during those years. He was not aware of any agreement the Town made at that time (in the late 70's). The deputy clerk

has been searching the archives to try to find any written history or agreements regarding this from the 1978 timeframe. Platz expressed that the Board needs to do an investigation regarding the homeowners' rights are and if this is a Town issue or a civil issue. The Town will cooperate in assisting with and rectifying the situation. Legal counsel has been consulted.

Debbie Pfeifer inquired about zoning regulations that the new owners would have to comply with in regards to whether the lots are buildable or not buildable. Platz assumes since it is a subdivision they are all zoned R1. Feld mentioned that according to the town's map everything there is zoned R1. Platz will continue to communicate with Mike Williams on this matter. He asked if any of the homeowners find something in writing regarding this matter to please provide it to the town ASAP.

John Vlietstra introduced himself and briefly presented his plan for a salvage dealer or recycler license. He has a permit from DOT and a no exposure certificate from the DNR. His plan is to recover Freon from junk cars. Platz explained that in order to operate a home based business in the Town of Rhine he would need to apply for a CUP. The next meeting for that would be in June. He can't sign the license request until then because it would be a violation of the Town's ordinances.

There were no other public comments.

## 7. Discuss and possibly act on:

- a. **Rural Mutual Insurance:** Presentation from Matt Luecke – tabled. Mr. Luecke notified the clerk this morning that he could not attend. He said he has reviewed the current town policy which looks good. Clerk is checking with the village to see if we are on the village's insurance to be sure we are not paying double premiums. Zimmermann said when our agent comes to a future meeting we should review all of the policies and see if we need any updates.
- b. **Motion to approve operator's license for Frederick Johanning** by Zimmermann. Second by Rost. No discussion. No nays.
- c. **Class B for St. Peter's picnic license.** Motion to approve by Feld. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zimmermann. No discussion. No nays.
- d. **Wolverine Fireworks:** This business was previously known as Baralota, and they provided a fireworks celebration for Crystal Lake last summer. Carl Rickmeier, representing the Crystal Lake Advancement Association, addressed the Board regarding their request to provide this service for the 4th of July, 2017. The insurance information is the same as last year. He has contacted the appropriate authorities on this and will keep the town apprised of their findings. Rost motioned to approved the request. , 2<sup>nd</sup>. Frank. No discussion. No nays.
- e. **Letter from Dpt of Health regarding cigarette and tobacco fees.** The letter is just an FYI. Feld mentioned there is only one retailer in the town and he does not feel there is a need to adjust any of the town's fees for this.

**f. Review of sub committees for the coming 2 years.**

Platz read a list of the current committees and members into the record, except for the Comprehensive Planning Committee members, as they may change.

A motion to approve all other current members was made by Zimmermann. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. No nays.

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

- a. The town received a **card of thanks** to the Roads Committee for obtaining 45 mph road signs on Badger Rd. from Joyce Gumieny. Platz expressed his appreciation to Zimmermann for getting these put up again. Zimmermann commented that at some point in the future there should be a sign to indicate where the Village of Elkhart Lake boundaries begin.
- b. **Letter from State of WI 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District** regarding consolidation of municipal courts. It will be the Northern Moraine Municipal Court. That court is now in place. Elkhart Lake will also be policing in Howard's Grove now.
- c. **Email from Paul Dirkse regarding Rhine Boarder farm issue:** Mr. Koenig provided with a large volume of information last month. The attorney has reviewed it and suggested there are only 2 or 3 minor things the Town might want to look at. He has consulted with Platz on the procedure to move forward with this. One option is to hold a joint planning commission/TB meeting to write up a CUP. Platz does not necessarily agree with that. He feels the planning commission should meet first, allowing neighbors' comments. The committee's recommendations would be made to the Town Board. This should be able to be put on the agenda for June.

Julie Stodolka commented that she feels a bit of "ownership" in this situation. She can't attend a meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. She does not feel it would be right to have the meeting on a date when she can't attend when she has put a lot of effort and time into it, and she is requesting a date when she can attend if possible. Platz explained that would be up to the discretion of the chairman of the Planning commission.

- d. **Lawnmower letter received in April from a resident:** We received a letter from Pam Egelseer She has inherited a nice lawn mower and wanted to know if the town would be interested in buying it. Properties Committee Chairman Rost mentioned we are not looking to buy one at this time.

**9. Sub-Committee reports:**

**Zimmermann - Roads:** The Roads Committee is meeting is May 16 to review the bids on Snake Rd. At that time no action will be taken other than to make a recommendation to the Town Board.

**Rost - Properties:** A few matters of routine maintenance on the back of building, landscaping to repair damage from snow removal, and new lights are being taken care. The use of the inside bathroom facilities when only the shelter is rented was discussed at the last Properties Committee meeting and it was recommend to not allow use of the town hall restrooms when only the shelter is rented. The only exception is to grandfather

in the church on Memorial Day. Also, there was a request from a resident to rent the tables and chairs from the town hall. It was decided to not provide furniture rental.

**Feld - Collections:** The brush pile was burned after obtaining DNR permission. brush burned once or twice a year without having to obtain permission every time. Everything else is working well. There has been improvement and changes in location of dumpsters to make things easier to access. There is also consideration of installing a slab for the port-a-potty.

**10 . Correspondence:** No further correspondence discussed.

**11. Approve Vouchers:** Motion to approve by Zimmermann. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. No nays.

**12. Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June May 2, 2017

**13. Adjournment:** Motion by Zimmermann to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. No nays.

Dated: 05/02/17