

TOWN OF RHINE
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTES
Tuesday, August 7, 2018 6:30 pm

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, Jon Rost, Al Feld, Bill Jacob

1. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Posted on July 26, 2018.
2. **Pledge:**
3. **Approve Minutes of July 10, 2018:** A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Read into the record.
5. **Building Permits for June:** Read into the record.
6. **Public comments of a general nature:**

Larry Eberle: Larry would like to help the Town of Rhine and requested that the town consider having a small podium built for speakers at meetings so that they would have somewhere to place their papers when speaking. It would be a valuable tool.

Pam Egelseer requested that the town send an emergency email to deny a variance for the Aggrecon expansion. She listed several concerns that would adversely affect the residents of the Town of Rhine. The letter needs to be addressed to the town of Schleswig and to the Manitowoc County Board.

Joel Clark would like everyone in the town to be aware of the proposed Aggrecon expansion along the town of Rhine. That expansion would adversely many residents in the town of Rhine. He also feels that property values will plummet if the large pit is permitted to be built in the area. He would like the board to help protect the interest of the town and its residents. Clark has petitions which have been signed by town residents, which he presented to the chairman.

There were no other public comments.

Platz discussed the flyer on the proposed Aggrecon expansion. The board members have copies in their packets. The Manitowoc board tabled action on it until next week. He will consider putting it on the agenda for the September town board meeting. Points on jurisdiction are noted. The entire Aggrecon site is in the town of Schleswig. Many town of Rhine residents have expressed their concern. He feels the town should get involved with it.

7. **Discuss and Possibly Act on:**

Building permit fees - Steve Gage, SafeBuilt: Steve Gage and Erica Lewandowski of SafeBuilt reviewed the town's current contract, which is due for renewal. Currently our permits don't generate enough revenue to cover the fees for their services. Gage has previously presented a draft of the proposed contract renewal and proposed increased fees..

Platz clarified that any decisions would be subject to negotiation before Town Board approval. Gage conferred with that. The current revenue split between SafeBuilt and the Town is 90/10. Gage suggests that we stay at that split in order to avoid raising fees even more. However, it can be customized even further to the Town's needs if wanted.

Platz made a request of the Board to approve him meeting with the town's legal counsel and possibly SafeBuilt to review the contract and fees. Rost made a motion for Chairman Platz to meet with the town's legal counsel and possibly Safe Built in order to review the proposed contract and fees. 2nd by Feld. Roll call vote: Jacob - yes. Rost - yes. Feld - yes. Platz - yes. Platz will do this before the next Town Board meeting. The current contract is auto renewing.

Misc. town fees: Review of suggestions from the clerk and deputy regarding fees. Many of the town's current fees are well below that of other towns and are not keeping up with the cost of providing the services.

A motion to raise the fee on **public records requests** to \$30 .00an hour (from \$10 .00 an hour) which require over one hours' work to complete, excluding postage was made by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor. There is no charge for requests which are completed in under one hour.

A motion to raise the fee for **replacement collection tags** was raised to \$20.00 from \$5.00 for the 3rd tag issued was made by Feld. 2nd by Jacob. All in favor. Note: There is no fee for the original tag or the 2nd one. This applies to the 3rd tag given for the same household.

A motion to raise the fee on **Special Assessment Letters** from \$10.00 to \$35.00 was made by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

A motion to raise the fee on **RUSH requests** (same business day) for **Special Assessment Letters** to \$60.00 was made by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

It was decided to begin **enforcing a \$5.00 late fee for all dog tags issued after March 31st** of each year. This is in the ordinances currently but has not been practiced.

A motion to increase the **Town Hall and Town Shelter rental fee from \$65.00 to \$90.00** , with a combined discounted fee of \$160.00 if both facilities are rented at the same time, and a possibly refundable cleaning deposit fee of \$90.00 per building was made by Rost. 2nd by Jacob. All in favor. In order to have the cleaning deposit fully refunded, the facility must be left in the same clean condition it was rented in, with no damage.

Alarm system ordinance: This has been worked out jointly with the Village of Elkhart Lake and Town of Rhine according to the shared firehouse expense agreement. The Village has a lot of problem with false alarms, mostly from businesses. Occasionally, there is a false alarm in the Town. It is costly to send a constable or law enforcement officer, EMT, whatever is needed. The first offense is currently no charge and \$100 after. The new ordinance adapts new fine amounts (see page 2 of 3 of ordinance)

A motion to alter the current ordinance to the new wording and fees was made by Feld. 2nd by Jacob. All in favor. Jacob would like to add the rule “rolling on page 2, section 3 (b).

New fees are: 1st occurrence - no charge
2nd - \$100 .00 service charge
3rd - \$175.00 service charge
4th - \$200.00 service charge
5th and subsequent - \$400 per occurrence.

Fees begin accruing anew on Jan. 1 of each calendar year.

No service charge is charged if the false alarm is caused by an electrical storm, tornado, or other weather-related natural disaster where there is clear evidence of physical damage to the alarm system or structure; At a location where the Town has installed an alarm; or caused by electrical power disruption in excess of two (2) hours beyond the control of the alarm site.

False alarm service charges shall be invoiced to the property owner and are due within 30 days of the invoice.

WTA Resolution: Town of Rhine belongs to Wisconsin Towns Association. WTA requests a resolution to request the governor and legislators to approve more funding for roads in the state. WE did this 2 years ago, and it was an effective tool to increase transportation funding for local towns. There are 43 miles of road in the town. With our budget we can basically repair one mile a year. The suggested resolution was read into the record by Feld. Motion to send the resolution to the governor and to our legislators was made by Feld. 2nd by Rost. Roll call vote: Jacob - yes, Rost - yes, Feld - yes, Platz - yes. All in favor.

Guardian alarms - Brief discussion on the possibility of re-keying the front and side doors: It has been some time since the doors have been re-keyed. The alarms went off a couple of weeks ago around midnight. The sheriff said the doors were opened and they “secured the building” but we don’t know how he did that without a key. A motion to rekey the Town Hall doors was made by Feld and 2nd by Rost. All in favor. (Note: Feld said you can secure the building without a key by locking the front door and leaving out the side door.)

Purchase of road sign for voting: Joanie Fiorenza can provide a "Vote Here" sign for \$45.00. No action is required, and it was agreed to purchase the sign.

9. Chairman's Information Report and Correspondence:

Update on stop work order for garage at Elkhart Lake: The stop worker order is still in effect. The attorney will respond soon.

Platz and Feld have been covering on roads. There has been a lot of cutting for ditches lately (to control weed growth). There were also calls regarding culvert issues and wild parsnip plants.

Update on Frank Zimmermann: He has been in Rocky Knoll. Please remember him in thoughts and prayers for serious health issues.

10. Sub-Committee Reports:

Collection Site: An air conditioner was donated for the attendants at the shack at the collection site. A new supervisor, Don Smoot, has been hired since Jack Krause retired.

11. Approve Vouchers: A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

12. Announce Next Meeting Date: Sept. 4, 2018

13. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. was made by Jacob and 2nd by Feld. All in favor.