

**TOWN OF RHINE**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm**

**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, September 4, 2018 in the Town of Rhine Hall, W5250 CTH FF, Elkhart Lake, WI.

**PRESENT:** Ron Platz, Chairman; Al Feld, Jon Rost, William Jacob

1. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Posted on August 30, 2018.
2. **Pledge:**
3. **Approve Minutes of August 7, 2018:** Motion to approve by Rost. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. All in favor. Feld suggested a correction on the wording of the fee increases for the 3rd replacement tag for the collection site. The Clerk will make the change in the minutes. All in favor.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Read into the record.

Recently 2 maturing CD's were combined into one at Wisconsin Bank and Trust for a higher rate of return.

Elections Report: 1499 registered voters, 510 voted (34% turnout).

5. **Building Permits for July:** Read into the record.
6. **Public comments of a general nature:** None.
7. **Agenda item comments:**  
Matthew from Rural Insurance - comments on Town's policy - Tabled until Oct. meeting.

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

**Aggrecon:** Many town residents are opposed to the proposed expansion of the Aggrecon facility on Little Elkhart Lake Rd. Platz reiterated that this facility is not within the Town of Rhine's jurisdiction, so the Town has no authority in this matter.

### **Public Comments:**

Pam Egelseer would appreciate it if the town of Rhine writes a letter recommending that this variance not be granted. She stated her concerns about the Aggrecon pit and the problems it is causing for nearby residents.

There were no other public comments on this issue.

Al Feld is in favor of sending a letter to the Town of Schleswig and the County of Manitowoc regarding the matter.

Jacob asked if there is any information on how Manitowoc County feels about this issue. According to Egelseer, the County is waiting on a recommendation from the Town of Schleswig before they will take action. Jacob feels the Town of Rhine should do whatever is possible to prevent this expansion.

Platz said a letter could be sent to appropriate government bodies. Rost is in agreement as this matter directly affects Town Rhine residents.

Feld motions to send a letter of opposition to the Aggrecon expansion to all 3 government entities that are involved, (Schlewsig Town Board, Manitowoc County Board, and the Manitowoc Board of Adjustments or Planning.). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rost. All in favor.

**Operator's License for Jamie Weaver (Rumors):** A 60 day provisional license was issued per Paul Dirkse. Chief of Police Mike Meuusen has recommended to deny the application for a permanent license.

The board needs to take action on the application for a permanent operator's license as well as how to handle the provisional license.

Rost motions to deny the application for a permanent operator's license. 2<sup>nd</sup> be Jacob. Roll call vote: Jacob - deny. Rost - deny. Feld - deny. Platz - deny.

The provisional permit has been in effect for 10 or 11 days and has about 50 days left on it. Platz mentioned we have not dealt with Rumors before as it is a new establishment. We could leave the provisional intact for the remainder of the 60 days or revoke it at any time during that period. Feld mentioned she could keep her license for the remaining term of the provisional permit and re-apply for a permanent license at the end of that time. This could be used as a trial period.

Feld motions to let the provisional permit run its course. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rost. Jacob mentioned it seems inconsistent with him to deny the permanent and allow the provisional. Feld mentioned that none of the applicant's legal issues were related to bartending. Roll call vote: Jacob - yes, Rost-yes, Feld - yes. Platz - yes.

**9. Correspondence and Chairman's Information Report:**

**Randy Boeldt of Elkhart Lake Improvement Association - donation request:**

An email from Boeldt was read into the record. ELIA is seeking continued support and a donation from the Town to help support the general welfare of Elkhart Lake and the safety of those who enjoy it. Boeldt gave a brief history and introduction of ELIA and its purpose. He provided a copy of their 2018 budget. ELIA is requesting that the town raise their current contribution of \$1000 to \$1500 or a higher amount next year.

Paul Booher commented that he appreciates the concerns of ELIA. He gave a review of what LEL Rehab District has done to treat weeds on Little Elkhart Lake and how they paid for it. He suggested that ELIA consider forming a Rehabilitation District, which could give them more power to tax the residents of the district. He thinks it would be good for Crystal Lake and Elkhart Lake to consider forming Rehabilitation Districts to help pay for lake maintenance and invasive species control. If ELIA is granted \$1500, then he would like a similar contribution for LEL next year.

**Passing of Joanne Arndt:** Platz commented on the recent passing of one of our poll workers, Joanne Arndt. She was a great asset during elections and she will be missed.

**Wild Parsnip:** Platz has received complaints about wild parsnip in the town. Spraying will be done next spring by a company that the county contracted with.

**Budgets are due:** Committees should start working on their budgets for 2019 and turn them in soon.

**Update on Waibel:** The Town Clerk was served with a Writ of Mandamus regarding the Waibel property on Shoreland Road last week. The Waibels are demanding that the stop work order be rescinded. The Town's insurance will cover its defense on this, up to \$50,000. Neither Paul Dirkse nor his firm can represent the Town, as they have been involved in the situation and might be called to testify at a later date. The appointed attorney has been in touch with the Clerk and Chairman Platz.

**10. Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Properties and Collection Site:** Feld mentioned that we have a new podium. Also, a new person has been hired for the collection site. He reminded people to bring their collection site tag with them when they come to the collection site and to knock down large boxes, etc. in order to control costs.

**11. Approve Vouchers:** Motion to approve by Feld. 2n by Jacob. All in favor.

**12: Possible Closed Session to review salaries for Deputy Clerk and Clerk/Treasurer:**

Motion by Feld to go into closed session at 7:25 p.m. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

**13. Reconvene into open session:** Platz called the Board back into open session at 8:17 p.m.

Regarding compensation for the Office Assistant/Deputy Clerk (Catherine Loeffler), Feld made a motion to raise her pay starting Sept. 1, 2018 from \$15.00 per hour to \$17.00 per hour and to increase it to \$19.00 per hour beginning Jan. 1, 2019. 2nd by Rost. Roll call vote: Jacob - yes. Rost - yes. Feld - yes. Platz - yes.

Regarding the compensation for the Clerk/Treasurer (Lexann Hoogstra), Feld motioned to raise the current compensation to \$27,500 per year beginning Sept. 1, 2018 with an additional raise to \$30,000 per year beginning Jan. 1, 2019. 2nd by Jacob. Roll call vote: Jacob - yes. Rost - yes. Feld - yes. Platz - yes.

**13. Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. was made by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

**14. Announce Next Meeting Date:** October 2, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lexann Hoogstra, Clerk/Treasurer

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