

**TOWN OF RHINE**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 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.*

1.     **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Posted on November 8, 2018.
2.     **Pledge:** The pledge was followed by a moment of silence for Don Ruh.
3.     **Approve Minutes of October 2, 2018:** Motion to approve by Jacob. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. All in favor.
4.     **Treasurer's Report:** Read into the record.
5.     **Elections Report:** The town had an 86% voter turnout.
6.     **Building Permits for October:** Read into the record.
7.     **Public comments of a general nature:**

Bruce Balisterri: Bruce would like to see a pay raise for poll workers and chief inspectors. He would suggest an increase in pay for poll workers to \$10 per hour and \$15 per hour for chief inspectors.

Paul Booher: Paul would like to echo Bruce's comments regarding poll workers and chief inspectors, and he would like to see a pay increase for them.

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

Joshua Neeb from Bank First National: He provided an overview of banking services from Bank First National, and he gave highlights of the Muni-Elite account.

Donation request from Elkhart Lake Schools Education Foundation: Julia Loo-Sutcliffe explained the request for a donation. Any donation would go into an account specifically for the band department, as there is a real need in that department. They have also requested a donation from Elkhart Lake. She discussed the current budget and donations. Right now, they receive about \$1000 per year for visiting musicians. The requested funds are deposited into a restricted account which would mostly be used for instruments, sheet music, etc.. 25% of the school population falls at or below the poverty level.

Platz asked about financial support on a recurring basis. They would only ask for donations when the funds are used up, not necessarily every year. Platz did mention that if the town donates to one school there could be requests from all of the other school districts in the town as well.

There was a brief discussion among the board regarding the kinds of donations a municipality could make, and he will check with the town's legal counsel regarding this request. Platz suggests to table this until the meeting of the electors on Nov. 27. It will be further addressed at the December Town Board.

Joint powers agreement with Sheboygan County Sheriff Cory Roessler: This needs to be acted on each year. Feld motions to go into the joint powers agreement with the county as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rost. All in favor. No nays.

Proposed contract changes and fee changes from Safe Built: Building permit fees have been increased and the contract updated. Based on previously made presentations and discussions, Rost moves to adapt the new 3 year agreement as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. All in favor.

Applications for 4th Supervisor position: An ad was placed in the Plymouth Review for 2 weeks, and there were 4 interested parties who responded. Platz explained the legal process and options for appointing a supervisor to complete Frank Zimmermann's term until April of 2020.

Dave Otte, applicant: He would like to honor Frank's memory. He served with Frank on the Town Board and in several capacities for several years.

Larry Eberle: Larry reviewed his experiences with the Town of Rhine. His biggest concern is that someone is on the board to represent agriculture.

Letters of interest were also received from Michael Froh and Fred McDaniel (neither were present).

Town Board discussion: Rost speaks very highly of Froh, and he feels he should be seriously considered.

Platz explained that there can be no secret ballot or voting on this. Rost motions to appoint Michael Froh to fulfill the unexpired term of Frank Zimmermann until his term expires at the April 2020 election. No 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion fails.

Jacob asked for more discussion: He also thinks very highly of Mr. Froh. He feels there is a need for agricultural representation on the board. He feels it would be important to fill Frank's position with a person who is experienced in agricultural matters.

Motion to appoint Larry Eberle to fulfill Zimmermann's unfilled term on the Board of Supervisors. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rost. No further discussion. Roll call vote: Jacob - yes, Rost - yes, Feld - yes, Platz - yes, Hoogstra - yes.

Jacob expressed that all applicants are highly capable and could be considered to be appointed to other positions/committees in the town. Platz would like to see more citizen involvement.

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

Donald Ruh: Mr. Ruh recently passed away. We will advertise for someone to take over his responsibilities in the town.

WPS letter about survey work taking place in the town: This is a natural gas main replacement project.

Letter from Waibel: Attorneys from both parties have been in cooperation with each other in an attempt to resolve the situation with the Waibel property.

10. **Sub-Committee Reports:** Feld: All is fine at the recycling center. Properties is quiet at this time. Snake Road between A and the road up to Plateau was recently resurfaced and built up. On Snake between MM and EH, there is major shoulder work scheduled. Some of that work will be done by the county. Jacob reported that the ordinance committee is finishing work on chapter 4.
11. **Approve Vouchers:** Motion to approve by Rost. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. All in favor.
12. **Announce Next Meeting Date:** December 4, 2018 at 6:30. Prior to that there will be an annual meeting of electors at 6 pm on November 27, with the board meeting at 6:15 or immediately after to take action on the budget.
13. **Adjournment:** Rost made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. All in favor. No nay votes.

APPROVED