
❖ The Town of Rhine Newsletter ❖

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WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR POLLWORKERS TO WORK ELECTIONS

If interested, please email the Town Clerk at clerk@townrhine.com
Or call 920-876-3413

Tax Payments

The second installment of property taxes must be paid and sent to the Sheboygan County Treasurer. We cannot accept these payments at the Town Hall. Second Installment payments are due July 31, 2017.

Recycling Center

By Al Feld
Chairman Lakes & Sanitation

Just a few thoughts from the Recycling Center. As spring approaches and we start to clean up our yards and garages from the winter, I would like to remind everyone that only brush/leaves are allowed on the pile at the drop off site. Also, if you plan to burn this yourselves, I would remind you to go to the Town website (townrhine.com) and look at section 11 of the Ordinances as it refers to outdoor burning. As you bring your trash for disposal, it would be greatly appreciated if you would knock down any large pieces to the smallest possible size before you get to the drop off site, i.e. cardboard boxes, cabinets or any other large pieces. It is not so much the cost of the garbage as it is the cost of trucking it. So the more we get in a dumpster, the less the trucking costs. Your

cooperation in this would be greatly appreciated as the drop-off site is the second largest item in the Town budget. Also, it would be nice to tell the attendants that you appreciate their service and listen to what they tell you when dropping off your trash. They are there to help you and the Town follow the rules that have been set up by the DNR as far as disposal of recyclables and trash. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Collection Site Hours

Each Saturday 8AM-4PM

Earthwise Electronic Recycling

2nd Saturday each month
8AM-10AM



Message from the Road Committee

By Frank Zimmermann

This summer we will be reconstructing Snake Road from EH to the Manitowoc County line in addition to our standard road maintenance.

Town Hall Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:30AM –4:30PM
W5250 CTH FF
PO Box 117
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020
Email: clerk@townrhine.com
Telephone: 920-876-3413
Fax: 920-876-4264

Town of Rhine Meeting Schedule

Town Board-First Tuesday of each month
Plan Commission-Second Wednesday of each month (if required)
Board of Appeals-Fourth Wednesday of each month (if required)

Go Paperless

If you are one of the many who prefer the convenience of opening an email and reading on-line from your computer, we would love to get you on board! Just contact the Office Assistant at 920-876-3413 or by email at: assistant@townrhine.com We will get you switched over to paperless newsletters received via email. If you still prefer to receive a paper copy, you don't need to do anything. The newsletter is also available on-line at: www.townrhine.com

Notes from the Chair!

Written by Red Platz

County Sales Tax

As you are probably aware, the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors passed an Ordinance in 2016 implementing a one half per cent County Sales Tax effective January 1, 2017. While I am sure not everyone is happy with having another tax imposed upon them, this one does have some real benefits for the Town of Rhine and all other municipalities in Sheboygan County.

As part of the taxing agreement, Sheboygan County has agreed to share \$1.5 million of this revenue per year with all the municipalities within the County. This means that every City, Village and Township in the County is eligible for part of the \$1.5 million if they wish to participate. The formula for this sharing is based on each municipality's equalized value. Also, as part of this agreement, the funding that is received from this sales tax can only be used for maintaining transportation infrastructure, (roads, bridges etc...). In the Town of Rhine, we are responsible for maintaining 44 miles of roads and several bridges. The amount of money that we have been able to budget for roads projects the last several years always leaves us with some tough choices because we never have enough to do all the things we should. Understand that our roads budget includes road repairs, resurfacing, ditch cutting for weeds, plowing,

stripping, culverts, shouldering work and many other issues that arise.

That is why the Town Board passed an Ordinance recently to accept this funding from Sheboygan County which will entitle us to receive approximately \$59,000.00 on an annual basis for road projects. If we had not passed this Ordinance, our portion of this money would have been split among other municipalities. This extra funding will go a long way in helping us to repair and maintain our roads within the Township. Your Roads Committee will be doing a drive around on all the Town roads this summer to rate all the roads and prioritize them for repairs in the future. In the meantime, if anyone is aware of any Town road damage that needs immediate attention, please contact us at the Town Hall so we can address the situation.

Volunteers

In May of this year we will be taking action to appoint people to all of our Committees and Commissions. Two years ago when the "new" Board at that time was seated, they agreed to try to get more residents of the Township involved in local government. With that thought in mind, we had several folks step up and volunteer to serve. I think it has worked out well and

we would like to continue this practice. (Understanding that these Committees make recommendations to the Town Board and the Town Board makes the final decisions.)

Anyone who is interested in serving should contact myself or Lexann at the Town Hall and we will take your information and contact you when openings become available.

Concerns

Just a reminder that if anyone has any questions or concerns, you can contact myself or any of the Supervisors by calling or emailing or stopping by the Town Hall and leaving your message with Lexann or Kay. The Town Board members contact information is on our website.

St Peter Evangelical Church Memorial Day Picnic & Parade

Monday, May 29, 2017 at the Town Rhine Shelter.

Picnic-11AM to 4PM

Parade-1PM

Serving brats, hamburgers, ice-cream, homemade desserts, beer and soda.



Fireworks

Fireworks are not allowed in the Town of Rhine per state statute 167.10:

“Regulation of fireworks. (1) Definition. In this section, “fireworks” means anything manufactured, processed or packaged for exploding, emitting sparks or combustion which does not have another common use, but does **not** include any of the following:

- (f) A toy snake which contains mercury.
- (i) A sparkler on a wire or wood stick not exceeding 36 inches in length that is designed to produce audible or visible effects or to produce audible and visible effects.
- (j) A device designed to spray out paper confetti or streamers and which contains less than one-quarter grain of explosive mixture.
- (k) A fuseless device that is designed to produce audible or visible effects or audible and visible effects, and that contains less than one-quarter grain of explosive mixture.
- (L) A device that is designed primarily to burn pyrotechnic smoke-producing mixtures, at a controlled rate, and that produces audible or visible effects, or audible and visible effects.

(m) A cylindrical fountain that consists of one or more tubes and that is classified by the federal department of transportation as a Division 1.4 explosive, as defined in 49 CFR 173.50.

(n) A cone fountain that is classified by the federal department of transportation as a Division 1.4 explosive, as defined in 49 CFR 173.50.”



Elkhart Lake Firemen’s Picnic

Friday thru Sunday June 30-July 2

Fireworks-Friday night-9:30pm

Parade-Sunday 11:30am



Building Permits

If you’re doing a remodel or building new, requirements for building permits can be found on the Town of Rhine website at: townrhine.com. Click on the Building Permit Info tab on the left-hand side of the page.

Building Inspector Hours

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Call the inspector on his cell phone at: 262-364-9597.



A Big Thank You

A big thank you goes out to all our Poll Workers. We really appreciate all the work you do. We couldn’t run the elections without you!

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