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# ❖ 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](mailto:clerk@townrhine.com)  
Or call 920-876-3413

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### Tax Payments

Tax payments may be made during normal business hours at the Town of Rhine Hall at W5250 CTH FF on Tuesday or Thursday from 11:30AM to 4:00PM.

Tax payments may also be deposited in the drop box outside the Town Hall at any time. The drop box is located to the left of the front door.

Tax payments may also be made at the Elkhart Lake branch of Wisconsin Bank & Trust during normal lobby hours. Please bring along all tax bills with you to the bank when making payment.

For tax payments by mail, please use the following address and **include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you require a receipt:**

Town of Rhine  
PO Box 117

Elkhart Lake, WI 53020-0117

**Please Note: The Town of Rhine cannot accept cash or credit card payments.**

### Dog Licensing

All dogs that are five months or older MUST be licensed before April 1, 2018. License fees for male & female dogs are \$14. License fees for spayed or neutered dogs are \$7. Multiple dog tags are \$55.

### No dog license can be issued without a rabies vaccination certificate.

If you no longer have a dog that was licensed in the Township last year, please call 920-876-3413 so we can remove the dog from our records.

Payment of Dog Licenses may be made during normal business hours at the Town of Rhine Hall at W5250 CTH FF on Tuesday or Thursday from 11:30AM to 4:30PM. Dog license payments, including a self-addressed stamped envelope for mailing the license back to you, may also be deposited in the drop box outside the Town Hall at any time.

For Dog License payments by mail, please use the following address and include a self-addressed stamped envelope so the dog tag may be mailed back to you:

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PO Box 117

Elkhart Lake, WI 53020-0117

Checks for Dog Licenses should be made out to the Town of Rhine and must be a **separate** check from your tax payment.

### 2018 Election Dates

February 20, 2018-Spring Primary  
April 3, 2018-Spring Election  
Aug 14, 2018-Partisan Primary  
Nov 6, 2018-Fall General Election

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### NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that an election shall be held in the Town of Rhine on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. The following officers are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for these offices is two years:

**THIRD SUPPERVISOR-Todd Purkey**

**FOURTH SUPERVISOR-Frank Zimmermann**

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN,** that the first date to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2017 and the final date for filing nomination papers is 5:00 PM on January 2, 2018 in the office of the Town Clerk/Treasurer, W5250 CTH FF, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN,** that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

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# Notes from the Chair!

Written by Ron Platz

## “New Ladder Truck”

For the last several years, the Elkhart Lake/Town of Rhine Fire Department has been requesting that the Joint Emergency Service Committee consider looking at the purchase of a new 100’ ladder truck. (This request was made based on the fact that the old 55’ truck was 33 years old, needed several expensive repairs and was really inadequate for many of the newer structures being built today.) Earlier this year that Committee instructed Fire Chief Pat Zorn to get us some numbers on the costs of a new truck and to possibly look if there were any good used trucks out there. In August, the Chief and several of his firefighters went to Bryn Mawr, PA to look at a used truck that they had located. After doing a thorough inspection of the truck, (a 2009 Rosenbauer Spartan 100’ aerial), they returned and gave a power point presentation to a joint meeting of the Village Board and the Town of Rhine Board.

After determining that the cost of a brand new 100’ aerial truck would be in the neighborhood of \$900,000 to one million dollars, they recommended to the joint boards that we consider purchasing the used truck at a cost of less than \$500,000. Because past Town Boards always budgeted monies ahead of time and held them in reserve accounts, we will be able to pay our half of the cost of this truck without additional taxes or borrowing.

This truck has very low mileage and very little use. It also has most of the equipment and storage requirements that they would like to see on a different aerial truck.

We have since entered into an agreement to purchase this vehicle and will be picking it up in June of 2018 to put into service here in our Joint Fire Department.

I would like to commend Chief Zorn for all of his efforts, and also his firefighters, for their input into reaching this resolution. I am confident that this is a good decision and this vehicle will serve our communities well for many years to come.

## Long Range Planning Commission

Several months ago the Town Board took action to form a Long Range Planning Commission to update our Long Range Plan that was first implemented in 2009. We are required by the State of Wisconsin to update this plan every 10 years. (They are not looking at rewriting the existing plan, but simply adding addendums where changes need to be made.)

I want to thank those who stepped up to serve on this Commission and to invite you to attend any of their meetings if you have any input or are curious as to what they are doing. Their

meetings are posted at the Town Hall and on the Town website.

## Annual Budget

The Finance Committee is finishing up our work on the 2018 proposed budget for the Township. The new proposed budget will be presented to the residents of the Township at our annual meeting on November 15, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

## Questions Regarding Town of Rhine Regulations

Just a reminder that if you ever have ANY questions or concerns about Town of Rhine Ordinances, please contact one of the Board members (our contact information is on the website) or stop at the Town Hall and ask. It is much easier to answer your questions up front than to deal with a problem after the fact. We are here to serve you.

## Saying Good Bye to Kay Pauly

Our deputy clerk, Kay Pauly, recently announced that she would be retiring before the end of the year. Kay has been an excellent Deputy Clerk and I am sure we will all miss her. She was always easy to work with and I received many compliments from those who stopped by the Town Hall and had interactions with her. Thank you Kay for all you have done for the residents of the Town of Rhine!!

**Did You know...**

the Town of Rhine has a wonderful walking trail through Nature Park located behind the Town Hall. There is a gravel parking lot behind the Park Shelter to park at. The trail starts on the east end of the gravel parking lot and goes out to a small pond and then circles back to the west end of the parking lot. The trail is kept mowed during the summer months. There are two wooden benches along the trail near the pond. So make sure to take advantage of this wonderful resource.



**TOWN HALL HOURS**

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
11:30AM - 4:30PM

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PO Box 117  
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

Email: [clerk@townrhine.com](mailto:clerk@townrhine.com)

Telephone: 920-876-3413

Fax: 920-876-4264

**RECYCLING CENTER**

By Al Feld

Reminder...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.

**COLLECTION SITE HOURS**

Each Saturday 8AM-4PM

**Earthwise Electronic Recycling**

2nd Saturday each month  
8AM -10AM



**BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS**

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Do you take occasional meals to a neighbor or relative, or do you know someone who is not able to get out of the house? Consider referring him/her to Fresh Meals On Wheels of Sheboygan County. Our volunteers deliver fresh homemade meals five days a week - although clients can receive meals as few as three days a week. We offer seven medically-tailored diets, and each meal provides 1/3 of a person's daily nutritional needs. We serve people of all income levels. To learn more, please call Meals On Wheels at 920-451-7011 or visit [FreshMealsOnWheels.org](http://FreshMealsOnWheels.org).



**ROADS UPDATE**

By Frank Zimmermann

This year we resurfaced Snake Road. The road was pulverized and paved with a 3 inch overlay.

We also paved the area around the dry hydrant for the fire trucks.

We had two road projects come in under the quoted price, so we took this excess money and refurbished the recycle center entrance.

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