

# TOWN OF RHINE -ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** The Annual Meeting of the Town of Rhine was called to order by Chairman Ron Platz at 7:01 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the Rhine Town Hall. Town Clerk/Treasurer, Lexann Hoogstra, recorded the minutes.
2. **Pledge to the flag:**
3. **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** The notice was published and posted in 3 places and on the town's website as per legal requirements.
4. **Proceedings:**
  - a. **Verification of attendees:** There were 4 electors (plus the Clerk/Treasurer) present who were verified by reading the Sign in List and a show of hands.
  - b. A motion to have **routine voting done by a show of hands** was made by Al Feld. Second by Bill Jacob. No discussion. All in favor.
  - c. **The minutes of the April 24, 2018 Annual Meeting** were provided to the electors. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Al Feld. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Jacob. All in favor.
  - d. **Questions regarding the Annual Report:** Annual reports minutes were available for the public. There were no questions.  
  
A motion to approve the 2017 Annual Financial Report was made by Al Feld. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Jacob. No discussion. All in favor.  
  
Platz mentioned that he has met recently with the accountant who stated that the finances are in good shape. Expenses were a bit higher due mostly to employee salary increases. There was a large capital outlay, which was for the fire ladder truck. The town had funds on hand for this expense.
5. **Questions regarding annual report:** None
6. **Old business:** None
7. **New Business:** Feld mentioned that at the last annual meeting, an increase was authorized for the road committee budget. He would like to raise the roads budget to \$300,000 in 2019.

Platz reviewed the audit letter from the town's legal counsel regarding the state of the town's finances. Legal fees were inflated a bit due to recent litigation.

Annual audit and reports were available to public.

Town's accountant was not able to print up the finalized report yet. It will be available soon for anyone wanting it. His figures are available on the presented QB reports.

Platz explained the Profit and Loss, Previous Year Comparison. Income was similar to the previous year.

Swear in newly elected officials: Platz and Jacob have been sworn in. Rost is out of town and has not been sworn in as of this date.

8. Next meeting: April 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Bill Jacob at 7:14 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lexann Hoogstra, Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Rhine

Expenses were a bit higher due mostly to employee expenses. There was a large capital outlay, which was for the fire ladder truck. The town had funds on hand for this expense.

A profit and loss was also provided.

Questions regarding annual report: None

A motion to approve the 2018 annual report was made by Feld. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacob. All in favor.

Old business: None

New Business: Feld mentioned that at the last annual meeting, a raise was authorized for the road committee budget. He would like to raise the roads budget to \$300,000 in 2019. There is not enough money to fix all of the roads and culverts in the current budget.

Platz mentioned because the budget was approved already, this isn't the place to do it. Because the motion was approved last year, roads could spend up to \$300,00. Feld would like to be able to ask for \$300,000 when the budget is done.

Platz reviewed the audit letter from the town's legal counsel as far as the state of the town's finances. Legal fees were up a bit.

Platz and Jacob have been sworn in.

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UNAPPROVED