

TOWN OF RHINE
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Present: Ron Platz, Al Feld, Jon Rost, Bill Jacob, Larry Eberle

Called to order at 6:31 by Ron Platz

- 1. Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Posted on August 29, 2019.
- 2. Pledge:**
- 3. Approve Minutes of August 6:** Motion to approve by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Read into the record.
- 5. Building Permits for August:** Read into the record.
- 6. Public comments of a general nature:** None.
- 7. Discuss and Possibly Act on:**

Approve Treasurer to attend Treasurer's Conference in Sept.: Motion to approve by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

Bertram Communications - Easement purchase and agreement: Jon Rost, chair of Broadband Committee, gave an update on the Broadband Committee's work.

Bertram Communications is willing to put a tower in the Town of Rhine on town property in order to complete their coverage map. Bertram is willing to invest approximately \$250,000 in the tower and equipment. They hope to recoup some costs with a county wide grant. The request is for the town to grant a 65 x 65 parcel with needed easements. He reviewed details of the proposed easement purchase and agreement.

Christa Johanson, member of the Broadband committee, provided some further information/clarification on the proposed agreements and notification requirements which might be necessary in the future. A conditional use permit might be needed.

Chairman Platz expressed thanks to the committee for their service and hard work on this matter. He would like to have the town's attorney review the proposed agreements before any action is taken. He mentioned that the cell tower approval might need to go through the planning commission for a CUP.

Jacob asked for clarification on what improved services would be available to residents if this is set up. Rost explained the type of broadband service and speed for internet service that would be available with this service. The speed should be better than anything available to town residents at this time. Bertram currently has approximately 300 towers.

Eberle would like to table the discussion until Bertram can attend a meeting. Platz suggested that if legal counsel approves, the next step would be for Bertram to apply for a CUP and meet with the planning commission.

Christa Johanson reviewed the highlights of the 2 proposed agreements. By signing the Easement Agreement, it would give Bertram the right to survey the property. The township has the right to object to the proposed location of the tower.

Rost made a motion to forward the 2 documents (*Agreement Regarding Easement Purchase and Tower Easement Agreement*) from Bertram Communications to counsel for a legal opinion. Upon legal counsel's blessing of the agreement regarding easement purchase, the Board would authorize Chairman Platz to sign on behalf of the town, authorizing Bertram to take the next steps before they come to the planning commission with the 2nd agreement, which would include the exact location. 2nd by Feld. Roll call vote: Eberle - yes. Jacob - yes. Rost - yes. Feld - yes. Platz - yes.

8. Chairman's information report and Sub-Committee Reports:

Please have proposed budgets for the upcoming year to the clerk by Sept. 20.

Platz brought up the need to replace or repair the bulletin board at the collection site. Platz would like the properties committee to consider possible alternative sites for posting before purchasing new bulletin boards.

Feld: The collection site is running fine. There are still issues with Snake Road flooding, and he explained possible solutions to correct the problem.

Jacob: There will be a planning commission meeting on Sept. 11 to review 2 applications. Ordinance committee is cooperating with Sanitary District 1 regarding Crystal Lake water issues. The clerk will set up a meeting with Catherine Fabian at the county regarding shoreline issues. There is a proposal from General Code to help us maintain and update the code books, and he would like the cost of this to be considered in the upcoming budgets.

Eberle: Properties will meet soon. He asked if the town needs 2 flag poles; there is one at the memorial park which isn't being used. Platz would like the properties committee to discuss this.

9. Approve Vouchers: Motion to approve by Feld. 2nd by Jacob. All in favor.

10. Announce Next Meeting Date: October 1, 2019.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Feld. 2nd by Jacob. At 7:06 pm. All in favor.

Approved