

TOWN OF RHINE
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
with Public Hearing
Tuesday, August 6, 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 1, 2019.
- 2. Pledge:**
- 3. Approve Minutes of July 2, 2019:** Motion to approve by Rost. 2nd by Feld. All in favor.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Read into the record.
- 5. Building Permits for July:** Read into the record.
- 6. Public comments of a general nature:**

Ann Marcheck pointed out that the town of Plymouth has an ordinance regarding the use of buoys to help control the wake and asked if the town of Rhine had any comparable ordinance. Her property has experienced an incredible amount of damage this year, and much of the damage is from boats that are designed to make a bigger wake. Her concern is that they are needing to repair things that they themselves are not damaging. She would like to be kept informed of future meetings. Mike Burkhart provided a copy of the town of Plymouth Ordinance #6. He also mentioned that Elkhart Lake has 33 buoys and an ordinance allowing them. Perhaps the town could review those ordinances.

Ann asked if the town chooses not to do something about the problem, who is responsible for her damage and repairs? Platz noted that the town has been working on the problem for months. Public input has been accepted at all of the meetings. The town is trying to find out what the real issue is and to find a long-term solution. She feels the issue is the bigger boats, not just the high water.

Rost has met with representatives from Crystal Lake Advancement Association. Its members are currently attempting to self-police and not allow wake surfing. They have asked that people not fill their bladder boats.

Pal Boocher explained some of the work completed by the ordinance committee. He would like to investigate the possibility of using a drain for the lake and / or of incorporating the above reference town of Plymouth ordinance into our own. He also came to comment publicly on the last Plymouth Review opinion section. No one from that newspaper was in attendance at the meeting. He pointed out several inaccuracies in the article and stated that, The Plymouth Review does not always "get it right".

Platz noted that in regards to Boocher's comments, there have been a few inaccuracies in some of the Plymouth Review articles regarding this issue. He does not like to see retractions or

corrections printed. The charge for the ordinance committee is to do something and to get it right.

James Kurtz suggested that the town take the DNR to task and have them put a proper retaining wall around these properties or to allow the town to do it. They should put in a proper retaining wall that will sustain high waves, etc. Kurtz would like to see the town to get the situation with his property taken care of as well.

There were no other public comments.

7. Presentation by Laura Henning Lorenz, County Treasurer: The town's current bank will not be accepting property tax payments in the future.

Laura Henning Lorenz provided handouts for the board members. National Exchange Bank will NOT assisting in collecting property taxes. She offered some solutions, including different banks which might be willing to help. .

There were almost 1900 tax bills created last year. Of those, there were about 400 transactions processed by the bank. The town could also consider changing banks, which can be a large job for the treasurer. The town could also consider a combination, such as only moving some money to one of the other banks. The town needs to look at many other things when choosing a bank, such as service, accessibility, safety, etc – not just property tax collection.

She discussed the use of a check scanner for remote deposits. It is a small machine which allows the treasurer to deposit checks remotely, and they do not have to be taken to the bank. The county uses remote deposit capture daily, and it saves a lot of time. There are normally different fees associated with that.

FDIC limits and collateralization were reviewed. FDIC will insure up to \$250,000. The state has a fund, which she does not usually consider it when working with banks. If we have more than \$250,000 we would want to collateralize (putting aside securities to help protect this money.) There is a recommendation to have a 3rd party hold on to those securities, not the working bank. That could be the federal reserve bank, they should be in the town of rhine's name. If anything happened to the bank, we would have immediate access to securities. Collateral should be 102% of deposits. Statements are sent monthly.

8. Discuss and Possibly Act on:

Appoint Larry Eberle Chairman of the properties committee: Motion to appoint by Feld. 2nd by Jacob. All in favor.

Appoint Paul Booher as an alternate for the planning commission: Motion by Jacob. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

Amazing Grace application for gathering permit and possible waiver of 60 days waiting period: The owner wants a waiver of obtaining this permission as she was not aware of it and has been holding it annually for many years.

Erin Kelly Groth explained to the board how the event works and provided information on how they control traffic, parking, first aid, security, etc. In 10 years they have never had an accident, injury, or issues with security. Some of their volunteers are nurses.

Platz reviewed the ordinance about gathering. Erin addressed most of the items required. Platz would like to waive the town's fee for this event

Rost moves to grant permission for the permit and waive the application fee of \$275.00 2nd by Feld. Roll call vote: Eberle – yes. Jacob - yes. Rose - yes. Feld - yes. Platz - yes.

9. Chairman's Information Report and Correspondence:

Platz asked the chair committees to give clerks more forewarning ahead of meetings due to posting and newspaper requirements. He asked them to get meeting dates approved with the clerks before scheduling.

There has been a request for collection site to be open one night during the week, and it was passed on to Al Feld for consideration by the collection site committee.

10. Sub-Committee Reports:

The roads committee meets next Thurs regarding Snake Rd. The estimate from the county to raise the road is approximately \$23,000. They will also be discussing speed limits and visibility on other roads.

The collection site is running well. Please continue knocking down cardboard boxes and large items, such as dressers.

The Broadband committee will meet Thurs. at 4 at the Town Hall with Bertram Communications.

The ordinance committee is still working on a no wake ordinance. The best solution would be for the lake community to self-police. There is a draft of a slow/no wake ordinance ready to present to the town board if it becomes necessary.

There is a meeting of the planning commission on Aug. 14. Mark Pfaller will chair that meeting.

There might be an ordinance or information coming soon from the county regarding allowing ATV's to operate on county roads.

11. Approve Vouchers: Motion to approve by Feld and 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

12. Announce Next Meeting Date: Sept 2, 2019.

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:50 by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

Approved