

**TOWN OF RHINE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 2, 2019**

**6:30 pm**

*PLEASE NOTE: This meeting is a meeting of the Town Rhine Board of Supervisors in public for the purpose of conducting the Town Rhine business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting which is indicated below.*

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

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer

- 1. Compliance with open meeting law:** Posted June 27, 2019.
- 2. Pledge:**
- 3. Minutes of June 4:** Motion to approve by Rost. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Feld. All in favor. Minutes of June 18, 2019. Motion to approve by Feld. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eberle. All in favor.
- 4. Treasurers report:** Read into the record.
- 5. Building permits for June:** Read into the record.
- 6. Public Comments:** Christa Johanson clarified if public comments would be welcome for each item under item 7. It was clarified that they would be.

Gary Wondergem had remarks regarding the flooding on Snake Rd. The road has been closed since May. He suggested to place a barricade between the existing barricades of just a few feet so that if you are on foot or a bike, you could still get through the barricade safely. He would like the barricades placed in such a way for bicyclists and pedestrians to get around while waiting on the water to recede. Feld explained that the 3<sup>rd</sup> barricade was put up because someone kept removing the other barricades in order to drive through. Traffic by motor vehicle is not safe at this time.

Platz explained that the town raised that section of the road by several inches last year. Currently the road shoulders will require repair work due to water damage. Feld will work with the county to put up signs for bicyclists and walkers.

There were no other public comments.

- 7. Resolution regarding boating regulations on Crystal Lake:** Platz noted there was a question about the notice given during the last joint meeting with Plymouth, and he explained the situation.

### **Comments on resolution:**

Christa Johanson commented that she believes the resolution in front of the board doesn't direct the issue of high water, but it does take the voice of regulating boating on the lake out of the hands of residents, lake users, and boaters who don't live on the lake and puts the authority in the hands of a few. If passed, people who don't live on the lake, but who live near and love it, would no longer have a vote of what happens on the lake. She is asking the board to vote in the best interests of all residents, not just those who live on the lake. James Kurtz commented that he is in agreement with Johanson.

**Discussion between Board members:** Platz replied to Johanson's comments. At the June 18 meeting, it was explained that if the town turns this authority over, they can also take it back at a later time if that authority is abused. He feels residents do have a voice as they can attend any meetings, including meetings of the lake associations. Members of the sanitary commission are elected. The Town is simply looking for a solution that everyone can benefit from.

Feld noted that district members are elected, and all meetings are open to the public. Concerning the resolution, the Sanitary District is researching solutions. During high water levels, the lake could still be used, just not for sports that would cause a high wake. He explained requirements that the sanitary district must meet before making changes, and the DNR has the ultimate authority.

Jacob disagrees with the need for the resolution. He doesn't feel the authority should be turned over to the sanitary district because the town board has 2 members who actually live on one of our lake, and they are familiar with the problems with high waters. He does not feel the need to transfer the authority to the Sanitary District as board members are qualified to handle this.

Eberle also opposes the resolution as he feels it could cause situations that would pit neighbors against neighbors.

Rost clarified that the sanitary district represents all town property owners, not just people who live on the lake. He also noted that the possibility of passing full authority to the sanitary district was discussed with the attorney, and he said it was all or nothing. He also has concerns about turning over all control of ordinances and regulations over to the district. Platz addressed these comments. He reminded us that if the resolution is not passed, nothing can currently be done because any thing has to be done in conjunction with the Town of Plymouth. Neither town has authority to make decisions on its own.

Eberle moves to deny the resolution as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacob. Roll call vote: Eberle – yes. Jacob – yes. Rost – yes. Feld – no. Platz – no. Resolution fails.

- 8. Approve culvert easement for E. Shoreland Rd:** Feld explained the situation with the culvert in this area. There was a request to repair the culvert so it only went under one property, but an easement would be needed. Mike Dobrynio and Julie Lutz agreed to do this. Feld explained the need for repairs/updates to the culvert, and an easement is required to accomplish this.

Feld then read the easement into the record. There were no public comments regarding this. Platz stressed that the town has had numerous consultations with legal counsel regarding this matter. Motion to approve the easement agreement by Feld. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rost. Roll call vote: Eberle - yes. Jacob - yes. Rost - yes. Feld - yes. Platz - yes.

- 9. Purchase of remote check scanner:** Postponed. Feld made a motion to table this item until a later date. 2nd by Eberle. All in favor.

- 10. Operators licenses:** Camp Brosius temporary class B "picnic" license for July 13: Motion to approve by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

Operators license for Allison Plopper: Motion to approve by Jacob. 2nd by Eberle. All in favor.

Temporary class B "picnic" license for Amazing Grace for Aug. 17, 2019 event: Motion to approve by Eberle. 2nd by Feld. All in favor. (Owner will meet next week with the deputy clerk and the board chairman regarding a gathering license which may be needed.)

Operator's license for Erin Kelley Groth: Motion to approve by Jacob. 2nd by Eberle. All in favor.

- 11. Chairman's information report and correspondence:**

Meeting of Manitowoc Board of Adjustment regarding Aggrecon expansion has been postponed until July 2019.

A memorial gift was sent for Paul Dirkse (father's funeral).

There is a group seeking permission to run ATV's on town roads. Platz has invited them to attend a town board meeting and peak in public comments, but they have not.

Black Dog Bistro is closing.

- 12. Subcommittee Reports:**

There has been a request for another dumpster at the collection site.

Properties Committee is getting bids for a security system for the doors. One proposal has been received so far. There is new carpet in the office area.

Golf Course Rd has been repaved. We need to look at bids for raising Snake Rd. and need to consider contingency plans in the meantime.

The Broadband Committee has met with Bertram Internet, a wireless internet provider. Bertram is interested in working with the town and they are looking at potential towers or vertical assets in the area. The next meeting will be on July 11.

The planning commission met to begin with the review of the LRP. There is another meeting on July 25 to complete the review and possibly adapt the addendum.

The ordinance committee is looking into digitizing the ordinance book with a company named General Code. Jacob pointed out some of the benefits of that service. Several other towns in the area use their service.

13. **Vouchers:** Motion to approve by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

14. **Next meeting:** August 6, 2019

15. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Jacob and 2nd by Rost. All in favor. Adjourned at 7:39 pm.