

TOWN OF RHINE
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
with Public Hearing
Tuesday, October 1, 2019 6:30 p.m.

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

Called to order at 6:30 by Ron Platz

- 1. Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** Posted on Sept. 26, 2019. Also published.
- 2. Pledge:**
- 3. Approve Minutes of Sept. 3, 2019:** Motion to approve by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Noted in record.
- 5. Building Permits for September:** Read into the record.
- 6. Public comments of a general nature:**

David Johnson would like a donation of \$1000 for Little Elkhart Lake for weed control, as well as for the other 2 lakes (Elkhart and Crystal).

Paul Booher mentioned complaints about noise at Road America. He has looked into the noise ordinances for the town, in chapter 2. He asked if the board would be able to take some decibel readings at key points. The noise can be exceptionally loud, especially on Vintage and other key weekend events.

No other public comments.

7. Discuss and Possibly Act on:

Act on recommendations of Planning Commission from August 14, 2019.

To consider the application of Nancy M. and James F. Thomas to rezone their property at W5965 Brady Lane, Elkhart Lake, WI from C2 to R1 - approximately 2.324064 acres of the land . Parcel # is 59018254064. The planning commission recommended to approve this request.

Jacob gave a brief review of the planning commission's recommendation to approve this request. He reiterated that questions regarding easements are a county issue, not the town's.

Eberle motions to approve the rezone request from C2 to R1. 2nd by Feld. Roll call vote: Eberle - yes. Jacob - yes. Rost - yes. Feld - yes. Platz - yes. Motion carried.

8. Action Items: None

9. Chairman's Report:

Platz reviewed a recent meeting with Sheriff Roesler regarding security at the town hall. He would like to turn the sheriff's recommendations for improved security over to the properties committee for consideration.

Update on Aggrecon expansion: The Manitowoc Board of Adjustment has rescheduled a hearing on this until October 21, 2019.

Platz would like the chairman of various committees to keep meetings at a minimum for the next couple of months due to budgets, upcoming tax season, and there being 4 elections next year. The clerks will be extremely busy for the next several weeks.

11. Sub Committee Reports:

Roads: Snake Rd was raised another 10 inches, which has solved the flooding problem for now. A neighbor has offered to let the town pump water into a holding spot on her property if necessary in the future. Other items are also being worked on and taken care of. (signage, removal of dead trees, etc.)

If you bring brush to the collection site, it can only be brush. Wood should be put in dumpsters.

Properties: Eberle has been trying to contact JSM to clarify information on security cameras for the town hall. Shades were recently installed in the town hall windows. Feld is researching Dutch doors for the office.

It will cost approximately \$600 to install LED lighting in the town hall. The approximate cost to redo the blacktop would be \$5500. Eberle also brought up maintaining the flagpole at the Memorial Park. Dead trees in the park need to be hauled out. He is inquiring to see if the Scouts or a youth organization could help haul the wood as a service project and to clean up the brush at the Civil War Monument. There was a request for ceiling tile and wallpaper in the town hall. He is negative on that.

Rost: The broadband proposal is waiting on review from the town's legal counsel.

12. Vouchers: Motion to approve by Eberle. 2nd by Feld. All in favor.

13. Next meeting: November 5, 2019.

14. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Feld. 2nd by Jacob. All in favor. Adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

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Request for \$250 donation for buoys on Elkhart lake. Motion to approve by Jacob. 2nd by Rost. There are 32 buoys on the lake now, per John Schott. Elkhart Lake shares 1/3 of the cost, the town of Rhine shares 1/3, and Elkhart Lake Improvement District shares in 1/3 of the cost, per John Schott. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Approve funds for clerk/treasurer and deputy clerk to attend Municipal Clerks Institute in Green Bay July 15 to 19, 2019. (\$475 per person for classes; plus hotel, mileage, meals).

Motion to approve by Feld. 2nd by Eberle: Roll call vote: All in favor.

Approve tobacco, liquor, and operator licenses:

8. Chairman's Information Report and Correspondence:

Platz received in his home mail a document from James Kurtz Lammers. He has filed suit against the town of Rhine, Platz, and numerous other individuals. This has been sent to the attorney and insurance company for follow up.

Kathryn, Deputy Clerk, will be on vacation for 3 weeks. Help will be needed during that time to move items for carpet installation.

Last month the town took action to transfer a small piece of land to the county. Legal counsel is working on that. Dirkse informed Platz that the town can't be signed off until the next annual meeting.

The bank will not be accepting tax payment at the bank in coming years. This will put a large burden on the clerks. The clerk gave a brief review on this situation. We might need to change banks later in the year.

9. Sub-Committee Reports:

The collection site is running well, per Feld. Town residents are doing better at breaking down cardboard. June 14 from 1 to 4:30 at the Sheboygan Highway S. Side shed there is a county collection event. There is also on on the 15th in Cascade. This is for hazardous waste only. \$10 fee per vehicle for hazardous waste.

Roads: There are problems with invasive species plants throughout the county. The most prevalent in the town of Rhine is wild parsnip. It can cause severe burns. There is grant money from 2 places to help control this. The county will take responsibility for applying for and distributing grant money. Emily Stewart at Sheboygan County will be taking care of this. Feld gave a brief description of some of the species and the problems with them.

There is a link that can be posted on the town's website Have Kathryn do this.

The culvert on Shoreland Road: Feld has spoken with Mike Dobrynio, who owns the land where the culvert is located. They will be drawing up an easement to make this possible. They are also working with McComis to use part of his land for the culvert.

Snake Road has been a problem area with excessive high water. It is currently closed to through traffic. The road was raised 8 inches last year, but it was not enough to correct the problem.

Properties: The new flag pole is up. Carpeting will be installed by the end of the month. The new handicap door opener/closer has been installed.

Rost: The broadband committee is investigating opportunities for the town which seem somewhat limited at this point, as the cost to lay cable in rural areas is high. They are also looking at medium suppliers which could be an alternative to broadband. There is another layer of internet suppliers that connects point to point and then set up towers. The town would need to partner with someone to do that. A tower requires line of site connections. The committee members have done a great deal of research on this.

Jacob: No planning commission this month. Ordinance will meet on June 25 at 9 am. A rep from General Code will attend that meeting to provide information about digitizing the code.

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

11. Announce Next Meeting Date: July 2, 2019 at 6:30.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:52 Bll and Larry. All in favor.