

Town of Rhine
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting Minutes

With Public Hearing

May 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Held at the Town Hall, W5250 Cty RD FF, Elkhart Lake WI 53020

1. Call to order: Called to order at 6:40 pm by Platz.
2. Compliance with open meeting laws: Published and posted as required; media was notified.
3. Pledge:
4. Approve minutes from April 13, 2021: Motion to approve by Rost. 2nd by Eberle. All in favor.
5. Clerk/Treasurer's report: Read into the record.
6. Building permits for April: Read into the record.
7. Public comments of a general nature: Al Feld would like to have the abandonment of Anokijig Lane added to the June TB agenda.
8. Act on previous public hearing for the request of Busy Bee Gardens of W5032 Garton Road, Plymouth, WI 53073 for a Conditional Use Permit to run a compost facility at that address.

Bill Jacob gave a review of the Plan Commission findings. This is a request for a CUP for the retail portion of the business, not for the farming operation. The retail operation is seasonal. No lighting would be required. He stated the suggested conditions and terms of the CUP.

There were no public comments regarding the Busy Bee application for a CUP.

The Gamokes have reviewed the proposed CUP draft. The suggested CUP states there would be no operation on holidays, and this could be a difficulty for them. They would like to be open for business on Memorial Day weekend if possible. Jacob would not be opposed to this. Eberle believes that the Chairman has the authority to override the terms of the CUP for this, as written permission to grant that.

Eberle moved to grant the CUP as presented. 2nd by Rost. Roll call vote: Feld – yes. Rost – yes. Jacob – yes. Eberle – yes. Platz – yes. The CUP is granted. If there is a need to operate on Memorial Day, the applicant will approach the board for permission.

9. Discuss and possibly act on:

Fireworks permit for CLAA, Carl Rickmeier, III: Rickmeier is representing the CLAA and is requesting permission to hold their annual fireworks display. This would be held on July 3. Motion to approve request for fireworks on Crystal Lake on July 3, 2021 by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

Operator's license for Josh Prigge: Motion to approve by Feld. 2nd by Eberle. All in favor.

Picnic license for St. Peter's Church, Memorial Day: Motion to approve by Eberle. 2nd by Feld. All in favor.

Upgrade and purchase of new phone system: Amy Weber has been researching an upgraded phone system. A 3 - line system is needed. Motion to approve purchasing a new upgraded phone system for the town hall after finding the appropriate one by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

Purchase secure mailbox for outside of building: The current post office box in Elkhart Lake would be phased out. The PostMaster recommended getting a mailbox like the one at Henning Cheese. The mailbox is needed, plus the base. Motion to approve purchasing the mailbox and the in-ground pedestal for \$510, plus shipping was made by Feld. Feld and Eberle will install it. 2nd by Eberle. All in favor.

Permission to purchase a storage cabinet for office supplies and filing cabinets for building inspector, 3 total for the building inspector. Eberle has filing cabinets in his shed, and the town could have them. Feld suggests looking at Larry's first before buying new ones. Feld approves purchasing the storage cabinet for office supplies, with purchase price of \$222.29 with free delivery. 2nd by Eberle. All in favor.

10. Chairman's information report and correspondence:

There was a problem with an illegal bury of a burned-out garage on LEL recently. The DNR sent a letter to the property owners, stating that this needed to be cured. Platz is waiting for verification that this was taken care of.

Platz and Rost have been discussing the Broadband problem. There is a meeting with the county later this month on this subject. Rost and Platz would both like to attend this meeting.

The town received a thank you card from Mrs. Bauer, regarding funeral flowers.

Elkhart Lake Village: Some first responders have stepped down. Meeusen to take over temporarily.

11. Sub-Committee reports:

Feld gave an update on roads and planned repairs. Culverts on Willow Rd. near County Line Rd. and Gerber Lake Rd, near Cty. Rd E will be replaced. The drop off site is running well. There will be no electronic recycling for now, as EarthWise has ceased operations. Feld is

looking for a replacement service. In the meantime, Best Buy will recycle tv's etc. for a small fee. The county also has an upcoming take back day for recycling electronic items.

Rost: The Broadband committee met last week and Mark Dodge of Bertram Communications attended. For now, they have abandoned the idea of erecting towers in the town, but they are now proposing to connect any household in the town of Rhine with fiber optic cable. The estimated cost for this is \$2,700,000. Bertram is investigating grant money. Spectrum's government and education division has also proposed a method to run cable to the town hall, for an for co-ax and fiber optic. The town might qualify for ARP money for broadband expansion. The Elon Musk satellite system will also be available as a subscription satellite system in the fall. Inclement weather can disturb service.

Jacob: The ordinance committee will meet Wed. to review a draft for a no-wake ordinance for LEL. It could be brought up 60 days later, at a July 6 th meeting. Work on chapter 4 continues.

Eberle: Preparations for Memorial Day Parade are under way. There is a concern of a fence which has been built on a property within the ROW.

12. Vouchers: Motion to approve by Eberle. 2nd by Feld. All in favor.
13. Next meeting date: June 1, 2021.
14. Motion to adjourn by Feld. 2nd by Eberle at 7:32. All in favor.