

Town of Rhine Board of Supervisors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Met at the town hall

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

1. **Call to Order and Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Ron Platz. The meeting was posted and published as required, and the media was notified.
2. **Pledge:**
3. **Approve minutes of September 1, 2020:** Motion to approve minutes as presented by Rost. 2nd by Jacob. All in favor.
4. **Clerk Treasurer's Report:** Read into record.
5. **Building permits for September:** Read into the record. A copy is in file.
6. **Public Comments:** Platz read a letter requesting a donation for ELIA from John Schwantes.

Paul Booher inquired about the lack of law enforcement patrol on LEL last year as well as the status of the potential sale of one of the patrol boats. No decision has been made about the sale of the boat as of yet. Funding for lake patrol will be considered during the upcoming budget meetings.

Jack Krause commented that town residents frequently approach him about lack of service at the collection site. He relayed incidents of people coming to him with their complaints of poor service there.

There were no other public comments.

7. **Discuss and Possibly Act on:**
 - A. **Request of General Lumber and Supply Company to vacate roads:** Platz noted that the COVID situation has put this on hold. John M. from General Lumber is here to address questions and concerns at this meeting. Future meetings will require publication deadlines and notification of neighbors.

John M. from General Lumber noted that they have addressed issues with those property owners who have contacted him. He believes Laretta Court was never used as a town road, and it makes sense for the town to vacate it.

Janet Lammers owns one of the neighboring properties, and she objects to this request. She wants a right of way allowing access in and out of her property. Platz asked her to share her information with General Lumber. Mike Schwaller had questions about the black lines on the map.

Gust Lammers has filed two written objections to the request.

Platz's intention is to facilitate communication between property owners and General Lumber so that a possible solution can be found.

B. Move Nov. TB meeting due to election and combine with annual budget meeting: A motion to hold the Town Board meeting on Nov. 17 by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

C. Request of LEL for letter from town supporting the LEL Rehab District's effort to partially fund Aquatic Plant Management plan (Boocher):

Boocher commented that LEL has a continuing APM plan to control weeds and invasive species. LEL is asking for a letter of support from the town to include with their grant application. Feld made a motion to provide a letter to LEL Rehab District to support their grant. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

D. ATV proposal: (Request to make town roads ATV Accessible) Platz briefly noted the county's ordinances regarding use of ATV's on county roads and he read 3 emails into the record. 2 support the request, and 1 opposes it.

John (last name?) addressed the board, expressing that he would like access to his hunting area on his land via ATV. He would like this matter opened for consideration and to get input from the community on what connector maps would be needed.

Tim Rohrer, President of Kettle Moraine Association, and a member of Kettle Trails Groups, stated that this group provided the packet of information to the town, and they worked with the county when they drafted their ordinances. He is available to answer questions.

Jeff Geiser would like the town to support this request.

Paul Boocher opposes the request. He gave examples of people speeding and driving less than responsibly with them. The town also has an ATV park where people can use their ATV's. He feels it would be dangerous.

There were no other public comments regarding this.

The Town Board members discussed the proposal. Several concerns were raised and addressed. Most revolve around safety, cost, speed, upkeep, signage, liability issues, and requirements.

Eberle made a motion to not consider ATV travel on the Town of Rhine roads at this time. 2nd by Rost. Roll call vote: Eberle – yes, Jacob – yes, Rost – yes, Feld – yes, Platz – no.

E. Request to purchase Christmas Greenery for town hall from Boy Scout Troop 824: Rost made a motion to approve spending \$105 on Christmas greenery for holiday decorations from Boy Scout Troop 824. 2nd by Jacob. All in favor.

8. Chairman's information report and correspondence.

A. Consider purchasing I pads for board members under CARES Act: Platz believes it is a good idea, if the board members would use them. Motion to purchase I pads for the board supervisors who would actually use them by Rost, with the idea they would be funded by the CARES act. 2nd by Feld. All in favor.

B. Email from CLAA regarding path between Elkhart Lake and Crystal Lake – proposed bike pathway. FYI only, no approval is needed.

C. WPS letter regarding work on Birch Point Drive: They will be rebuilding gas facilities in the area.

D. Koblynski Assessor letter: The “Farm Pit” off of 67 has been totally reclaimed and has been put on the market and resold. 45 acres of land will be going back into ag use in the Town of Rhine.

E. Richard Windser's request for town to sell land: Per the town's attorney, this would require a vote at the meeting of the electors. This will be placed on the agenda for the annual meeting. Motion would include a note that the land could not be developed.

9. Sub-Committee Reports:

Roads: A budget has been submitted to the clerks. Safety concerns on Shoreland Rd. were discussed.

Lakes and Sanitation: The recycling center also met and submitted a budget. Suggestions to add another compactor and repair the attendant's shed were made.

Ordinance: Will meet Oct. 13 to continue work on chapter 4.

Planning: Will meet on Oct. 14 for a rezone applicaton.

Properties met and they approved getting the parking lot resealed and lines painted.

Dead trees in the cemetery and memorial area will be taken down in November.

WPS will be planting trees on County Line Rd. within a few weeks.

10. Approve vouchers: Motion to approve by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

11. Next meeting date: November 17, 2020.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Feld. 2nd by Rost. All in favor.

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