TOWN OF RHINE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Rhine Town Hall
W5250 County Road FF, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Platz called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

   Members Present: Ron (Red) Platz, Chairperson; Al Feld, Supervisor #1; Jon Rost, Supervisor #2; Derek Schukow, Supervisor #3; Bill Jacob, Supervisor #4
   Plan Commission: Jean Vollbrecht
   Others Present: Clerk/Treasurer Amy Weber, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Rita Lilyquist

2. Verify Compliance with Open Meetings Law: Weber reported the meeting was posted April 10, 2026 and the media was notified as required by law.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of minutes from the Special Meeting of the Town Board of Supervisors held on March 4, 2026: Feld made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Jacob. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of meeting minutes from March 10, 2026: Rost made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Schukow. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Clerk/Treasurer's report: Weber read into record.

6. Building permits for March: Platz read into record.

7. Chairperson's information report and correspondence:

   a. April 7, 2026 Spring Election results: Platz stated there were 782 voters and he was disappointed by the turnout. Maria Taylor won in the township. The Supervisor #3 seat was won by Schukow who ran uncontested. The Supervisor #4 seat was between Jeff Lingford with 331 votes and Jacob with 338 votes.
   b. Annual meeting Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm
   c. Open Book April 29, 2026, 11:30 am -1:30 pm
   d. Board of Review, May 26, 2026, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
   e. Firemen are hosting a breakfast at the firehouse on Sunday, April 19, 2026.
   f. Chairperson Platz thanked everyone for running. He addressed concerns surrounding the campaigning methods for the election. He also addressed the Town having a police officer at the recent election.

8. Sub-committee reports:
   a. Roads: Feld reported that Lake View Drive in Marshview Heights and Summit Road will be repaved and County Line Road will be getting chip-sealed. He also mentioned that Rhine Road from EH to MM and MM to FF may also be chip-sealed depending on the price.

b. Collection Site: Feld said things are going well, but residents should only be coming once per week to the dump. He also mentioned recycling and the vendor we use allowing for only fluorescent tube lights having a fee regarding recycling. He also asked that people put cardboard and papers in a paper bag or box.
c. Broadband: Rost echoed Platz's comments on the election. He wants to propose an ethics ordinance be created to the Ordinance Committee. He stated the BEAD grant agreements started to be sent out in March of 2026 and there are 23 BEAD project initial agreements have been authorized to begin environmental and historic reviews. The 164 locations in Wisconsin includes the 306 locations within the Town of Rhine.
d. Board of Appeals: There is nothing to report at this time
e. Properties: Schukow announced the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 4:00 pm. Topics on the agenda include reviewing Liberty Cemetery to discuss legal ownership of the property and lawn services, Town Hall safety (outdoor lighting, doors, and alarm system).
f. Ordinance: Jacob announced the upcoming meeting on Friday, April 17, 2026, at 2:30 pm. The agenda includes Chapter 21—Licenses and Permits, Chapter 18—Sign and Billboard Regulations, and looking at recommending an addition to Chapter 4—Zoning.
g. Plan Commission: Vollbrecht announced the upcoming meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm has 4 items on the agenda. The deadline was Wednesday, April 1, 2026. The July meeting is Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 6:00 pm, deadline for applications is Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

9. Public Comments of a General Nature (Three (3) minutes time limit per person):

Jeff Lingford spoke regarding the recent election. Lingford stated he had nothing to do with designing, wording, or topics on the mailers. Lingford questioned the amount of votes he received.

Platz explained that people don't have to vote for every seat on a ballot, so while 782 people voted in the Town of Rhine, people had chosen to not vote for either candidate in the election for Supervisor #4.

Elvira Lickteig spoke as a potential buyer of a home in the Town of Rhine. She spoke with the Building Inspector about getting the property rezoned to build a garage on the property. The property in question is currently zoned A-1, A-2, and R-1. To build a garage she needs the property to be zoned R-1. The delay in being able to go before the Plan Commission is holding up the sale of the property.

Platz explained the unusual situation and understands her frustration. When zoning was done way back in the Township someone messed up. It shouldn't have happened, but it did. The Town feels sorry for Ms. Lickteig that if she wants to build the garage she needs to now go before the Plan Commission. If we let them move their meeting up, then we'd have to do that for every person, but if we do it or one we would have to do it for all, so we have to follow the process.

Karen Grunwald spoke as the seller of the above property. She stated they were scheduled to close at the end of April 2026, but then found out the zoning was wrong. That now means they must wait until June to go before the Plan Commission. She inquired if there was anything that could be done, but she understands from Chairperson Platz's comments that that is not a possibility.

Platz reiterated to Grunwald and Lickteig that they commented it themselves and it does go back to the realtor to do their due diligence on checking the properties. The Lickteigs could buy the property as it is, but because they want to build a garage and that is what is causing this all to be delayed.

Schukow spoke regarding having run twice now for office. He stated he ran because our Township is a set of neighbors. Neighbors help each other out and everyone need to remember that even if we aren't all best friends, we are friends and we need to compromise.

Larry Eberle spoke regarding the zoning and that there are, unfortunately, going to be more properties with a similar issue that will come up in the future. He also encouraged people in the Town to pay attention to what the Township is doing.

10. Discuss and Possibly Act on:

    a. Friends of Camp Anokijig Inc. fireworks permit application for Friday, July 3, 2026: Motion by Feld to approve the fireworks for Camp Anokijig on July 3. Second by Schukow. All in favor. Motion carried.

    b. Operator license for Christine Marie Werner at Camp Anokijig: Motion by Feld to approve the application for Christine Marie Werner's operator license. Second by Rost. All in favor. Motion carried.

    c. Operator license for Joshua Prigge for St. Peter Evangelical Church: Motion by Feld to approve Josh Prigge's operator license for the Memorial Day picnic. Second by Jacob. All in favor. Motion carried.

    d. Operator license for Wendy Paige Pfrang for St. Peter Evangelical Church: Motion by Feld to approve Wendy Pfrang's operator license for the Memorial Day picnic. Second by Rost. All in favor. Motion carried.

    e. Plan Commission's recommendation to approve David and Pamela Hodgson's rezone application from the Plan Commission public hearing and meeting held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, Ordinance No. 2026-6:

       David and Pamela Hodgson (Owners) of W4003 County Road FF, Plymouth, WI 53073 Parcel #59018256630, N7979 State Road 57, Plymouth, WI 53073, (40 acre lot, Zoned A-1) to be split into a 35 acre lot (remaining A-1) and a 5 acre lot (including the existing home) to be rezoned as A-2

       Vollbrecht presented that there were no concerns from the Plan Commission and the recommendation was passed with all yea votes. Motion by Feld to go along with the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve. Second by Rost.

       Roll call vote: Feld—Yes, Rost—Yes, Schukow—Yes, Jacob—Yes, Platz—Yes. Motion carried.

    f. Ordinance #2026-7: An Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Chapter 13 of the Town of Rhine Municipal Code Concerning The Building Code: Jacob presented the changes that would allow Doc Leonhard to be able to do inspections on commercial properties instead of relying on the State. Jacob made a motion to accept Chapter 13 with the updated 2025 Fee Schedule. Second by Feld.

Roll call vote: Jacob—Yes, Schukow—Yes, Rost—Yes, Feld—Yes, Platz—Yes. Motion carried.

g. Issue a disallowance of a claim against the Town submitted by Elkhart Lake Watersports Alliance, Inc., on December 9, 2025 Schukow asked if he could refrain from voting stating he didn't know much about the whole thing. Platz stated the Town made the packet available to everyone and without getting in to the details, this vote would start the clock regarding the 180 days for the group suing the Town to actually go to court to file a lawsuit.

   Roll call vote: Feld—Yes, Rost—Yes, Schukow—No, Jacob—Yes, Platz—Yes. Motion carried.

11. Approve vouchers: Motion by Feld to approve the vouchers. Second by Rost. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Announce Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm

13. Closed Session: The Town of Rhine Board of Supervisors may go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute s.19.85(1)(g) to confer with the Board's legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Board with respect to litigation in which it is involved (Elkhart Watersports Alliance, Inc. v. Platz et al, Sheboygan County Case No. 25 CV 804). Motion by Feld to go into closed session at 6:52 pm. Second by Rost.

    Roll call vote: Feld—Yes, Rost—Yes, Schukow—Yes, Jacob—Yes, Platz—Yes. Motion carried.

14. Open Session: The Town of Rhine Town Board will convene in Open Session to possibly take action on Closed Session items. Motion by Supervisor Feld to return to open session at 7:27 pm. Second by Schukow. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Adjourn: Motion by Feld to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Second by Rost. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dated: April 23, 2026
Rita Lilyquist, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Rhine