

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Regular Town Board Meeting

August 19, 2008

Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 7:03 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Chairman Allen Opall and Supervisors LeRoy Jonas IV, James Legner and Frederick Schaefer. Excused: Supervisor John Sybeldon.

Also present were Town Attorney Philip Freeburg, Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Fire Chief Paul Wirth, Building Inspector Daniel Dziadosz, Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider and Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Jahns.

On August 15, 2008 copies of the meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney and posted at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center.

Minutes: Motion by Legner/Schaefer to approve the minutes of the 8/5/8 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Plan Commission Report & Recommendations – Minutes only. Inspector Dziadosz commented on the upcoming code changes required for animal livestock siting. He reported approximately 70% of the Town is zoned some type of agriculture. The Plan Commission is working on a major map change to go with the code changes. Due to the potential for a large turnout for the October hearing, the Board directed Dan to prepare an article for the Town's web site and upcoming newsletter in addition to the general notification that will run in the newspaper.

Approval of Bid for Fire Station Second Floor and Approval of Bid for Fire Station Elevator – The Town received six bids for the completion of the second floor of the Public Safety Building. The low bid was submitted by Holster Construction, Inc. Wausau, WI in the amount of \$187,300. The Town received one bid for the elevator installation by Schindler Elevator Corporation, Madison, WI in the amount of \$44,700. **Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to approve Holster's bid of \$187,300 and not go with Alternate 1 or 2 for the second floor of the fire station and to award Schindler with the elevator installation for \$44,700.**

Questioned and carried 4:0. Gaylene noted the Town Board already designated \$230,000 for this project so the difference between the bid and reserve along with the S E H contract would need to come from the 2005 Note.

Approval of Bid for Pedestrian Crossing Improvements at Morninglory Lane – Rib Mt Drive (CTH N) – The Town received two bids for the pedestrian crossing improvements at Morninglory Lane and Rib Mountain Drive (CTH N). The low bid was submitted by Schroeder Trucking and Excavating, Inc. of Schofield, WI in the amount of \$64,966.14. The Public Works Committee recommended award of the low bid with \$40,000 to come from the 2005 GO Note and \$22,000 to come from the Rib Mountain Drive reserve account. In addition there are engineering costs of \$12,250.

The Board directed Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider to pursue a grant for changing to LED lamps through Wisconsin Public Service's Focus on Energy program. The Town may be able to reduce the cost of the project by doing the pavement marking. **Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to approve the Schroeder Trucking and Excavating bid of \$64,996.14 and to request a reduction of the full amount if Schroeder will allow the Town to do the pavement marking. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Resolution 08-12: Inclusion Under Group Life Insurance and Resolution 08-13: Employer to Pay Entire Premium for Basic Group Life Insurance – The Finance & Personnel Committee recommended approval of Resolution 08-12 to allow eligible employees to voluntarily participate not only in the Supplemental, Spouse and Dependent plan but also purchase up to three additional units of group life insurance. Resolution 08-13 is required with submittal of Resolution 08-12. The Town currently pays the entire premium for basic group life insurance and there is no additional cost to the Town. **Motion by Jonas/Legner to approve Resolution 08-12: Inclusion Under Group Life Insurance and Resolution 08-13: Employer to Pay Entire Premium for Basic Group Life Insurance. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

New Hires – The Finance & Personnel Committee recommended hiring Paul Hursh, 2005 Foxglove Road, as Code Enforcement Officer. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to hire Paul Hursh as the Town's Code Enforcement Officer at the rate of \$12.94 per hour. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

The Finance & Personnel Committee recommended hiring Jane Loos as the regular adult Crossing Guard at the intersection of CTH N and Robin Lane, Catherine Laska as the regular adult Crossing Guard at the intersection of CTH R and Robin Lane, and Gayle Swanson as the substitute Crossing Guard, all at the rate of \$10.16 per hour. **Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to approve the hiring of Jane Loos, Catherine Laska and Gayle Swanson as recommended by the Finance & Personnel Committee. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

License Applications – **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve operator licenses for Callie M. Hempfer and Lindsey H. Pryor. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Forthcoming Events:

- Doepke Recreation Area Fund Raising Committee: None
- Walkable Community Committee: George Snyder noted Fritz Doepke's passing and that his family decided that his memorials will go to the Doepke Recreation Area.
- Park Commission Report: George Snyder reported the road crew did a great job completing work on the park benches and he commended Scott Schatschneider for the finished look for the state baseball tournament. Supervisor Legner suggested that more trees be planted at the park.
- Public Safety Committee Report: Supervisor Jonas reported the Committee is preparing for the meeting on the deer herd issue and obtaining information from Grand Rapids. Chairman Opall added that a local archery club is ready to assist the Town with its deer herd control.
- Public Works Committee Report: Supervisor Schaefer reported on the August 15 meeting. He reported that residents on East Rib Mountain Drive requested abandonment of the cul-de-sac which also provides public lake access. While the Town does not want to maintain road right-of-way on the other side of the river, it also does not want to give up its frontage rights. The matter was referred to Attorney Freeburg for review and recommendation to transfer the road for private driveways but not give up frontage rights. Supervisor Schaefer also reviewed options for replacement of the large utility tractor.
- Finance & Personnel Committee Report: Supervisor Schaefer reported the Committee looked at ideas for the 2009 budget but did not make any recommendations at this time.
- Town Chairman Report: None
- Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Jonas requested that the Town's letterhead include the Town's website address.
- Town Administrator Report: Gaylene Rhoden filed a written report for the Board's review.
- Attorney Freeburg: None
- Fire Chief Report: Paul Wirth filed a written report for the Board's review.

- Building Inspector Report: Daniel Dziadosz reviewed his written report. He apprised the Board of the status of projects.
- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider submitted a written report for the Board's review. He apprised the Board of crew activities.
- Clerk/Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns submitted a written report for the Board's review. She provided an update on July bank balances and long term debt. **Motion by Jonas/Legner to approve the payment of Checks 33627-33749. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Public Comment Period – Representative Jerry Petrowski reported he was appointed to the Overview Committee and announced that Marathon County will receive a grant for CTH NN shoulder paving and the Town will receive a grant for the bike trail behind Wal-Mart. Chairman Opall thanked Jerry for his efforts on behalf of the Town of Rib Mountain.

Adjourn - **Motion by Jonas/Legner to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Patricia J. Jahns, MMC/WCPC/CMTW
Clerk/Treasurer