

# TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

## *Regular Town Board Meeting*

*July 21, 2009*

Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Supervisors Peter Kachel and Frederick Schaefer. Absent: Supervisors James Legner and John Sybeldon.

Also present were Town Attorney Christopher Toner, Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Fire Chief Paul Wirth, Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider and Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Jahns.

On July 17, 2009 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 Schaefer/Kachel to approve the minutes of the 7/7/09 regular and 6/29/09 special Town Board meetings. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

2009 Borrowing Presentation by Ehlers & Associates – Dawn Gunderson, Vice President of Ehlers & Associates, congratulated the Town on its municipal bond rating upgrade from A- to AA. She presented borrowing options for the Town’s capital financial management plan. She explained a new option for governmental financing called “Build America Bonds” or BABs. As part of the stimulus package, there is a two year window to do BAB borrowing in 2009 and 2010. The Town would have up to three years to spend the borrowed money. If the Town pursues the State Trust Fund (BAB) there is no debt payment until 2011. However, the Town wouldn’t be able to draw any money until after September 1, 2009.

Administrator Rhoden noted that the new debt will not be counted against the Town’s levy limits. She asked if the Town Board was satisfied with its original capital plan as there have been some purchases since March 2009.

The Board was favorable toward the STF (BAB) option as it, additionally, has a callable provision which would allow the Town to refinance and reissue the borrowing without any prepayment. The Town Board directed the Administrator to request an application from the State Trust Fund and determine how to equalize the debt payments of 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Plan Commission Report & Recommendations - Docket 09-13: Terry & Judith Zrutskie requested conditional use approval for an additional driveway entrance

on the same street frontage per RMMC 17.172(3) (d) at 8001 Wintergreen Road. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the additional driveway entrance on Wintergreen Road with the understanding that no services will be provided on the unimproved road portion and the driveway will require a driveway permit. **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve the Plan Commission recommendation. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Special Hunt in Rib Mountain State Park – Bill Bursaw, local WisDNR Property Manager reported on the 2008 deer harvest in the Rib Mountain state park. He reported the Department wants to increase the number of permits to 200 and open an additional area north of Park Road. **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to allow the hunt on Rib Mountain with adjusted open areas as indicated by Mr. Bursaw. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Contract with Jeff Musson for Municipal Building Architectural Services – No action taken.

Resolution 09-05: Red Flag Policy – Attorney Toner reviewed recent Federal Trade Commission legislation to protect consumers. Creditors, such as the Town, must act in an effort to protect sensitive personal information to mitigate identity theft. He identified nine actions the Town could take if an instance may constitute a red flag. The Town has an ongoing obligation to review its policy once a year. **Motion by Kachel/Schaefer to approve Resolution 09-05: Identity Theft Prevention. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Chairman's Appointment – No appointment was made at this time.

Agent approval for Gullivers and Lil'Ole Winemaker Shoppe – **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve John Kordus as the agent for Spitfire LLC (Gullivers) and Gail A. Closser as the agent for Lil'Ole Winemaker Shoppe LLC. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

License Applications - **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to grant a Class B Beer & Liquor license to Spitfire LLC (Gullivers) and a Class B Winery license to Lil'Ole Winemaker Shoppe LLC. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

**Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve an amusement device license for Gullivers. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

**Motion by Kachel/Schaefer to approve an operator license for Kelly M. Hansen. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Forthcoming Events:

- Doepke Recreation Area Fund Raising Committee: George Snyder reported a balance at the Community Foundation of \$21,749.
- Walkable Community Committee: None
- Park Commission Report: President George Snyder reported on the tennis and summer recreation programs; a Park Commission vacancy; and that the Commission plans to plant more trees at Doepke Park.
- Public Safety Committee Report: None
- Public Works Committee Report: None
- Finance & Personnel Committee Report: None
- Town Chairman Report: None
- Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Schaefer reported on Rib Mountain Night at the Woodchucks game. He expressed frustration with parking, the need for parking staff and trash left at Doepke Park. It was his understanding this park would be a community park but it being monopolized by Wausau Youth Baseball. He asked what the Park Commission's take was on the park and George Snyder agreed the expectation was it would be a community park. Staff apprised the Board of a recent meeting with WYB and its willingness to contribute to the Town's parking expenses. Staff also reported the refuse hauler's contract provides it will provide a dumpster at the park. Supervisor Schaefer also asked the Park Commission to consider better utilization of the boat landing at Gullivers.

Town Administrator Report: Gaylene Rhoden filed a written report for the Board's review. The Town has been approached about land being available for a yard waste site.

- Town Attorney: Paul Hursh stated attempts are being made to bring a repeat offender into compliance with Town ordinance. He will report at the next meeting.
- Fire Chief Report: Paul Wirth provided a run report for June/July.
- Building Inspector Report: Daniel Dziadosz submitted a written report for the Board's review. He was contracted about possible multi-family projects.

- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider apprised the Board of crew activities and public works projects. He reported the County will close NN west for three days to install a culvert.
- Clerk/Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns submitted a written report. She noted the Town's new experience modification will be applied to the Worker Comp premiums in 2010.
- Code Enforcement Officer: None

Public Comment Period – Resident Gerald Kostroski inquired why commercial buildings are not required to post addresses the same as residential buildings. Chief Wirth responded businesses do have addresses on their properties. He also asked why the Rib Mountain ski hill name was changed to Granite Peak. Local WisDNR Property Manager Bill Bursaw responded that while the state park is 1,600 acres, Charles Skinner leases 400 acres and may call the ski hill what he wants as long as it is followed by Rib Mountain State Park. Mr. Kostroski asked when the revenues from the ski hill would decrease his property taxes as promised. Chairman Opall responded that Skinner was not speaking on behalf of the Town Board and may have been referring to economic impact. Mr. Kostroski also complained about the chip sealing on the roads in his neighborhood. Scott responded that it is a cost effective alternative to repaving despite excess chips creating a nuisance.

**Adjourn - Motion by Kachel/Schaefer to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

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