

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Regular Town Board Meeting

July 7, 2009

Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Supervisors Peter Kachel, James Legner, Frederick and John Sybeldon.

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

On July 6, 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/Legner to approve the minutes of the 6/16/09 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 5:0.

2009 Borrowing Presentation by Ehlers & Associates - Due to a death in the family, Dawn Gunderson will make her presentation at the 7/21 meeting. Administrator Rhoden announced the Town recently improved its bond rating.

Request for Bus Service in Rib Mountain from Dave Peters - Dave Peters appeared before the Town Board on behalf of blind friends and foreign exchange students who don't have the ability to drive but desire to shop in Rib Mountain.

Administrator Rhoden reported few Rib Mountain businesses attended a meeting to discuss busing. Chairman Opall thanked Mr. Peters for his input. The Town Board is interested in the results of a bus service survey that has been distributed by resident Scott Miles of the Commission for a Greener Tomorrow.

Request for Assessment Value Reduction from Mrs. Gould - Kathleen Gould requested the Town Board give her a tax credit adjustment as the assessment on her property at 3709 Kingbird was erroneously calculated with a full basement vs. a slab. The Town Assessor is only required to go back two years and gave her an adjustment for the years 2007 and 2008 and corrected the error for 2009 and future years. However, Mrs. Gould asked the Town Board to consider repayment of approximately \$3,700 for the tax years 1996 - 2006. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to direct the Town Assessor to give Mrs. Gould an assessment credit of \$31,000 for 3709 Kingbird for the 2009 assessment year only. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Memorandum of Understanding between Marathon County Solid Waste Department and Marathon County Municipalities – Marathon County is proposing a tipping fee of \$23.50 per ton for five years. This does not include the \$7.10 per ton state excise tax being proposed by the State of Wisconsin. The Town would be required to bring its waste material to the Marathon County facility. The Village of Weston supports the MOU. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to table. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Ordinance 09-05: Zoning Code Modification Relating to Animal Siting – The Plan Commission held a hearing on October 22, 2008. Daniel briefly reviewed the ordinance amendment. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to adopt and approve Ordinance 09-05 for the zoning code modification relating to animal siting. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

License Applications – **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve an amusement device license for three devices located at the I-39 Truck Stop. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve an operator license for Gina Marie Hintz. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Forthcoming Events:

- Doepke Recreation Area Fund Raising Committee: George Snyder reported the Szymanski family donated a park bench for the SW corner of Doepke Park.
- Walkable Community Committee: None
- Park Commission Report: George Snyder reported the Commission has one vacancy; July is tournament season for Wausau Youth Baseball; WISSA is starting activity on the soccer field; and a memorial garden has been planted in honor of Chuck Kickbusch.
- Public Safety Committee Report: None
- Public Works Committee Report: None
- Finance & Personnel Committee Report: A joint meeting of the Committee will be held with the Town Board on July 10 at noon.
- Town Chairman Report: Allen Opall designated the Code Enforcement Officer as his designee for fireworks permits, tent permits and special use permits.

- Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Legner inquired about signage for the new pedestrian bridge. Gaylene reported the Bike and Pedestrian Committee is working on it. He also inquired if he could place pictures in the glass case inside the Doepke Park pavilion. Scott will provide him with a key.

Supervisor Kachel reported on his experience with the Sheriff's Department and the Humane Society for reporting two stray dogs. In the end the Town's CEO handled the matter.

Supervisor Schaefer reported he had a request from a resident for a walk-through fence at the east end of Fern at CTH R. The matter was referred to the Streets/Parks Superintendent.

- Town Administrator Report: Gaylene Rhoden filed a written report for the Board's review. She provided an update from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities on the Governor's budget; an update on her work with the Village of Weston for a joint request for proposals for refuse and recycling; and reported that the Wausau School District would provide student busing for \$400 during the Robin Lane construction project. She noted that July 17 is Rib Mountain night at the Woodchucks baseball game and tickets are available at the Municipal Center.
- Town Attorney: Chris Toner reported he met with Gaylene and Town Assessor Greg Schmidt regarding the property assessment for Wellington Place and that the Kurzynski issue is on hold until he can get it can be scheduled on Judge Falstad's calendar.
- Fire Chief Report: Paul Wirth provided his written report. He reported the new lettering is on the Public Safety Building and introduced John Happli as the newest Shift Commander.
- Building Inspector Report: Daniel Dziadosz submitted a written report for the Board's review. He reported he is making progress on trail easements.
- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider submitted a written report for the Board's review. He apprised the Board of crew activities and public works projects. He did not receive any calls about the chip sealing. Scott noted it is a less expensive way to extend the life of the streets and the loose stones would be picked up after it settles.
- Clerk/Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns submitted a written report for the Board's review. She reported some success with obtaining interest on

several Town investments despite historically low interest rates.

- Code Enforcement Officer: Paul Hursh provided a written report.

Public Comment Period – None

Adjourn - Motion by Kachel/Legner to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.

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