

**TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN**  
**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**August 3, 2010**

Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:33 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Supervisors Pete Kachel and Fred Schaefer, a quorum. Supervisor John Sybeldon arrived at 7:00 p.m. Excused: Supervisor Jim Legner.

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

On July 30, 2010 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 7/20/10 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Plan Commission Report & Recommendations – Docket 10-13: Stavely LLC requesting a Precise Implementation Plan site plan modification for the addition of a 15'x10' monument sign in accordance with RMMC 17.228(7) – Modification of an Approved Site Plan at 4440 Rib Mountain Drive. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the PIP site plan modification for the monument sign subject to resolving the culvert issue at Morninglory Lane and maintaining a clear path for the fire lane. **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve the PIP site plan modification subject to the property owner resolving the rear ditch by replacing the 20 foot culvert with a new 35 foot culvert and filling in the balance of the ditch; the property owner should limit the tenants' placement of assorted items in the required fire lane and verification of the actual property line prior to sign placement. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Resolution No. 10-07: Firearms Discharge in Rib Mountain State Park – Bill Bursaw from the local WisDNR office commented on the 2009 special hunt in the state park. He distributed a map and a report. He noted that the DNR now allows up to 200 hunters to participate in the special hunt. **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve Resolution No. 10-07 Firearms Discharge in Rib Mountain State Park. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Contracts for Utility Burial on Rib Mountain Drive – The utility companies that own overhead wires along Rib Mountain Drive will require signed contracts before starting the relocation of their facilities. Frontier submitted its contract for approval at a cost of \$100,688.52. WPS and Charter Communications will submit contracts for approval at the next Town Board meeting.

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The Town Board questioned if prepayment for utility burial is customary practice and if it is the only option for payment. Members discussed a guaranteed completion date (no later than 4/1/2011), possible service interruptions during peak times or scheduled events, and if utility subcontractors could hold up the project. Scott Schatschneider reported that utility companies don't profit from utility burial and refund money if actual project costs are less than anticipated. WPS is the lead utility and Frontier and Charter lay their cables in the WPS trench. Attorney Toner reported he did not have the contract submitted by Frontier. He noted that utilities are a regulated industry and assumed if the Town enters a contract, the contract will be honored.

No action was taken on the contracts for utility burial. This item was deferred to the next Town Board meeting when all the contracts are available and to allow Staff time to obtain contracts with guaranteed completion dates and allow the Town to pay half at the commencement of work and the other half near completion of the burial.

Chairman's Appointments - No action

License Applications - **Motion by Kachel/Schaefer to hold the license of Ashley A. Frazier in abeyance until resolution of her Lincoln County ordinance violation. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

**Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve renewal operator licenses for Heather M. Harris, Nicole T. Laska, Susan M. Wolf, Ellen J. Burkhardt, and Heidi J. Cash. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Forthcoming Events:

- Doepke Recreation Area Fund Raising Committee: Administrator Rhoden is working with Ruder Law firm on 501(c) (3) status.
- Walkable Community Committee: The Committee is planning a Safe Routes To School kickoff when Robin Lane is reopened.
- Park Commission Report: None
- Public Safety Committee Report: None

John Sybeldon arrived at this time.

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- Public Works Committee Report: Supervisor Fred Schaefer requested Staff to determine if the political sign by the former cell phone office on Rib Mountain Drive met vision triangle clearance setbacks.
- Finance & Personnel Committee Report: None
- Town Chairman Report: None
- Town Supervisor Reports: None
- Town Administrator Report: Gaylene Rhoden submitted a written report for the Board's review. She noted the Rib Mountain Business Association will hold an Open House at either the Best Western or Howard Johnson motel on August 23. The Town was requested to discuss the Rib Mountain Drive project, future road plans and the 51/29 trail at this meeting. She asked if the Board would endorse the idea of handouts prepared by Bruce Gerland at a cost of \$1,000. There is money in the General Engineering account for the packets, which would be considered public outreach. The ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of the Wausau/Central Wisconsin Visitor Center is August 10 at 11:30 a.m. The Village of Weston Administrator wants to foster fire cooperation by providing a forum for discussion of "regionalism" and working with the WI Institute for Public Policy and Service in fall 2010. The recommendation from the Employee Health Insurance Committee was included in the Town Board packets. This will be forwarded to the Finance & Personnel Committee for consideration. She noted that a special MPO meeting was held to distribute an additional one million dollars. The City's CTH U project was approved for funding.
- Town Attorney: None
- Fire Chief Report: Paul Wirth reported that CAAS representatives will be here August 19-20 and the Village of Kronenwetter is considering a longer term contract for emergency medical services. He briefly commented on the residential fire on Hummingbird Road. He noted that he sent a letter and invoice to Lyndee Land for recovery of damages to Fire Department equipment.
- Building Inspector Report: Dan Dziadosz submitted a written report. He stated that letters that included a comprehensive list of properties on North Lakeshore Drive were mailed requesting high water access approval from the Marathon County Sheriff and the Rib Mountain Fire Department. Supervisor Schaefer requested that these approval letters be

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recorded.

- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider apprised the Board of crew activities and public works projects. He provided a status report for the Safe Routes to School Robin Lane project. The Town will be requested to sign an agreement with WisDOT for the Foxglove overpass project. The overpass may be out for four or five months. He also reported the Town needs a new compost screener.
- Clerk-Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns provided a written report noting the Town's revised experience modification factor for Work Comp insurance. She also submitted a June report for investments and long-term debt. **Motion by Kachel/Schaefer to approve payment of general checks 36723-36850. Questioned and carried 4:0.**
- Code Enforcement Officer: Paul Hursh submitted a report on complaints and calls for service during the month of July.

Public Comment Period – None

Adjourn - **Motion by Kachel/Schaefer to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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