

# TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

## *Regular Town Board Meeting September 1, 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, James Legner, Frederick Schaefer and John Sybeldon.

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

On August 28, 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 Legner/Sybeldon to approve the minutes of the 8/18/09 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Chamber of Commerce Update - David Eckmann updated the Town Board on the progression of McDEVCO's public-private partnership plan, a cooperative effort to focus on the promotion and marketing of the entire Marathon County region. The Wausau area is in regional competition for business and industry with the Eau Claire, Fox Valley, Green Bay, and Madison areas and they already have effective brands to promote their regions.

The Chamber is seeking \$1 per person from each participating municipality to fund a sustainable economic development plan. The money will be segregated and not spent without approval of McDEVCO and the participating municipalities. Supervisor Schaefer requested municipal representation for Rib Mountain. Dave Eckmann responded that a spot may be open for Rib Mountain.

Memorandum of Understanding Between Marathon County Solid Waste Department and Marathon County Municipalities - Meleesa Johnson explained the memo is a commitment of rates and services for the Marathon County facility. Administrator Rhoden commented none of the refuse and recycling bids provided alternate sites. Attorney Toner noted the memo's language equates to a five-year commitment. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Marathon County Solid Waste Department and the Town of Rib Mountain. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Acceptance of Refuse & Recycling Bid – The Town received three bids for its refuse and recycling contract. Veolia submitted the low bid. Staff recommended the Town Board contract with Veolia for five years. Administrator Rhoden thanked Dan Dziadosz for his assistance with the bid sheet. It was noted that nothing was defined in the bid for a fuel surcharge or tipping fee adjustment. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to accept Veolia’s bid subject to negotiation of a fuel surcharge and/or tipping fee adjustment. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Assessment Services Contract – The Town’s current Assessor proposed a three-year proposal for the years 2010-2012 at the current price per year. **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve the Assessment Services contract with Greg Schmidt. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Emergency Services Contracts with Town of Stettin and Town of Marathon for Fire and Ambulance Services – Chief Wirth explained that he requested three-year contracts for each service agreement. Each contract includes a 3% annual increase. **Motion by Kachel/Sybeldon to approve the Town of Stettin and Town of Marathon agreements for fire protection and ambulance services. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Request to Petition Marathon County Highway Committee for No Parking Signs along CTH NN Between Grouse and Nuthatch – **Motion by Legner/Schaefer to authorize the Streets/Parks Superintendent to write a letter to the Marathon County Highway Committee to request no parking between Nuthatch and Grouse Lane on CTH NN. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Draft Survey for Newsletter Regarding Metro Ride – Bill Hebert submitted a draft bus service survey that will be included in the next Town newsletter. The survey is for residential feedback on including a bus service loop along Rib Mountain Drive. The Board made several changes to the draft and referred it back to Bill to resubmit for approval.

Acceptance of Magnolia, Juniper and Sage Roads – **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the acceptance of Magnolia, Juniper and Sage Roads subject to a one-year guarantee and that a resolution is drafted for signature by the Board. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Request for Educational Reimbursement – Deputy Inspector Bill Hebert requested reimbursement of \$1,091.97 for tuition and books for his graduate class for his Public Administration degree. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the education reimbursement to Bill Hebert in the amount of \$1091.97. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

**License Applications - Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve an operator license for Tiffany D. Hahn. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

**Forthcoming Events:**

- Doepke Recreation Area Fund Raising Committee: None
- Walkable Community Committee: Administrator Rhoden requested Scott Schatschneider to attend these Committee meetings as most Committee requests impact the Public Works Department. Scott will attend the Marathon County Highway Committee meeting on Thursday to request white demarcation lines on CTH R.
- Park Commission Report: The Commission meetings September 8.
- Public Safety Committee Report: None
- Public Works Committee Report: Scott provided an update on Rib Mountain Drive project regarding the status of property right-of-way acquisitions, access design, landscaping, and updating signals. Gaylene was directed to contact Obey's office to determine if Senators Kohl and Feingold should be contacted to support federal funding for this project.

Scott also provided an update on the temporary limited easements and construction schedule for the Robin Lane project. Gaylene noted that an agreement with First Student is required to bus students during the Robin Lane project. Dan provided an update on trail easements.

- Finance & Personnel Committee Report: The Committee will meeting September 10 at noon.
- Town Chairman Report: Allen Opall read a note of appreciation for the cleanup efforts of the Town Crew after a microburst in the Indigo Heights subdivision.
- Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Kachel commented on a request for a stop sign on the bottom of Rib Mountain Way and Canvasback. Supervisor Schaefer reported the Wausau School District is having difficulties with funding. He thanked Scott for hustling to get the temporary limited easements for the Robin Lane project.
- Town Administrator Report: Gaylene Rhoden filed a written report for the Board's review.

- Town Attorney: Chris Toner reported that Mr. Kurzynski is unwilling to settle the lawsuit. The Village of Whiting's attorney contacted him to coordinate efforts on Wellington's tax exempt issue. Supervisor Schaefer requested the Town Attorney to submit a cost benefit analysis to collect a user fee in lieu of taxes.
- Fire Chief Report: Paul Wirth provided a report of Fire Department activities. He is obtaining proposals for an aerial fire truck and a brush truck. The Rib Mountain Fire Department will hold a mock tornado disaster in Rib Mountain on September 12 in conjunction with other local agencies. Elected officials were encouraged to participate.
- Building Inspector Report: Daniel Dziadosz submitted a written report for the Board's review. No single family permits have been issued in 2009.
- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider apprised the Board of crew activities and public works projects. The County's contractor will paint the school crosswalk at the CTH NN and Partridge Avenue intersection. There has been a delay with the school crosswalk advanced warning lights as materials are backordered. He is obtaining proposals for five pieces of equipment that are earmarked in the 2009 borrowing note.
- Clerk/Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns submitted a brief written report. The office will be closed on Monday, September 7, for the Labor Day Holiday.
- Code Enforcement Officer: Paul Hursh submitted a report of August complaints and calls for service.

Public Comment Period – None

**Adjourn - Motion by Kachel/Sybeldon to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

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