

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Regular Town Board Meeting

January 4, 2011

Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:36 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Supervisors Pete Kachel, Jim Legner and Fred Schaefer, a quorum. Excused: Supervisor John Sybeldon.

Also present were Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Building Inspector Dan Dziadosz and Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Jahns.

On December 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 Kachel/Legner to approve the minutes of the 12/21/10 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Set Date for 2011 Goal Setting Session - Chairman Opall set the strategic planning meeting for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

Hiring of Crossing Guard and Substitute Crossing Guard - Administrator Rhoden conveyed the difficulty in scheduling replacement Crossing Guards. Crossing Guard Amy Schulz indicated she only wants to be regularly scheduled for the afternoon shift. The Town is currently advertising for one regular crossing guard for a morning shift only. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the hiring of Amy Schulz as a substitute Crossing Guard at the rate of \$10.57 per hour. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Town Board Comments - Snow Making at Granite Peak: Chairman Opall reported at the last meeting that he received a call from a concerned resident about snowmaking at Granite Peak. The resident complained that the snow making at Granite Peak was causing unsafe conditions at the Mobil station and as far east as the lake. Since the local newspaper has run articles and letters about the snow making at Granite Peak, Chairman Opall placed the item on the agenda for Town Board comment.

Supervisor Schaefer commented that Granite Peak's snow making is being unfairly blamed as no one knows what is actually causing the mysterious snow squalls. He noted two local paper mills and a power generating station all produce moisture.

Chairman Opall will direct Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider to get meteorological advice before the Town Board considers any disruption of operations at Granite Peak.

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Resident Roger Peters, 3304 Kildeer Lane, stated he was a patrolman on the highways and never had any problems with Granite Peak snowmaking. He said that application of anti-icing products to prevent ice and snow from forming could actually make a road slippery.

Operator License Applications - **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve operator licenses for Susan M. Cross, Ashley N. Krueger and Alyssa M. Stahel. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Staff Reports - Administrator Gaylene Rhoden reviewed her written report. She is working with Northway Communications to change her cell phone number as she is receiving phone calls for someone who had the phone number previously or simply has the wrong number from debt collection. The Rib Mountain Business Association has been making progress with more frequent meetings, discussing the Lake Wausau cleanup and its forthcoming publication.

Building Inspector Dan Dziadosz reported 2010 closed out the year 27 permits ahead of last year although with the same construction dollar amount.

Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Jahns submitted a written report. Nomination papers were due today by 5:00 p.m. Chairman Opall and Town Supervisors Fred Schaefer and Pete Kachel do not have any competition. Bill Miller and Beverly Kordus filed to run for Sanitary District Commissioner.

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Hursh submitted a written report for December calls and complaints.

Committee / Commission Reports & Recommendations

Walkable Community Committee: Members will meet on January 20 with Dave Meurette of WisDOT and Dave Mack of County Planning.

Park Commission will meet on January 11.

Public Comment Period - Joe Wachtel, 1705 Jonquil Lane, commented that he spent 30 years in the ski industry. He felt allegations that Granite Peak's snowmaking was unfounded as manufactured snow is very dense and heavy and could not travel as far as is being suggested. The water vapor off the flumes usually evaporates into air.

Supervisor Legner reported Marie Jaeger owns a duplex and doesn't want to pay her garbage fees. Dan Dziadosz responded that the Town uses a volume-based

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system as a necessary means for enforcement according to WisDNR grant standards. Staff was directed to follow up with this resident.

Adjourn - Motion by Kachel/Legner to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.

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