

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Regular Town Board Meeting

February 15, 2011

Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:31 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 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 February 11, 2011 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 2/1/11 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 4:0.

County Board Chairman Keith Langenhahn stated that redistricting every ten years provides an opportunity to consider the size of the County Board. He said that each County Supervisor currently represents approximately 3,700 residents. The County works by a committee system and there are 54 committees. He asked for the Board's thoughts on reducing the size of the Marathon County Board from 38 to 33. Chairman Opall felt that the current size of the County Board provided good representation throughout the County. Both Supervisors Schaefer and Legner felt the County Board was too big with too far too many committees.

Goodwill Transportation Impact Analysis - The Public Works Committee reviewed the Transportation Impact Analysis letter with Bruce Gerland. As Goodwill is in agreement with the Development Agreement the Public Works Committee decided to move forward with the Goodwill Development Agreement. Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve the Development Agreement subject to all conditions identified by the Plan Commission. Questioned and carried 4:0.

51/29 Scope of Services Amendment with AECOM - The Public Works Committee took no action on the scope of services with AECOM as the trail project is more expensive with grant funds than without grant funds. The Committee directed that the Town's attorney to review the easements, that Staff meet with WisDOT representatives to explain the Town's situation, that Staff apply for more funding, that Staff share the Town's frustration of project costs

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with Representative Jerry Petrowski as the Town already has the necessary easements secured at no cost but will now have to pay \$300,000 to follow WisDOT protocol, and have Scott Schatschneider meet with Bruce Gerland to determine if the Town Crew could build the .7 mile trail over the next three years.

New Hire: Crossing Guard - Cathy Laska resigned as the regular Crossing Guard at Robin Lane and Hummingbird Road. The Code Enforcement Officer and Town Administrator recommend hiring Kimberly Adams as the regular Crossing Guard at the rate of \$10.57 per hour. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to hire Kimberly Adams as the regular Crossing Guard at the intersection of Robin Lane and Hummingbird Road at the rate of \$10.57 per hour. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Convention Visitors Bureau: Sports Authority Update by Darien Schaefer & Dick Barrett - Convention Visitor Bureau Staff gave a 30 minute report of the success of the newly created Sports Authority. It is creating new events on an annual basis and has demonstrated that it is doing better than Badger State Games did by itself. They gave a preview of upcoming sport tournaments.

License Applications - **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve operator license for Logan M. Behle, Anton T. Kunst, Michael T. Oliva and Nikki L. Shaw. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Town Board Report - Chairman Opall reported no calls or complaints on snowplowing this winter. He asked Scott to convey to the road crew that they are doing a good job.

The Public Works Committee met prior to the Town Board meeting and discussed the 51/29 trail, the Goodwill Development Agreement, utility burials completed in April, and an additional \$13,000+ awarded for the 51/29 trail. Scott will advertise for pavement maintenance.

Staff Reports -

Administrator Rhoden provided a written report. She noted the Wausau Region Chamber asked the Town to consider advertising in its relocation guide that is published every two years. It is distributed free of charge to Chamber members and other regional business people. Administrator Rhoden suggested the cost for a quarter page ad of \$550 and \$100 for layout could be paid by the Town's Tourism account. The Board determined it is within the discretion of the Town Administrator to go ahead with the advertising paid from the Town's tourism dollars.

John Sybeldon stopped at the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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Town Attorney - Chris Toner reported on the Ehlers Public Finance seminar, noting the impact of the budget repair bill will not be as direct on the Town as for school districts and other municipalities with unions. He announced that the Ruder Law firm will hold a seminar at 6:00 p.m. on February 23 at the Great Dane. Administrator Rhoden reported on her conversation with Rick Stadelman of the Wisconsin Towns Association noting that because the Town participates in the Wisconsin Retirement System there will be an impact on Rib Mountain employees. Attorney Toner noted that the limitation on wage increases being tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has been pulled out. He said other impacts include amending the prevailing wage law for contracts and federalizing FMLA. Essentially, the budget repair bill gives employers more rights.

Fire Chief - Chief Wirth reported the Fire Department is in the process of interviewing for Captain positions and will forward the top four candidates to the Town Board for interview.

Building Inspector - Daniel Dziadosz reported three parade home permits were taken out.

Streets / Parks Superintendent - Scott Schatschneider apprised the Town Board of crew activities and public works projects. He thanked Administrator Rhoden for being flexible with his schedule as he has a new addition to his family.

Clerk/Treasurer - Patricia Jahns reported the Town received a \$4,505 credit from Liberty Mutual Insurance as result of the work comp audit of 2010 wages. Assessor Greg Schmidt suggested dates for the 2011 Board of Review. The Town Board chose Tuesday, May 31, 2011, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Code Enforcement Officer - Paul Hursh submitted a written report for January complaints and calls for service. Chairman Opall directed him to monitor a house on Lily Lane as he received a complaint.

Committee / Commission Reports

The Walkable Community Committee will meet on February 17.

Adjourn - Motion by Legner/Schaefer to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.

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