

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
***Regular Town Board Meeting***  
***January 20, 2015***

Chairman Allen Opall called the January 20, 2015 regular meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:36 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau, WI. Supervisors present were Jim Legner, Gerry Klein. Supervisor Schaefer participated via telephone conference. Supervisor Pete Kachel was excused.

Also present were Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Attorney Kevin Terry, Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Turner, SAFER District Fire Chief Steve Mehilan, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Hursh and Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter.

On January 16, 2015 copies of the revised meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney and posted at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center.

Public Comment on Town Board Agenda Items – There was no public comment.

Approve Minutes of 12/16/14 Regular Town Board Meeting – **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the minutes of the 12/16/14 Regular Town Board meeting, Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Plan Commission Daft Minutes - *None*

Plan Commission Report & Recommendations – *No Report*

Approval Letter of Support for Lift of Weight Limits on Federal Highway (Interstate 39) – Jim Griesbach – Mr. Griesbach has worked for the past two years with the state’s senators and congressman to have the logging industry trucks use the federal highway system (Interstate 39) instead of state and local county highways.

He pointed out that the state/county highway systems allow heavier loads on the road than federal highways by over 10,000 pounds. In order to achieve the change he is seeking letters of support from communities and industries to make the change. **Motion by Klein/Legner to approve submitting a letter of support for lifting weight restrictions for Interstate 39 in order for timber to delivered to local paper processing facilities. Questioned and carried 4:0**

Recognition of Years of Service for Plan Commission – Tom Muellner – Chairman Opall read the letter of resignation from Plan Commission Chairman Tom Muellner. His resignation will take affect immediately as he has sold his home and will be moving to Florida. Chairman Opall presented Mr. Muellner with a plaque for his years of service.

Authority for Streets/Parks Superintendent to Approve Change Orders for Doepke Park Trail Project – Scott Turner asked for support for approval on change orders for minor issues on the trail project. **Motion by Legner/Klein to authorize the Street and Park Superintendent to approve change orders for Doepke Park Trail Project not to exceed \$5,000 on each request. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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Approval of Hiring –

- a. Temporary Office Assistant – This item was discussed at tonight’s Finance/Personal meeting to re-hire Sharon Drefcinski **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to approve rehiring Sharon Drefcinski as temporary Office Assistant at a pay rate of \$11.59/hour for approximately 150 hour starting January 13. Questioned and carried 4:0**
  
- b. Intern Planning/Zoning – This item was also approved at Finance/Personal tonight. This position would be for administrative purposes for the Building/Zoning Department. **Motion by Legner/Klein to approve hiring an intern for approximately fifteen weeks at \$11/hour with funds coming from within the Building/Zoning Department. Questioned and carried 4:0.**
  
- c. Substitute Crossing Guard – Administrator Rhoden stated the Town currently has no substitutes for crossing guards. John Brauer has been a member of the Rib Mountain Bike/Ped Committee for the past five years. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the following crossing guard substitute: John Brauer at a pay rate of \$11.23/hour subject to the DOJ background check. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval Of Contract with Ehlers for Disclosure Support – Gaylene explained why Ehlers’ is seeking an increase in their annual Dissemination Agent. The Securities and Exchange Commission is increasing their emphasis on regulatory compliance on disclosures. The SEC has increased their scrutiny on the issuer disclosures and reporting. Supervisor Schaefer concurred with the increased scrutiny and report regulations. He also requested the Town seek out market prices and requested this item be placed on the need agenda.

Approval of Operator License - None

Reports

Town Board –Supervisor Klein requested a report from the fire chief explaining the true costs of ambulance care to the hill. That is, the cost minus the uninsured losses. He would also like a comparison between the percent of unreimbursed costs in the rest of the town versus the hill activity. Supervisor Klein would like to get a true cost of providing ambulance care to the hill and the different dynamic between the users of the service outside the hill. Chairman Opall stated the County Board approved the upgrade to the Health Care Center for \$13 million. The County will now proceed to RFPs.

Other Agencies –

SAFER District –Chief Steve Meilahn provided a yearend report. He noted the month of January has been very busy with 175 runs to date.

Town Attorney – Attorney Terry reported the request from the County to withdraw from CWED is on hold. The County is seeking legal opinion.

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Town Administrator – Provided a written report.

Building Inspector –Written reported provided.

Street-Parks Superintendent – Scott Turner submitted a written report. He noted the Wausau Optimist will be holding a Fisheree on February 8<sup>th</sup> at Rookery Park. The Town has learned that it is \$37,000 more than the original budget due to rock boring along Rib Mountain Drive.

Deputy Clerk– There will not no February primary election.

Code Enforcement Officer - None

Park Commission – Meeting was held last week and the committee is reviewing the fee schedule for Doepke Park rental.

Finance Personnel – Met tonight.

Public Safety Committee – None

Public Works Committee – None

Walkable Community Committee – None

General Comments – None

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michelle Peter  
Deputy Clerk

Note: These minutes are not to be considered official until acted upon at an upcoming regular meeting, therefore, they are subject to revision.