

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
*Regular Town Board Meeting*  
*August 16, 2016*

Chairman Allen Opall called the August 16, 2016 regular meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau, WI. Supervisors present included Pete Kachel, Jim Legner, Gerry Klein, and Fred Schaefer.

Also present were Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Attorney Kevin Terry, Community Development Director Steve Kunst, Finance Director/Clerk Jessica Trautman, SAFER Fire Chief Matt Savage and Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner.

On August 12, 2016 copies of the meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney and posted at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center and Town website.

Comments from the Public Related to Town Board Agenda Items – None

Approve Minutes of 8/2/16 regular Town Board Meeting – The Town Board acknowledged the Rib Mountain citizen who requested the minutes be amended from the last meeting. Supervisor Schaefer said he read the minutes and felt they were appropriate, as drafted. Town Attorney Terry said he also reviewed the minutes. Attorney Terry said the purpose of the minutes is to summarize the meeting and indicate action items. **Motion by Kachel/Schaefer to approve the minutes of the 8/2/16 Regular Town Board Meeting, as presented. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Plan Commission

Plan Commission Minutes from the 7/27/16 Meetings for Review – No comment

Charles Janssen, applicant, requests an amendment to the Rib Mountain Zoning map from Estate Residential – 1 to Rural Agricultural – 1 for the property addressed 7408 Bittersweet Road. Parcel #34.212807.016.000.00.0. Docket #2016-38 - Community Development Director Kunst said the request to change the zoning of the property is the first step in a larger project. Kunst noted the intent of the buyer is to eventually apply for a conditional use for an “extraction use,” or nonmetallic mine. Marathon County is required to approve any nonmetallic mine prior to the Town taking action. Kunst noted the Plan Commission held a public hearing on August 10, 2016 and after receiving no public comment, the Commission recommended approval for the rezoning request. The Town Board discussed the potential future mine, pond and future use of the property.

**Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the request to amend the Town of Rib Mountain Zoning Map from Estate Residential – 1 to Rural Agricultural – 1, for the property addressed 7408 Bittersweet Road. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Picnic License for Central WI Off-Road Cycling Coalition and Ambassador Club of the Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce - **Motion by Schaefer /Legner to approve the picnic license for Central WI Off-Road Cycling Coalition and for the Ambassador Club of the Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

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Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for the Highway 51 Tunnel Trail – Street/Park Superintendent Turner said in this MOA the Town is responsible for the concrete work, but the local businesses will be taking care of the snow plowing. **Motion by Schaefer /Legner to approve the memorandum of Agreement for the Highway 51 Tunnel Trail. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

New – Hire – Substitute Crossing Guard – Administrator Rhoden noted the item was not ready for consideration and should be postponed to the next meeting.

Approval of Operator License – Attorney Terry saw no reason to deny the applicant. **Motion by Klein / Legner to approve the operator license for Susan Wolf. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Reports/Minutes

Town Board

Board Members – Supervisor Schaefer said after reviewing vouchers he thinks staff should work to get preferred providers for some services and see if we can save some money.

Review and Discussion of State Legislative Items – Administrator Rhoden said staff put together a list of items to consider sending to our State Legislatures. Town Board discussed the items and directed the Town Administrator to write a letter and invite the legislatures to a future Board meeting to discuss in person.

Other Agencies – Attorney Terry met with Village of Weston Administrator, Daniel Guild, along with Weston’s Attorney, Matt Yde, regarding the SAFER Charter. Attorney Terrey discussed the main proposed changes in the SAFER Charter with the Town Board. After discussion by the Town Board, it was decided to have Chairman Opall ask the Village of Weston Board for a joint meeting. Having a joint meeting would make sure both Boards are on the same page and get the SAFER Charter adopted. Chief Savage said SAER lost one full-time Battalion Chief and the Commission met last Friday and approved the search for a replacement. The District only received one response from their Fiscal Agent request for proposals, with WIPFLI from Wausau being the lone respondent. Chief Savage said they are very happy with the way initial conversations are going with WPFLI. The District also recently worked with the Everest Metro Police Department on a training exercise and it went very well. September 18, 2016 is the next SAFER open house.

Town Attorney – none

Town Administrator – Administrator Rhoden provided a written report. She reviewed the budget calendar with the Town Board. Administrator Rhoden informed the Town

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Board she and Mr. Kunst will be attending the Granite Peak Neighborhood Open House the following evening. The Connections Place has requested a non-binding letter of intent in regards to their interest on building on Town property.

Community Development Director – A written report was included in the packet. Kunst noted he would be attending a floodplain training opportunity at the County. Supervisor Schaefer reviewed the report from the Community Development Director and recommended staff looked at fees for permits again.

Street-Parks Superintendent – Mr. Turner provided a written report in the packet. Turner said Parrot Lane is going to be pulverized on Thursday and the Town will be getting \$75,000 from Marathon County for reimbursement of road work done on Red Bud Road.

Finance Director/Clerk – A written reported was provided.

Code Enforcement Officer – None

Park Commission – There was a meeting last week, the Kiosk at Rookery park is complete.

Finance Personnel – A meeting is planned for August 31, at 11:30 a.m.

Public Safety Committee – None

Public Works Committee – Planning a meeting on September 6, 2016 to discuss a possible storm water utility.

Bicycle/Ped Committee – None, there is a meeting on Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup>.

General Comments – A couple residents expressed their concerns on the proposed plans of Granite Peak. Chairman Opall acknowledged their concerns and reminded the residents that the Town has no control over state property and encouraged them to attend the following evening's open house.

Adjourn – **Motion by Kachel/Schaefer to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Submitted by  
Jessica Trautman  
Finance Director/Clerk

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