

# TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

## *Regular Town Board Meeting*

*March 4, 2008*

Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Supervisors LeRoy Jonas IV, James Legner and John Sybeldon. Supervisor Frederick Schaefer joined the meeting via telephone.

Also present were Town Attorney Philip Freeburg, Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Fire Chief Paul Wirth, Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider and Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Jahns.

On February 29, 2008 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 Jonas/Sybeldon to approve the minutes of the 2/19/08 regular and 2/12/08 special Town Board meetings. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

**Plan Commission Report & Recommendations** - The Board reviewed the minutes of the 2/27/08 Plan Commission meeting.

**Agreement: Communication Tower Lease** - The Town has an emergency outdoor siren atop the 89Q FM radio station. Attorney Freeburg reviewed the agreement and made some changes to the communication tower lease agreement between the Town of Rib Mountain and Christian Life Communications, Inc. Terms of the agreement were negotiated by Staff and Town Board members. It provides an initial term from January 2008 to December 2013. The Town will pay \$50 monthly or \$600 annually beginning January 2010 through December 2011. Beginning January 2012 the amount shall be \$75 monthly or \$900 annually.

**Motion by Jonas/Legner to approve the agreement between the Town of Rib Mountain and Christian Life Communications, Inc. for the communication tower lease. Questioned and carried 5:0.** Attorney Freeburg will forward the signed agreement to 89Q for its approval.

**Agreement: Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)** - The Town of Rib Mountain passed a resolution to participate in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System in Marathon County. The second part of the process is approval of the state agreement. **Motion by Jonas/Legner to approve the state agreement for MABAS and adopt Resolution 08-04 for MABAS. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Agreement: Aspirus Hospital for Neonatal Interfacility Trips - The Town has been approached by Aspirus Hospital to provide an ambulance in the event a neonatal care transport becomes necessary. **Motion by Legner/Sybeldon to approve the agreement with Aspirus Hospital for Neonatal Care transports. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Ordinance 08-03: Ambulance Fees - Attorney Freeburg drafted an ordinance to charge interfacility ambulance charges. **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve Ordinance 08-03 for ambulance fees. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Ordinance 08-04: Speed Zone Reduction on Lilac/Lakeshore and Blackberry Drive - These roads are currently posted at 35 mph. The Public Safety Committee recommended reducing the speed limits on the above named roads to 25 mph.

Resident Steve Ritzke inquired how the Town would enforce the speed limits. Administrator Rhoden reported the Marathon County Sheriff's Department is willing to enforce Town speed limits if requested.

**Motion by Jonas/Sybeldon to approve Ordinance 08-04 to reduce the speed zone on Lilac Avenue, Lakeshore Drive and Overhead Avenue from Morning Glory Lane to the point where the Wisconsin River Bridge Pedestrian Trail intersects Sunrise Drive, and also to reduce the speed zone on Blackberry Drive from its intersection with Red Bud Road easterly to its intersection with Woodsmoke Road. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Change of Agent: Aldi #38 - **Motion by Sybeldon/Jonas to approve Susan G. Karau as the agent for Aldi #38. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

License Applications - **Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to approve an operator license for Sarah J. Graveen. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Forthcoming Events:

- Doepke Recreation Area Fund Raising Committee: None
- Walkable Community Committee: None
- Park Commission Report: The Ad Hoc Committee interviewed playground equipment vendors and will make its recommendation to the Park Commission.
- Public Safety Committee Report: None
- Public Works Committee Report: Frederick Schaefer scheduled a meeting for noon on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Items include a lease proposal for a yard waste site, an update from the Town engineer and the 2008 blacktop

schedule.

- Finance & Personnel Committee Report and Recommendations: John Sybeldon will schedule a meeting in the near future.
- Town Chairman Report: Allen Opall set May 6, 2008 as the hearing date for the vacation of Azalea Road and to have it as part of the regular Town Board agenda. He set the Board of Review for Thursday, May 22, 2008 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Chairman Opall read the thank you letter from the Wausau School District for the Town's donation to the South Mountain School paved path.
- Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Jonas reported he and Administrator Rhoden attended a CVB meeting to hear a presentation on destination marketing. The national presenter promoted a campaign for each area community focusing on convention sales, tourism marketing and service for meeting professionals, business travelers, tour operators and individual visitors. A written report will be shared with the Town Board when it is available.

Supervisor Schaefer reported that he, along with Town Chairman Opall, Fire Chief Wirth, and Administrator Rhoden will meet with Aspirus Hospital representatives about transports on a broad scale.

- Town Administrator Report: Administrator Rhoden filed a written report for the Board's review. She commented about branding the Rib Mountain community, unsettled concerns about the new part-time Constable position, her attendance at the CVB's first Tuesday meeting and on the meeting with Rib Mountain Sanitary District Utility Director about sharing an office position.
- Attorney's Report: Philip Freeburg will draft an update for local ordinances for forfeitures, fines, etc. The draft will be referred to the Public Safety Committee.
- Fire Chief Report: Chief Wirth filed a written report for the Board's review. He apprised the Board that an ambulance backed into a County Sheriff Department squad at an accident on Hwy 107 on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also noted that water leaking through the water cooler at the station was most likely due to an animal.
- Building Inspector Report: Inspector Dziadosz filed a written report for the Board's review.

- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider submitted a written report for the Board's review. He noted this is the last week for the ice rinks, the Town has an adequate salt supply to finish the winter season, and gave an update on the Gypsy Moth suppression program.
- Clerk/Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns submitted a written report. She reported on the February 19<sup>th</sup> Presidential Preference election.

Public Comment Period – Steve Ritzke inquired when the reduced speed limit on Azalea would be effective. Scott Schatschneider responded upon publication and the new signs being put up.

**Adjourn - Motion by Jonas/Legner to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

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