

# TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

## *Regular Town Board Meeting*

*December 15, 2009*

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 James Legner, Fred Schaefer and John Sybeldon. Excused: Supervisor Peter Kachel.

Also present were Town Attorney Christopher Toner, Fire Chief Paul Wirth, Building/Zoning Inspector Daniel Dziadosz, Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider and Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Jahns.

On December 10, 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 Schaefer/Legner to approve the minutes of the 12/1/09 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Presentation by CVB on Value of Badger State Winter Games – Darien Schaefer, Executive Director of the Wausau/Central Wisconsin Convention & Visitors Bureau, reported the CVB will not be contracting with the Wisconsin Sports Development Corporation after the 2010 Badger State Winter Games. He explained the value of the primary host community diminished with the expansion of the winter games throughout the state. There is, however, still interest in hosting a couple of winter events for Badger State Games. The CVB wants to pursue other promotional opportunities that will have a greater economic impact. The request to expand the use of money currently designated for Badger State Games was referred to the Finance & Personnel Committee for consideration and review with local hoteliers.

**Contract: Village of Kronenwetter for Rib Mountain EMS Services – Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the contract with the Village of Kronenwetter for one year subject to any other changes by the Town’s attorney. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Contract: Jeff Musson Architect for Municipal Center Improvements – Dan and Attorney Toner discussed the proposed Musson contract and expect to have the final contract ready for signature at the next Town Board meeting. The Board questioned the extent of the project. Dan explained that the Board is able to consider the alternates separately. Dan recommended the Town Board retain all final working drawings in case the project is done in phases.

Contract: Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc. Right-of-Way Acquisition – The Public Works Committee considered a revised Steigerwaldt contract as the scope of the project changed. The new contract is for \$21,500 for land acquisitions on Rib Mountain Drive. **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve the revised contract with Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc. for right-of-way acquisitions subject to attorney review. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Contract: Employee Assistance Program – The proposed contract did not include a monthly newsletter to participants. This contract was referred to the next Town Board meeting to allow its inclusion.

51/29 Trail Final Design Amendment to AECOM Contract – The Public Works Committee recommended approval of AECOM’s Change Order No. 1 for the completion of the 51/29 trail. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve Change Order No. 1 subject to the Town Attorney’s review. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Resolution 09-07: 2010 Wages and Salaries – **Motion by Legner/Sybeldon to approve Resolution 09-07 setting the 2010 wages and salaries. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Resolution 09-11: 2010 Fee Schedule – There are now two categories of amusement devices and a fee for fireworks permits. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve Resolution No. 11 setting the 2010 fees. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Action on Nelsen Tax Refund – Attorney Chris Toner reported on the Town’s options to collect an erroneous tax refund made to Bruce Nelsen in 2006. The Town Board directed the Town Attorney move forward with a small claims action unless Mr. Nelsen agreed to sign a promissory note. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to proceed as outlined by the Town attorney. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

License Applications – **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve an operator license to Melissa A. Hoen and to refer Fritz P. Reiche to the Town Chairman for an interview prior to issuance or denial of an operator license. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Town Board Meeting Time Change – The Board discussed the results of the online survey and the practice of holding committee meetings prior to Town Board meetings. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to hold the regular Town Board meetings at 6:30 p.m. on a trial basis for three months, starting in January 2010. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Supervisor Schaefer excused himself from the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

### Forthcoming Events:

- Doepke Recreation Area Fund Raising Committee: None
- Walkable Community Committee: None
- Park Commission Report: None
- Public Safety Committee Report: None
- Public Works Committee Report: None
- Finance & Personnel Committee Report: Staff requested a Finance and Personnel Committee meeting before the end of December.
- Town Chairman Report: None
- Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Legner inquired if the new Park Road trail would be plowed. Scott responded it would not be plowed this winter.
- Town Administrator Report: Gaylene Rhoden is on maternity leave.
- Town Attorney: Chris Toner reported the Kurzynski trial has been rescheduled to January 15.
- Fire Chief Report: Paul Wirth provided a written report for the Board's review. He will not be in attendance at the January 5 meeting.
- Building Inspector Report: Daniel Dziadosz submitted a written report. Dan provided the bus survey results. He reported that 70% thought it unlikely they would ever use the bus service line. Most respondents did not support a cost share and thought businesses should pay for the service. Dan noted a frequent comment was "no more taxes."
- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider apprised the Board of crew activities and public works projects. He reported there were no complaints during or after the recent significant snowfall.
- Clerk-Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns submitted a written report. She reported the IRS mileage rate will be 50 cents per mile in 2010; suggestions for improving the Town's work comp mod factor; Wellington Place continues to claim benevolent status; and noted the newspaper article thanking the road crew for their hard work after the micro burst in July.  
**Motion by Legner/Sybeldon to approve payment of general checks**

**35850-35918. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

- Code Enforcement Officer: None

Public Comment Period – Brian Bushnell of the Commission for a Greener Tomorrow thanked the Town Board for doing the bus survey. As a resident, he thanked the road crew for its consideration to neighboring homes when plowing the Municipal Center parking lot in the winter and cutting grass in the summer.

Attorney Chris Toner reported he and the Town Assessor continue to monitor the Village of Whiting's dispute with Wellington Place over its tax exempt status.

**Adjourn - Motion by Legner/Sybeldon to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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