

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Regular Town Board Meeting
February 2, 2010

Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:41 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Supervisors Pete Kachel, Jim Legner, Fred Schaefer and John Sybeldon.

Also present were Town Attorney Christopher Toner, Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Fire Chief Paul Wirth and Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Jahns.

On January 29, 2010 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 Sybeldon/Kachel to approve the minutes of the 1/19/10 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Request: Metro Initiative for Wausau's City Square Project - Resident Mary Kate Riordan presented a slide presentation by SquareUpWausau.org, a fundraising organization to enhance the square in downtown Wausau. Supervisor Schaefer reviewed the Town's criteria for spending Town tourism dollars. The Board requested further information to determine if City Square events actually have a direct impact on the Town's tourism. This item will be placed on a future agenda pending information.

Kurzynski Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of All Claims - Attorney Toner reviewed the proposed Kurzynski settlement agreement. If it is not accepted by Mr. Kurzynski within 10 days, the matter will be back in court.
Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the Kurzynski Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of All Claims. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Creation of Section 366 in Employee Manual: Employee Recognition Program - At its January 19, 2010 meeting the Finance & Personnel Committee voted to approve Section 366 in the Employee Manual to create an employee recognition program. The program recognizes service milestones, perfect attendance and sets guidelines for retirements. There will be no effect on the budget, as expenses will be charged to the Employee Work Comp account. Each Board member commented on their support of this program. **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve creation of Section 366 in the employee personnel manual for an employee recognition program. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

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Correction to Resolution 09-07: \$13.06 and Third Shift Pay – **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the correction of \$13.06 for the beginning hourly rate for Firefighter/EMT B and to approve minimum wage as the hourly rate for the Fire Department’s new third shift part-time position. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Fire Department New Hires – Chief Wirth reported it is the recommendation of the Officers of the Rib Mountain Fire Department to hire Gregory Rosenthal, Evan Rose, Tami Drallmeier, Kathleen Fritsch, Theresa O’Brian, Joshua Grovogel, Tyler Mueller, and Emilee Dellich. **Motion by Kachel/Legner to approve the new hires as recommended by the Chief. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Fire Department Elevator Service Agreement – Chief Wirth reported on the expiration of Schindler Elevator Corporation’s one-year warranty. He received three quotes for different levels of service. He recommended the Town approve the inspection monitoring agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation at a cost of \$75 per month that provides mid level service. Money for this expense is budgeted in the Public Safety Building budget under Contractual Services. **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve the contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation at a cost of \$75 per month for the mid level service. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Agent Approval for State Park Speedway LLC – **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve Timothy Wimmer as the agent for State park Speedway LLC. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

License Applications – Ron and Scott Wimmer recently purchased the State Park Speedway. Clerk Jahns noted the previously issued license held by Todd Handrick had been surrendered. Building Inspector Daniel Dziadosz submitted a copy of his 7/23/08 letter to the previous owner of the racetrack regarding pending State, County and Town approvals. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve a Class B liquor and beer license for State Park Speedway LLC contingent upon conformance with concerns of the Town’s Building Inspector noted in his letter of July 23, 2008. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve a cigarette license for State Park speedway LLC. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve amusement device licenses for the State Park Speedway LLC. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve operator licenses for Debra J. Freese and Dana R. Schultz. Questioned and carried 5:0.

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Forthcoming Events:

- Doepke Recreation Area Fund Raising Committee: None

- Walkable Community Committee: The Committee is considering holding the Bike Rodeo in a different location due to access concerns.

- Park Commission Report: None

- Public Safety Committee Report: None

- Public Works Committee Report: None

- Finance & Personnel Committee Report: None

- Town Chairman Report: Allen Opall reported he received positive comments about how the Town is managed. He acknowledged the elected Supervisors and thanked Staff.

- Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Schaefer commented on the WisDNR's public information meeting about 2010 improvements to the state park. The meeting was held at the Municipal Center on January 26. He noted there is positive feedback on the Town's portion of the Park Road trail.

- Town Administrator Report: Gaylene Rhoden submitted a written report for the Board's review. She noted another UW-Stevens Point intern started today at no charge to the Town; the City of Wausau plans to discontinue its Badger State Games contributions to the Convention Visitor Bureau; U.S. Assemblyman Dave Obey, who was instrumental in securing funding for the Rib Mountain Drive project, will be here on February 18 at 9:00 a.m.; the Goal Setting meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, at 5:00 p.m.; and she earned her certification in Emergency Management through the UW-Green Bay. Chairman Opall congratulated her on this accomplishment.

- Town Attorney: None

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- Fire Chief Report: Paul Wirth submitted a written report. He noted the new ambulance is being lettered and the brush truck chassis is here. He offered to reschedule the Pierce visits on 2/18 and 3/5 due to scheduling conflicts of the Town Board.
- Building Inspector Report: Bill Hebert submitted a written report along with January permit activity.
- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider submitted a written report of crew activities and public works projects.
- Clerk-Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns submitted a written report. She asked Board members for feedback at the next meeting on 2010 Board of Review dates and times.
- Code Enforcement Officer: None

Public Comment Period – Assemblyman Jerry Petrowski provided information about Stewardship funding; the state’s formula for cuts to shared revenue; tax and fee increases; raids on segregated funds; earmarked items in Governor Doyle’s budget; and spending increases for Milwaukee and Dane Counties. He cautioned about fiscal problems in the future. He complimented the Town Board on its fiscal responsiveness. Chairman Opall again thanked Staff.

Supervisor Schaefer commented on the recent tax increase of the Wausau School District. Fred noted Assemblyman Jerry Petrowski’s efforts helped tremendously with money for Town trails. Fred requested any assistance he could provide with the Town’s Trip D application for Rib Mountain Drive.

Chairman Opall thanked Assemblyman Jerry Petrowski for the update.

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

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