

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Regular Town Board Meeting

November 17, 2009

Chairman Allen Opall called the rescheduled regular meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:18 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Supervisors Peter Kachel, James Legner, Frederick Schaefer and John Sybeldon who arrived later.

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

On November 13, 2009 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 Legner/Kachel to approve the minutes of the 11/3/09 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Adopt 2010 Town Budget - Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the 2010 Town budget. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Refuse & Recycling - Bill Hebert reviewed the discrepancies discovered in the fall refuse container audit. Dan Dziadosz reviewed the proposed Veolia refuse and recycling contract noting the blended rate charges and the fuel surcharge. He asked for direction for billing commercial properties that are using small containers. He noted that a change in policy would result in a contract modification. Supervisor Sybeldon arrived at this time. Supervisor Schaefer argued it would be advantageous for the Town to bill small businesses that only require a small container. Todd Mitchell of Veolia recommended the Town continue to bill only residential properties. Supervisor Schaefer disagreed with the proposed contract language in Section 13.d.5. Todd Mitchell responded that fuel prices continue to fluctuate and Corporate requires a monthly adjustment. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the contract subject to final Town Attorney review and removal of Section 13.d.5 regarding increases in the cost of diesel fuel. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approve Quotes on Public Works Equipment - Scott Schatschneider reviewed the wheeled loader quotes and noted the prices came in under budget. The crew tested the loaders and preferred the John Deere because of ease of operation,

reliability and visibility. Supervisor Schaefer expressed angst about the price differences. **Motion by Kachel/Legner to approve the loader quote of Nortrax of \$166,500 for the John Deere. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Motion by Schaefer/Legner to sell the Town's current loader to Wausau Steel for \$52,000. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Scott reviewed the tractor backhoe quotes and noted the prices came in under budget. The crew tested most of the tractor backhoes and preferred the John Deere. The Board discussed the manufacturer price differences. Supervisor Kachel stated he seldom, in his past experience, bought two pieces of equipment from the same dealer at the same time. **Motion by Legner/Schaefer to approve the tractor backhoe quote of \$76,500 from Miller-Bradford with a trade-in of \$23,500 for net price of \$53,000. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Authorize Attendance at Ambulance Accreditation Seminar – Chief Wirth requested approval for two members of the Rib Mountain Fire Department to attend a conference in Las Vegas, NV to expedite the Town's CAAS ambulance accreditation. He noted these are the only two conference sites and the 2009 Fire Department travel and training budget has money to fund this request. **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve the expense for up to two Rib Mountain Fire Department employees to attend the CAAS seminar in Las Vegas, NV for a cost not to exceed \$1,200 and that there be no gambling during conference hours. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Ordinance No. 09-09: Ambulance Mileage Rates – This ordinance amendment will allow the Town to charge \$12 per loaded mile for all interfacility transports. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to adopt and approve Ordinance No. 09-09 to increase ambulance mileage rates. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

License Applications – **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve an operator license for Rochelle L. Schmitt. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Forthcoming Events:

- Doepke Recreation Area Fund Raising Committee: George Snyder reported there is approximately \$20,000 in the Foundation Fund. It was suggested at the last meeting that the Town newsletter contain an article about tiles for Doepke Park. He had two inquiries about Doepke Park, one for a memorial bench and another for a cash donation.
- Walkable Community Committee: None
- Park Commission Report: George Snyder read the revised mission statement developed by the Commission. The Commission is reviewing each park for possible improvements and potential expansion. It would

like to get input about park development from Town residents.

- Public Safety Committee Report: None
- Public Works Committee Report: None
- Finance & Personnel Committee Report: None
- Town Chairman Report: Allen Opall reported a concerned resident and their spouse called him to say they didn't want any public transportation at taxpayer expense.
- Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Schaefer inquired about the bus survey response. Bill Hebert responded 731 surveys of 3,500, with a lot of feedback, were returned. Scott Miles was enthused with the response rate and that the Town paid return postage for the surveys. The final report will be presented at the December 1 Town Board meeting.
- Town Administrator Report: Gaylene Rhoden is on maternity leave.
- Town Attorney: The Scott Kurzynski trial has been rescheduled.
- Fire Chief Report: Paul Wirth provided a written report for the Board's review along with an October/November run report. A draft of the Village of Kronenwetter contract has been forwarded to the Town Attorney.
- Building Inspector Report: Daniel Dziadosz submitted a written report. He noted that two single family permits have been issued.
- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider apprised the Board of crew activities and public works projects. Construction of the Park Road trail is underway.
- Clerk-Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns submitted a written report and provided an update on October bank balances and long term debt. She noted the Municipal Center will be closed on November 26-27 for Thanksgiving. **Motion by Kachel/Sybeldon to approve payment of general checks #35698-35849. Questioned and carried 5:0.**
- Code Enforcement Officer: None

Public Comment Period – The John Deere salesman introduced himself and asked that the Board reconsider its decision on the tractor backhoe.

Robert Petersen introduced himself as future businessman in Rib Mountain. He plans to open a retail store with imported beer, fine wines, and the largest humidor in the state of Wisconsin.

Adjourn - Motion by Kachel/Legner to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.

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