

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Regular Town Board Meeting
September 21, 2010

Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Supervisors Pete Kachel, Jim Legner and Fred Schaefer, a quorum. Excused: John Sybeldon.

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

On September 17, 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 Legner/Schaefer to approve the minutes of the 9/7/10 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Ron Wimmer Request to Hold 2011 Wausau 525 Snowmobile Race at State Park Speedway – Ron Wimmer stated Ralph Merwin approached him about holding the Wausau 525 snowmobile race at State Park Speedway in 2011. He explained the race is good for the community as it provides family entertainment and is good for the economy as it brings in retail shoppers and fills hotels. The race attracts people from Minnesota, Michigan and Canada.

Ralph Merwin explained that the Wausau 525 Snowmobile Championship is a three-day tribute race for his son, Flip Merwin. The event has been held at Sunnyvale Park for the past six years but racers have expressed an interest in racing on a land track. The State Park Speedway venue will eliminate a lot of expense as almost everything is already in place.

The Wausau 525 is considered one of the great snowmobile races in the country. A smaller crowd than attends the stock car races is anticipated due to the winter weather. However, if the snowmobiles may be about as noisy as stock cars. The 525 will put snow banks along the perimeter of the track to buffer noise. Howard Johnson's is the host hotel for the event scheduled for January 28-29-30. The event will be held during daytime hours between 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The big race is 12 laps on Sunday. There will be a get-together for fans and drivers on Friday and they would like to have fireworks. Ralph reported that between two 501(3) (c) organizations, \$140,000 has already been raised for Wausau West scholarships and cancer care for children.

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Dan Dziadosz reported that the State Park Speedway's conditional use allows for 20 events per year and does not specify the type of event.

Supervisor Schaefer stated the Town would be honored to host the 2011 event with the caveat a welcome from the Town Chairman and not the Wausau Mayor is included in the 2011 brochure. He encouraged the Wausau 525 event to use the Municipal Center parking lot as a shuttle stop for attendees.

Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve the request to use the State Park Speedway for the Wausau 525. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Presentation on Lake Wausau by Scott Provost, WDNR Water Resources Specialist – Scott Provost gave a power point presentation on this summer's algae problem in Lake Wausau. Nutrient loads, weather conditions and development have impacted impact water quality. Lake Wausau is the third largest reservoir and is part of a larger WDNR project to clean up the entire Wisconsin River drainage basin. WDNR grant money of \$7,000 to \$19,000 is available but either a municipality or a lake association must apply for it. Solutions include an aquatic harvest, herbicide treatments, water level flux, etc.

Ralph Merwin stated he was a member of the Rib Mountain Business Association which has identified the clean up of Lake Wausau as one of its major goals. Supervisor Schaefer suggested the Town could assist with facilitating this effort. Chairman Opall recommended that surrounding municipalities also be contacted to support and join the effort to improve the water quality in Lake Wausau.

Scott Provost stated the WDNR could provide technical assistance, speakers and mailings. A lake association would receive grant funding; hire a consultant to identify nutrient sources, and hold hearings to obtain citizen input. He left applications for funding for whoever will take the lead. Resident Jim Nauta will contact Ralph Merwin of the Rib Mountain Business Association about setting up a lake association. Town Staff was directed to work with the Rib Mountain Business Association to identify the history of previous lake associations, draft bylaws and provide assistance with a grant application.

Contract Amendment: AECOM Stormwater Modeling – Scott Schatschneider explained Marathon County will use the Town's consultant to perform WinSLAMM modeling for county stormwater facilities located in the Town. AECOM will do the work under a change order within its original contract with the Town. As the Town will submit AECOM's charges to Marathon County for payment, there should be no cost to the Town. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the contract amendment with AECOM. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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Resolution 10-08: Abandonment of Public Bridle Path – Attorney Toner presented a resolution authorizing abandonment of the public bridle path. **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve Resolution 10-08 to abandon the public bridle path. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Chairman's Appointments – **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve the reappointment of Kevin Mataczynski to the Plan Commission subject to his acceptance. Questioned and carried 4:0.** His new term will expire April 2015.

Approve Change of Agent: The Store (Schierl Sales Corporation) – **Motion by Legner/Kachel to approve Daniel J. Lierman as the new agent for The Store #61. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

License Applications – **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the Class B Liquor & Beer Application Darden Restaurants, Inc. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve an operator license for Beth A. Wilson Questioned and carried 4:0.

Forthcoming Events:

- Doepke Recreation Area Fund Raising Committee: The Committee has disbanded. The Community Foundation released the remaining fund balance as the Town will establish a 501(3) (c) organization.
- Walkable Community Committee: The Board members are invited to the October 6 Kickoff for the Robin lane Safe Routes To School project recognition at 2:40 p.m.
- Park Commission Report: None
- Public Safety Committee Report: None
- Public Works Committee Report: Supervisor Schaefer reported town roads took a beating with all the rain we received this year. Construction vehicles on State Park Road are also beating up the Town's portion of that road. Road deterioration and culverts must be addressed as most town roads were installed in the mid-1980s.
- Finance & Personnel Committee Report: None

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- Town Chairman Report: Allen Opall reported Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Jahns made a request to use all her accrued vacation for an extended leave in 2011. With the blessing of the Town Board, he granted the extended leave request for up to ten weeks in June, July and August 2011.
- Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Legner inquired who was doing the tree planting along I39/US51 and near the highway ramps. He complained that the trees were not being planted properly. Scott reported WDOT contracted with a Michigan firm for \$250,000 to plant trees and sumac. Scott will contact Dan Raczkowski at Marathon County about the tree planting complaint.

Supervisor Schaefer expressed interest in holding a candidate forum at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center before the November election. Staff was asked to reach out to both campaigns.

- Town Administrator Report: Gaylene Rhoden submitted a written report for the Board's review. She will work with the Rib Mountain Business Association on forming a Lake Wausau association. It will be brought up, at the next Chamber meeting, to surrounding communities that they need to participate with the Lake Wausau cleanup.
- Town Attorney: None
- Fire Chief Report: Paul Wirth submitted a written report. He has draft language for an automatic aid agreement with Weston Fire Department that will be forwarded to Attorney Toner for review. Wal-Mart made a \$1,000 to the Rib Mountain Fire Department.
- Building Inspector Report: Dan Dziadosz submitted a written report. He reviewed a memo from Code Enforcement Officer Paul Hursh regarding sound levels at State Park Speedway. The sound tests off track didn't substantially exceed the 95 decibels that were of concern by the complainant, Mr. Gaines. Dan also reported that the RMMC does not specify any decibel level for Outdoor Entertainment.

Ron Wimmer stated the speedway is an ASA sanctioned track which enforces a nationwide standard of 95 decibels. He said no trees were cut on the west end of the track property. He also spoke with Mrs. Gaines who told him that one car makes more noise than several cars together. Mr. Wimmer assured the Board he will not have a jet engine car perform again.

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Supervisor Schaefer stated there is additional concern about practice nights for race cars. Mr. Wimmer responded that he holds races every other week and racers are given one night a week for practice, either Tuesday or Wednesday dependent upon the weather. Supervisor Schaefer suggested the track consider additional noise abatement such as fencing. He also encouraged Ron Wimmer to utilize the Municipal Center parking lot as a shuttle pick up area. Ron responded he has more ideas to encourage use of the shuttle and he will also do pickups at the local motels. He said he will personally contact Mr. Gaines.

- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider apprised the Board of crew activities and public works projects. He noted that Wisconsin Public Service will begin burial on September 27 and Frontier should be ready. As WPS needs right-of-way staking, the Town will hire AECOM and pay for it out of the general engineering budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns provided a written report noting there were 1,409 voters at the September Partisan Primary. She submitted a report on bank balances and long term debt for the month of August. **Motion by Kachel/Legner to approve payment of General Checks 37024-37137. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

- Code Enforcement Officer: None

Public Comment Period – None

Adjourn - **Motion by Kachel/Schaefer to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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