

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Regular Town Board Meeting

December 18, 2007

Supervisor John Sybeldon 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, Frederick Schaefer and John Sybeldon. Excused: Chairman Allen Opall.

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

On December 14, 2007 copies of the meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney and posted at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center.

Request for donation by South Mountain School for Walking Trail – Principal Julie Sprague stated the South Mountain PTO has been raising funds for construction of a five foot wide paved path at the school since 2005. This path would provide a multi-generational outlet for physical activity for the community and increase physical activity opportunities for the school. She reported a shortfall in funding of \$8,776.80. The Wausau School District is committed to the construction of this community path and would do maintenance and upkeep of the path, such as sealing and minor crack repair.

Administrator Rhoden noted the Rib Mountain Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Committee recommended that money in its 2007 budget that was not used for education and bike rodeo be donated for this walking trail. She suggested that this walking trail be identified in the Rib Mountain Park Commission's Five Year Plan update for potential grant applications.

Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to commit \$1,170 from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee budget to this project and refer the request to the Finance & Personnel Committee for further consideration of a donation based on a review of budget resources. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Minutes: **Motion by Jonas/Legner to approve the minutes of the 12/04/07 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Plan Commission Report & Recommendations – Daniel Dziadosz reported that Marathon County requested several ordinance amendments. He reviewed each of the Plan Commission recommendations.

Docket 07-04: RMMC17.056(2)(g)1 County Forest Land Ordinance Amendment. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the ordinance amendment. Supervisor Schaefer expressed repugnance with Marathon County's management plan of county forest land noting the ordinance amendment would exempt the County from something an ordinary citizen doesn't have a right to do. **Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to deny the Plan Commission recommendation. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Docket 07-04: RMMC 17.024 Lot Coverage Ratios ordinance amendment. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the ordinance amendment.

Docket 07-04: RMMC 17.024 and 17.059 Canopy / Tent Accessory Structures. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the ordinance amendment with the insertion of inflatable structures where appropriate.

Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to approve the Plan Commission recommendations to amend the Rib Mountain Municipal Code for lot coverage ratios and for canopy / tent structures. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Docket 07-59: RMMC 17.229 Certificate of Occupancy – 24 Month Bond Expiration. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the ordinance amendment. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the Plan Commission recommendation. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Emma Krumbée's Signage – Minor Alteration: The Plan Commission recommended approval of the minor sign alteration for Emma Krumbée's. **Motion by Jonas/Legner to approve the Plan Commission recommendation. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Agreement with Marathon County Humane Society for Humane Officer – The Town Attorney presented a simplified version of an agreement with the Marathon County Humane Society. State law violations are not investigated by the Town and the Town only needs services for collection of strays and unlicensed animals.

The agreement provides the Town will pay \$5,000 annually in quarterly installments and that these payments shall be compensation for services provided to the Town in lieu of any pledges of payment for the construction of the Society's new facility. The agreement terminates in 2011 and also has a 90-day cancellation provision.

Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to approve the agreement with the Marathon County Humane Society, subject to minor corrections by the Town Attorney, for humane officer services. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Interfacility Transport License Upgrade and Proposal of Service - Chief Paul Wirth reported the State of Wisconsin requires a feasibility study and protocols along with resolution of staffing and training issues prior to issuance of a license for inter-facility transports. He requested authorization for a study and approval of the concept of a second license for paramedic interfacilities within the Fire Department and approve contacting Aspirus Hospital to express an interest in the possibility of providing interfacility service if current provider is no longer available. The Finance & Personnel Committee recommended approval of the study and concept. **Motion by Jonas/Legner to approve the Finance & Personnel Committee recommendation. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Revise Doepke Park Rental Agreement to Include a Heating Clause for Winter Rentals - **Motion by Jonas/Legner to approve fee changes to the rental policy to include heating. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Resolution 07-10: 2008 Wages & Salaries - **Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to approve Resolution 07-10 for 2008 wages and salaries. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Appoint 2008-09 Election Officials and Special Registration Deputies - **Motion by Jonas/Legner to approve the Town Chairman's appointments. Chief Inspectors include Patricia DeSantis, Mildred Schaefer, Barbara Drake, and Julie Meyer while poll workers include Peggy Bant, Carol Batchelder, Alyce Baumgardt, Kathy Beatty, Leona and Robert Borneman, Patricia Deluca, William and LaVonne Duernberger, Lucy Harvey, Nancy Heiser, Anthony Hiebl, Arden and Marilyn Hoffman, Joyce Huntington, Sharon Kaliebe, Mary Kautz, Chuck Kickbusch, Donna Kramer, Sharon ow, Patricia Messerschmidt, Julie Meyer, Joyce Pevytoe, Dorothy Schmitz and Delores Wadzinski. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Park Commission Recommendation for Playground Ad Hoc Committee - The Park Commission is still trying to raise money for playground equipment at Doepke Park. Berland Meyer, former Park Commissioner, has been asked to head an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a plan to construct the playground by the end of June 2008. **Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to approve formation of the Ad Hoc Committee and the membership comprised of Berland Meyer, Beverly Meyer, Scott Schatschneider, Dennis Wald, Gina Cornell, Lori Rowe, Shelbe Healy and Kim Spromberg. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Reschedule / Cancel 1st Regular Town Board Meeting in January 2008 - **Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to cancel the first regular meeting in January 2008. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

License Applications – None

Forthcoming Events:

- Public Safety Committee Report: The Committee will discuss residential deer hunting and speed limit signs at the next meeting.
- Finance & Personnel Committee Report and Recommendations: The Committee recommended approval of an educational reimbursement for employee William Hebert. **Motion by Jonas/Schaefer to approve the Finance & Personnel Committee recommendation. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

The Committee recommended approval of hiring Fire Department applicants David Screnock, Traci Parlier, Jamie Giese, and Andrew Lohman. **Motion by Legner/Schaefer to approve the Finance & Personnel Committee recommendation for these new hires. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

The Finance & Personnel Committee recommended hiring Paul Wirth and Roy Sawczuk as back up snow plow drivers. **Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to hire Paul Wirth and Roy Sawczuk as back up snow plow drivers. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

The Finance & Personnel Committee recommended hiring Tom Bedora as a second rink attendant at the rate of \$9.86 per hour. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to hire Tom Bedora as the second rink attendant at the rate of \$9.86 per hour. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

- Town Chairman Report: Supervisor John Sybeldon conveyed happy holiday wishes for Chairman Allen Opall.
- Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Jonas thanked Staff for hosting the Holiday Party and wished everyone happy holidays.
- Town Administrator Report: Administrator Rhoden filed a written report for the Board's review. She noted that two unlicensed dogs were picked up this week and taken to the Marathon County Humane Society.
- Attorney's Report: Philip Freeburg apprised Board members of the status of the Bellflower easement obstruction.
- Fire Chief Report: Chief Wirth filed a written report for the Board's review. He noted the training burn on the house on Rib Mountain Drive is scheduled for January.

- Building Inspector Report: Inspector Dziadosz filed a written report for the Board's review. His report included permit activity, updates on projects, and as of 1/1/08 the uniform dwelling code requires contractors to be qualified.
- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider submitted a written report for the Board's review. He apprised the Board of crew activities, rink opening and yard waste site options.
- Clerk/Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns submitted a written report along with November bank balances and long term debt for the Board's review. **Motion by Legner/Jonas to approve payment of checks 32450-32572. Questioned and carried 4:0.** She noted the Municipal Center will be closed on scheduled employee holidays on December 24, 25 and 31.

Public Comment Period - None

Adjourn - **Motion by Jonas/Legner to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Patricia J. Jahns, MMC/CMTW
Clerk/Treasurer