

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Regular Town Board Meeting

February 5, 2008

Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 7:02 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.

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

On February 1, 2008 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 Jonas/Schaefer to approve the minutes of the 1/15/08 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Plan Commission Report & Recommendations – Docket 08-03: Terry Kittson, representing St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, requesting conditional use approval to allow an additional monument sign in a Suburban Residential zoning district per RMMC 17.215(1) at 3200 North Mountain Road. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the conditional use request subject to combining all parcels to create a plat of survey to be recorded, no additional illumination for the sign along Partridge Avenue and additional consideration for the appropriate visual triangle along Partridge Avenue and North Mountain Road to be determined by Staff. Daniel reported the purpose of the sign is to generate greater usage of the larger parking facility on the west side of the church. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the Plan Commission recommendation. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Docket 08-04: Wisconsin State Patrol requesting conditional use approval to allow a modification of the existing facility located at 2805 Martin Avenue to replace the existing 40’ antenna with a 100’ antenna / tower per RMMC 17.056(3)(e) and (8)(r). The Plan Commission recommended approval of the request to replace the 40’ tower with a new 80’ tower with 20’ antennas. **Motion by Jonas/Schaefer to approve the Plan Commission recommendation. Questioned and carried 4:1 with Schaefer in opposition.**

Introduction of Marathon County Solid Waste Department Administrator – Meleesa Johnson introduced herself to the Board and conveyed her enthusiasm about Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. She encouraged the Town’s participation in a cooperative agreement of responsible units to keep refuse and recycling affordable for County residents.

Agreement: Department of Revenue Tax Refund Interception – Attorney Freeburg apprised the Board of the limitations of this program. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the WisDOR Municipal Agreement for Tax Refund Interception. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Resolution 08-01: Jurisdictional Transfer of CTH N from McCleary Bridge south to its intersection with CTH N – **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve Resolution 08-01 for the jurisdictional transfer of CTH N from McCleary Bridge south to its intersection with CTH N. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Resolution 08-02: Jurisdictional Transfer of CTH NN from the 51/29 interchange east to its intersection with CTH N – **Motion by Jonas/Schaefer to approve Resolution 08-02 for the jurisdictional transfer of CTH NN from the 51/29 interchange east to its intersection with CTH N. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Ordinance 08-02: Snowmobile Access over Town Roads (RMMC 7.05(2)) – **Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to approve Ordinance 08-02 for ongoing snowmobile access over Town roads. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Chairman’s Appointment to Rib Mountain Park Commission – **Motion by Jonas/Schaefer to approve Bill Miller, 3003 Bellflower Street, to fill the Park Commission vacancy created by Berland Meyer’s resignation. The term is effective until 7/2010. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

License Applications – None

Forthcoming Events:

- Doepke Recreation Area Fund Raising Committee: None
- Walkable Community Committee: None
- Park Commission Report: None
- Public Safety Committee Report: The Committee met prior to tonight’s Town Board meeting and discussed reducing the speed limit from 35 to 25 mph on Lilac and Lakeshore from Morning Glory to Sunrise and Blackberry from Redbud to Woodsmoke, and approved the new part-time Constable position description.

- Public Works Committee Report: The Committee will meet February 7th at noon.
- Finance & Personnel Committee Report and Recommendations:
Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve a budget amendment for \$107,947.52 for the Lilac/Lakeshore project. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to approve the EMT/Paramedic requirement for the Fire Department Captain position and hiring at 95% of the starting wage. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve the appointment of Dan Stanchick and Josh Finke to the Fire Department Lieutenant positions. Questioned and carried 5:0. Dan and Josh introduced themselves and briefly described their education and experience.

Motion by Schaefer/Legner to add the words “or death” to the Sick Leave policy with an effective date of 1/1/08. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Motion by Jonas/Legner to approve the purchase of a digital message board for the Municipal Building lobby with funds from the municipal building reserve account. Questioned and carried 5:0.

- Town Chairman Report: Allen Opall proposed May 22, 27 or 29 for the 2008 Board of Review. Board members should let Clerk Jahns know their preference. He received a visit from Wausau Mayor Tipple who expressed his thoughts on the bussing issue. He announced that Park Commissioner Chuck Kickbusch passed away today. He was a long time resident and volunteered for many Town activities.
- Town Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Schaefer reported the yellow bus parking on Fern Lane has disappeared.
- Town Administrator Report: Administrator Rhoden filed a written report for the Board’s review. She inquired if Town Board members were interested in email addresses on the Town server. She reminded the Board to give feedback for topics of discussion at the 2008 Goal Setting meeting scheduled for February 12th at 6:00 p.m. She noted that she now posts her Administrator Report on the Town’s web site. She was directed to put the location and collection schedule for hazardous materials in the Town Beat newsletter.
- Attorney’s Report: None

- Fire Chief Report: Chief Wirth filed a written report for the Board's review. He noted that Van Ert replaced the housing on the siren. The draft agreement between Aspirus Hospital Neonatal Unit and Rib Mountain Fire Department will be reviewed by the Town Attorney. He met with the Aspirus Hospitals Emergency Medical Director and the Medical Liaison between Aspirus Hospital and MedEvac. Rib Mountain offered its services as the backup ambulance transport for Aspirus Clinics and Hospital in the event that MedEvac is unavailable.
- Building Inspector Report: Inspector Dziadosz filed a written report for the Board's review. He reported on the status of projects, Plan Commission work, the status of the Hummingbird Assessor's Plat, the Rib Mountain history project, and an update on 2010 Census work.
- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider submitted a written report for the Board's review. He apprised the Board of crew activities, rink usage, Gypsy Moth suppression, and advertising the 1995 Ford pickup in the Town's spring newsletter and the website. He reported the Wausau Noon Optimist Club will be at Rookery Park this weekend from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Work on McCleary Bridge is approximately 3-4 weeks behind schedule but should be finished by mid May. Supervisor Schaefer inquired about the Town's salt reserve. Scott responded that while some municipalities are running out of salt, the Town has enough on hand with another 750 ton reserved.
- Clerk/Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns submitted a written report. She reported the Town's experience mod factor for Work Comp insurance premiums for 2008 is .93.

Public Comment Period - None

Adjourn - Motion by Jonas/Schaefer to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.

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