

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Regular Town Board Meeting June 3, 2008

Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 7:06 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Supervisors LeRoy Jonas IV, Frederick Schaefer and John Sybeldon. Supervisor James Legner was excused.

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

On May 30, 2008 copies of the meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney and posted at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center.

Lakeshore / Lilac Speed Limit – The Town recently lowered the speed limit on Lilac Avenue, Lakeshore Drive, Overhead Avenue and Sunrise Drive from 35 mph to 25 mph. Several residents were in attendance to express their opinion on the reduced speed. A petition to restore the 35 mph speed limit on Lilac and Lakeshore from Briq’s Soft Serve to Liberty Park was submitted to the Town Clerk’s office and copies were provided to the Town Board.

Jeff Brandt, 127 Larkspur Lane, noted the petition contained 165 signatures. He commented that the speed reduction was supposedly based on safety concerns for users of the new bike bridge connecting Rib Mountain to Rothschild. He stated that the speed reduction is inconveniencing over 300 residents for a limited use by cyclists. He claimed he has been tailgated by cars, school buses and even a sheriff’s deputy. While a 25 mph speed may be appropriate for downtown Wausau it is not suitable for a rural road with no housing.

Jeff Martin, 6304 Rose Avenue, identified himself as an 18 year Town resident and former President of the Wausau Wheelers Club. He stated that Liberty Park is a primary park in the Rib Mountain community for soccer, baseball, and tennis. With the price of gas at \$4 per gallon even more cyclists will be using that route. He argued the irrelevance of inconvenienc when safety is the issue for children in the park area and cyclists using the trail.

Mr. Brandt responded that it’s not the concern for the amount of time it takes to get home but the people behind him. He argued that 35 mph is not excessive if

pedestrians and cyclists are in the bike lane. However, he stated that the bike path should have been constructed similar to the one on CTH R.

Supervisor LeRoy Jonas, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, offered a compromise speed of 30 mph.

Joe Gilliam, 6803 Carnation Avenue, complained that bikers ignore the rules of the road.

Kevin Maroney, 209 Rainbow Lane, reported the noise has been reduced since the speed limit was lowered. He said the bike lane was too narrow.

Jeff Brandt requested that the stretch from Briq's to Carnation Avenue should be posted at 30 mph.

Streets & Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider reported that the current speed limit from Morninglory Lane to Briq's is 25 mph. That was originally put in place due to the traffic generated by the industrial area.

Chairman Opall commented that many drivers ignore posted speed limits and drive five to seven miles over the posted speed. Supervisor Sybeldon inquired if there were any major accidents at the 35 mph or 25 mph speeds on Lilac or Lakeshore.

Motion by Jonas/Schaefer to reconsider the speed limit on Lilac and Lakeshore and to change the speed limit to 30 mph from Morninglory Lane to Carnation Avenue. Questioned and carried 4:0.

A female resident from Sunrise Court inquired about the possibility of widening the bike path. Supervisor Schaefer responded that it would be costly to expand the physical bike path but consideration could be given to changing the striping.

Minutes: Motion by Jonas/Schaefer to approve the minutes of the 5/20/08 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Plan Commission Report & Recommendations - Docket #08-15: Brad Rohde requested conditional use approval of an additional driveway entrance on Blackberry Drive as well as approval for the construction of a detached accessory building for residential storage purposes per RMMC Section 17.056(8) (d) - Detached Private Residential Garage, Carport, or Utility Shed. The building size requested is approximately 40' x 60' (2,400 sq. ft.) in an Estate Residential zoning district at 5901 Blackberry Drive. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the conditional use for the construction of a second driveway and the

construction of an accessory building no larger than 2,000 square feet on a 5:2 vote. **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve the conditional use for the construction of a second driveway and the construction of an accessory building no larger than 2,000 square feet with the condition that the building be sided similar to the applicant's house. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Docket #08-20: Schierl Sales Corporation requesting a rezoning from Suburban commercial and Suburban Residential to Unified Development District for the three parcels being used as a group development at 2409-2501 North Mount and 2508 Bluebird Lane with both General Development Plan and Precise Implementation Plan approval for the purposes of converting the indoor entertainment restaurant tenant to a bar/grill, modifying signage and multiple zonings. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the rezoning from Suburban Commercial and Suburban Residential to Unified Development District but not the General Development Plan and Precise Implementation Plan. Daniel Dziadosz commented that there will not be an increase in the size of the building. **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve the change of zone to Unified Development District and send the General Development Plan and Precise Implementation Plan back to the Plan Commission for further action. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Docket #08-21: American Asphalt of Wisconsin requesting approval of an unclassified use per RMMC Sec. 17.056(9) (e) for the temporary use of an asphalt batch plant to be located at 6703 South Mountain Road (within the existing mine) between June 1 and September 1, 2008. The Plan Commission recommended approval of an unclassified use per the RMMC Sec. 17.056(9) (e) for the temporary use of an asphalt batch plant at 6703 South Mountain Road from June 5 through July 12, 2008. Daniel Dziadosz commented this use will be similar to their operation in 2005. Supervisor Schaefer noted that the temporary batch plant was limited to one season with hours from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and that all trucking was to occur on county highways whenever possible. **Motion by Sybeldon/Jonas to approve an unclassified use per RMMC 17.056(9) (e) for the temporary use of an asphalt batch plant at 6703 South Mountain Road from June 5 through September 12, 2008. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

New Hire: Part-Time Summer Recreation Program – Rib Mountain's 2008 summer program runs from June 16 through August 7. **Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to hire Sara Ann Just as the playground assistant, subject to Park Commission approval, at the hourly rate of \$7.46. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Class B Liquor & Beer License for Jam Jam LLC – Upon review of the application of Jam Jam LLC's application for an alcohol license ending June 30, 2008, the

Town Attorney found some prior drinking and driving and prior controlled substance violations that were not disclosed. Clerk Jahns reported there have been no recorded incidents or complaints about this establishment. **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve the auxiliary application of Adam Jamgochian and refer the auxiliary application of William Jamgochian to the Town Chairman for interview and determination of approval. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

License Applications – **Motion by Schaefer/Jonas to approve an operator license for Mary Lynn Pouwels. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Forthcoming Events:

- Doepke Recreation Area Fund Raising Committee: George Snyder reported a request for payment was submitted to the Community Foundation for the playground equipment. Lee Recreation was notified that the bus equipment may need to be repaired or reinstalled.
- Walkable Community Committee: Administrator Rhoden reported that member Gerry Klein is working with Rib Mountain Inn and the State Park to connect Mountain Way and Robin Lane.
- Park Commission Report: A meeting is scheduled for June 10.
- Public Safety Committee Report: LeRoy Jonas reported that deer hunting will be discussed at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.
- Finance & Personnel Committee Report and Recommendations: **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve the Finance & Personnel Committee recommendation to adopt the Town of Rib Mountain organization chart with removal of the full-time equivalent information; to approve the budget transfer of up to \$8,200 from the Municipal Building reserve account to the General Fund, to grant the Fire Department the ability to donate surplus gear to local departments that are in need, and to approve a credit card to be issued to Deputy Chief Matt Savage and to be used exclusively for interfacility ambulance transport expenses. Questioned and carried 4:0.**
- Town Administrator Report: Gaylene Rhoden filed a written report for the Board's review. She recommended an extension of the deadline for the Code Enforcement Officer applications; will advertise both the Enforcement and Crossing Guard positions in the newsletter; asked when the Board would like to meet to prioritize department requests for the

Capital Improvement Program; and will submit the REI grant application for an intern.

- Fire Chief Report: Paul Wirth filed a written report for the Board's review. He reported the Rib Mountain Fire Department received approval from the state of an upgrade; the new ambulance will arrive June 4, and the Department plans to do a training burn at a house on Rib Mountain Drive on June 17.
- Building Inspector Report: Daniel Dziadosz filed a written report for the Board's review. His report included permit activity and website hits for the month of May. He apprised the Board of the status of projects and that Wausau Youth Baseball requested additional storage at Doepke Park.
- Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider reported on crew activities; Gypsy Moth spraying on June 1; and road projects on Kingbird and Partridge.
- Clerk/Treasurer Report: Patricia Jahns submitted a written report noting there were no objections to the assessment roll at the formal Board of Review held May 22nd and that Town of Wausau Chairman Jim Riehle verbally notified the Town that Meverden will be digging to the west of the Town's former yard waste site.
- Public Comment Period – Resident Harlan Hebbe, Jr. inquired about placement of a stop sign for cyclists on the bike trail at Sunrise Drive and if the Board would only hold one meeting per month during the summer. Scott Schatschneider reported he would have a stop sign placed near the road along the trail. Chairman Opall reported the Board will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Adjourn - Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.

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