

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Regular Town Board Meeting

September 20, 2011

Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Supervisors Pete Kachel, Jim Legner, Fred Schaefer and John Sybeldon, a quorum.

Also present were Town Attorney Dean Dietrich, Fire Chief Paul Wirth, Building/Zoning Inspector Daniel Dziadosz, Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider and Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Jahns.

Supervisor Kachel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On September 16, 2011 copies of the meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney and posted at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center.

Minutes: The minutes of the 9/6/11 regular Town Board meeting were not submitted for approval at this time.

Plan Commission Report & Recommendations – Dan Dziadosz commented the Plan Commission tabled action on Ron Wimmer’s response to his non-compliance issues at State Park Speedway. However, the Plan Commission is interested in reviewing the race track issues at a future meeting. The Plan Commission also tabled the Bone & Joint landscaping issue.

Cooperative Waste Reduction Reuse and Recycling Education Program Agreement Request – Meleesa Johnson, Director of Marathon County Solid Waste, reported there will be a 49% reduction in state recycling grants as the state will use a per capita sum vs. a formula to award grants. While future grants will be based on costs, there is money available for those responsible units that participate in cooperative agreements.

Marathon County is offering to coordinate a county-wide education program to recycle and reuse to qualify for this “bonus” money. A cooperative agreement needs to be signed by October 3. If the Town does not participate it will lose a significant amount of grant money.

Attorney Dietrich recommended the Town Board approve the Cooperative Waste Reduction Reuse and Recycling Education Program Agreement subject to review by legal counsel and the Town Administrator. This allows the Town Board to move forward in a timely manner to qualify for the additional money.

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Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the Cooperative Waste Reduction Reuse and Recycling Education Program Agreement subject to review by legal counsel and the Town Administrator. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Request by McDEVCO for Recognition of Support of Central Wisconsin Airport- Dave Eckmann, Economic Development Director for McDEVCO, requested the Town Board's recognition of support of the Central Wisconsin Airport. In light of the possible closing of the Rhinelander and Eau Claire airports, it is crucial for regional development and the economies of Marathon County municipalities to support the Central Wisconsin Airport. It could be another eight to ten years before another funding opportunity is available. Attorney Dietrich will draft a letter and provide addresses of Wisconsin Senators and Representatives. **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to authorize Chairman Opall to sign letters on behalf of the Town board expressing support of the Town Board. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Request for Funds for 2011 Rib Mountain Oktoberfest - Neal Zunker of Polka Productions reported attendance is growing and the event brings money to businesses in the Rib Mountain community. The event has new sponsors in addition to last year and targets advertising for people who live outside the Rib Mountain area. Mr. Zunker requested \$1,278 to market this year's event. **Motion by Kachel/Legner to allow up to \$1,278 for promotion of the 2011 Rib Mt Oktoberfest upon presentation of marketing receipts. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Extension of Village of Kronenwetter Ambulance Agreement - Chief Wirth reported the Village of Kronenwetter Safety Committee voted on 9/7/11 to recommend approval of an extension of its EMS service contract with the Town of Rib Mountain. Attorney Dietrich inquired if the agreement included a provision for escalation of the annual fee. Chief Wirth responded that after this four year contract and by mutual agreement, the annual fee may increase by 3%. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the extension of the Village of Kronenwetter ambulance agreement. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Authorization to Advertise for Tandem Patrol Truck - **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to authorize the Streets/Parks Superintendent to advertise for a tandem patrol truck with final approval by the Town Board. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Authorization to Proceed with Purchase of Fire/EMS Equipment - **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to authorize the Fire Chief to obtain quotes for a Rescue 2, hydraulic rescue tools and upgrade in medical equipment with final approval by the Town Board. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

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Approval of Revised Job Description for Code Enforcement Officer – The Public Safety Committee reviewed the Code Enforcement Officer job description and responsibilities. Attorney Dietrich commented enforcement procedures have evolved due to the position and current staff. It is recommended the CEO consult with the Town Administrator and Town legal counsel as necessary to ensure the validity of citations to enforce Town ordinances. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the revised job description for the Code Enforcement Officer. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

License Application – **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve operator licenses for Kirsten M. Johnson, Sarah E. Reabe, and Jessica M. Schilling. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Payment of Bills and Approval of Journal Entries 127-148 – No action taken

Town Board Comments – Supervisor Kachel heard the State Park Speedway is being used inappropriately and asked that the matter be referred to the Public Safety Committee. Dan Dziadosz said he would bring his concern to the attention of the Plan Commission. Code Enforcement Officer Paul Hursh will obtain the names of witnesses and complainants for Dan. Paul asked for clarification of which night the Town Board authorized for hot laps as there are practice runs every night of the week.

Staff Reports – Administrator Rhoden provided a written report in the Town Board packet.

Town Attorney Dean Dietrich reported the Public Safety Committee directed him to draft a policy for concealed carry as the law is effective 11/1/11. He also suggested the Town continue with animal control with the Humane Society of Marathon County but under different terms.

Fire Chief – Chief Wirth provided a report in the Town Board packet.

Building Inspector – Daniel Dziadosz provided a written report in the Town Board packet. He commented he met some new developers at the International Council on Shopping Centers. Supervisor Schaefer reported the Town received a good report from Dave Eckmann after the Green Bay ICSC conference. Fred suggested the Town share costs with McDEVCO as Dave Eckman offered to share a table in Chicago.

Streets / Parks Superintendent – Scott Schatschneider apprised the Town Board of crew activities and public works projects. He reported the Rib Mountain

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Drive paving should be complete at the end of September. Supervisor Legner asked if they are replanting along the highway. Scott responded that WisDOT is examining dead trees as the plantings have a two-year warranty. The bids for paving Eagle, Oriole, Robin, Swan and Bellflower are due September 30.

Chairman Opall and Supervisor Legner asked about the reseeding on Robin Lane. Scott responded the Robin Lane ditch was modified and the ground will be compacted this time prior to seeding.

Clerk - Treasurer Patricia Jahns reminded the Town Board of the first budget meeting on Tuesday, September 27, and requested a start time of 4:30 p.m. which was agreeable to the Town Board. Halloween trick or treat hours are set for October 31 between 4 - 7 p.m.

Code Enforcement Officer - none

Committee / Commission Reports

Walkable Community Committee - none

Park Commission President George Snyder apprised the Board of recent Park Commission activities. The Summer Program, directed by Becky Miller-Paul, received great reviews. He reported Becky has great organizational skills, developed policies and procedures and established a great rapport with residents. There was a slight increase in registrations and there probably would have been more had it not been for the cancellations due to hot weather. Supervisor Schaefer suggested he contact the School District about air conditioning.

George reported Scott Schatschneider met with WisDNR representatives to determine if trail grant money is available for the Doepke Park trail. Also, the shelter agreement has been modified to avoid conflicts when there are major events at Doepke Park. The Park Commission will draft a new agreement with Wausau Youth Baseball.

George reported on vandalism incidents but there is no word from either WYB or the Marathon County Sheriff's Department about who is responsible. Supervisor Schaefer inquired who will paint the soccer lines. George responded the church group as it has a couple of practices and one game.

Public Safety Committee - Pete Kachel reported the Committee met on September 15 and considered citations and procedures for enforcement of ordinances. The Town Board took action on the recommendation for a revised job description for the Code Enforcement Officer. The Committee also discussed Humane Society services. Supervisor Schaefer complained about the parking at

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the bottom of Park Road. It was noted that parking is available in the Bone & Joint Clinic parking lot on weekends and after 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Public Works Committee - none

Finance & Personnel Committee - The 9/6/11 Committee minutes were reviewed.

Public Comment Period - Resident LeRoy Jahns asked if the Rib Mountain Sanitary District Commission took into account its tax levy when it claimed it had the lowest rates in the area.

Adjourn - **Motion Kachel/Legner to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

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