

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Regular Town Board Meeting

January 3, 2012

Chairman Al 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, Fred Schaefer and John Sybeldon, a quorum. Excused: Supervisor Jim Legner.

Also present were Town Attorney Kevin Terry, Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Assistant Chief Matt Savage, Building/Zoning Inspector Daniel Dziadosz, Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider and Clerk/Treasurer Patricia Jahns.

Supervisor Kachel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On December 29, 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: Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve the minutes of the 12/20/11 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Plan Commission Report & Recommendations – Docket #11-22: Certified Survey Map approval requested by Harris & Associates Inc. on behalf of Sunset Investors, LLC for the combination of parcels at 3505 and 3551 Rib Mountain Drive and 1301 and 1305 Parrot Lane. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the Certified Survey Map as submitted subject to the necessary easements for sanitary sewer and water.

Dan commented this survey map will combine four parcels into new Lot 1. This is part of the previous approvals for the UDD zoning, General Development Plan and Precise Implementation Plan. **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve the certified survey map to combine the parcels at 3505 and 3551 Rib Mountain Drive with 1301 and 1305 Parrot Lane. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Lake Wausau Association Request for Funds for Matching DNR Grant – The Lake Wausau Association is seeking sponsorship of a lake study project. Richard Parkin, Holly Kohl and Nathan Birchler presented a history of the Lake Wausau Association, goals and objectives and a partnership with WisDNR to improve the aesthetics, increase tourism, improve recreation, fish habitat and property values.

It will cost an estimated \$100,000 for a lake map, aquatic plant management, water flow analysis, a phosphorous study and evaluation of spawning areas and habitat. The WisDNR will provide 67% of the costs and the Lake Wausau Association will provide 8% leaving \$25,000 to be funded.

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The Lake Wausau Association needs letters of funding commitments by the grant application deadline of February 1, 2012. Surrounding communities along with Marathon County, WPS, Wisconsin Valley Improvement and Domtar area also being contacted. Mr. Parkin noted the WisDNR and UW representatives will provide a more technical explanation at a meeting on January 19 at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center.

Town Board members asked questions about the lake study and commented that Lake Wausau is a great community resource. Administrator Rhoden commented the Lake Wausau funding request meets the guidelines of the Town's tourism funding policy. **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon that Rib Mountain pay a share of the \$25,000 of at least \$5,000 and not to exceed \$7,000 from room tax and have the Town Administrator submit a letter of this Lake Wausau funding commitment. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Park Commission Draft Brochure for Donation Program - Park Commission President George Snyder reported the Town has applied for 501(c) (3) status. He reviewed the proposed policy for donated equipment. A brochure developed by the Commission states the donation amounts for the purchase and installation of park equipment. Partial donations would be drawn upon when a funding level is met for an amenity. The Park Commission will run 50 brochures at this time and produce more once the 501(c) (3) has been approved by the IRS. Administrator Rhoden was directed to place the brochure information on the Town's website, Facebook, and in the newsletter.

Village of Marathon Proposed Mutual Aid Agreement - **Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve the Fire Protection Service Mutual Aid Agreement with the Village of Marathon City through its Fire Department. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Operator License Applications - **Motion by Sybeldon/Kachel to approve operator licenses for Adam J. Hough and Lindsay M. Stieber. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Town Board Comments - Supervisor Schaefer stated there are competing interests regarding the Town's proposed purchase of a Marathon County parcel for the Rib Mountain Fire Department. He requested this item be placed on the next Town Board agenda as the minimal cost satisfies all parties.

Chairman Opall reported he spoke at the kickoff event for the "Kohl's Keys for Life" held earlier today. This is an online awareness program aimed at

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cultivating healthy lifestyles among children. The Aspirus Health Foundation funds this program through a grant from Kohl's.

Staff Reports – Administrator Rhoden provided a written report. The Nifong developer agreement will be ready for the next Town Board agenda. She reported a resident contacted her regarding social drinking enforcement. Marathon County Chief Deputy Scott Parks suggested law enforcement for social drinking would have to be county-wide as the County can't enforce a Town ordinance.

Attorney Kevin Terry stated the Town's winter parking ordinance needs to be researched. The Code Enforcement Officer should be able to issue a citation pursuant to a Town ordinance. Currently the Town must apply through the state and would have to obtain software vs. simply amending the Town ordinance and draft a citation with the requisite language. This was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Shift Commander I Matt Savage reported Josh Finke resigned as Shift Commander II effective January 7 and Shift Commander III John Happli is out on medical leave for several weeks. Shifts are being filled by current officers to maintain a chain of command. The Town Board will take action on the position posting at its next meeting. Matt stated the Department ended 2011 with 162 interfacility runs. There has not been much activity with the ski hill so far this winter and interfacility runs are busiest when the helicopters can't fly.

Building Inspector Daniel Dziadosz provided a written report and a summary of 2011 permits. The Town finished \$1.25 million ahead of 2010. He issued ten single family permits in 2011. The Rib Mountain Greenhouse is considering relocation to South Mountain Road but the code only allows greenhouses in a Rural Ag 2 zone. Dan proposed a UDD as an option.

Streets / Parks Superintendent Scott Schatschneider apprised the Town Board of crew activities and public works projects. The new truck chassis will be delivered on January 16.

Clerk -Treasurer Patricia Jahns reported Jim Legner, John Sybeldon and Ebert Nitzke met the deadline for filing deadline nomination papers. A drawing for ballot placement will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4.

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Hursh reported a resident is interested in picketing Liberty Tax.

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Committee / Commission Reports - George Snyder stated the Park Commission is working on a more definitive timeline for its goals and objectives.

Public Comment Period - None

Adjourn - **Motion by Kachel/Schaefer to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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