

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Regular Town Board Meeting
August 21, 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 Jim Legner, Pete Kachel, Fred Schaefer and John Sybeldon a quorum.

Also present were Town Attorney Kevin Terry, Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Turner, Fire Chief Paul Wirth, Building/Zoning Inspector Daniel Dziadosz and Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Jahns.

On August 17, 2012 copies of the meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney and posted at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center.

Supervisor Pete Kachel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Opall made a presentation to Pastor John Roseth of St. Andrew's Church for his community service.

Minutes: Motion by Schaefer/Sybeldon to approve the minutes of the 8/7/12 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Plan Commission Report and Recommendations – ***Docket #12-21***: Lokre Companies Request to Rezone Mountain View Shoppes from Urban Commercial (UC) to Unified Development District (UDD) at 4500-4530 Rib Mountain Drive. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the zoning map amendment from Urban Commercial to Unified Development District subject to 576 square foot signage on the building, approval of the proposed pylon sign with 78 square feet of signage, and dumpster screening and landscaping requirements to be dealt with between Mr. Anderson and Staff. Dan Dziadosz commented the site currently has multiple conditional uses and the Town Board has the option to rezone the property to UDD to allow more flexibility for signage and landscaping. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the rezone the property at 4500 - 4530 Rib Mountain Drive from UC to UDD subject to the conditionals of approval set forth by the Plan Commission. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Presentation by Energy Planning Information Committee (EPIC) – Tom Kreager, a representative of EPIC, conveyed information regarding the Badger-Coulee High Voltage Transmission proposal. Communities in the region of the ATC proposal are concerned the transmission addition could result in increased electricity rates for Wisconsin. Supervisor Schaefer requested a response from ATC to EPIC.

Adopt Resolution 12-06 Regarding American Transmission Company's Application 137ce160 Including 345kV Transmission and Alternative Solutions – The Town Board took no action on a prepared resolution regarding American Transmission Company's application for eight high-capacity transmission lines to carry power for resale through Wisconsin.

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Authorization for Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Turner to Represent Town of Rib Mountain at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meetings in the Absence of the Town Administrator – Administrator Rhoden requested Town Board approval giving Scott Turner permission to represent the Town Board in her absence. She provided a copy of the formal letter that will be submitted to the MPO if approved. **Motion by Legner/Sybeldon to approve a letter authorizing Scott Turner to attend MPO meetings and vote on behalf of the Town of Rib Mountain in the absence of the Town Administrator. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approve Job Description for Assistant Building Inspector – Dan Dziadosz submitted a draft job description for the position. Attorney Kevin Terry requested further consideration of this job description.

New Hires: Seasonal Part-Time Summer Help - **Motion by Legner/Schaefer to approve the hiring of Jim Wollenzien and Dale Sauter at the hourly rate of \$10.36 for mowing through the end of October with hours at the discretion of the Streets/Parks Superintendent. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Adoption of Changes on Bike/Ped Map – **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the Bicycle & Pedestrian map update to include the short and long-term crossings at Magnolia Avenue and the railroad bridge connection between the Town of Marathon and City of Wausau. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

License Applications – Attorney Kevin Terry commented on the background checks of the applicants. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve operator licenses for Cheyenne E. Clark, Brandy L. Moore, Alycia N. Robbins, Robin B. Sopata, Matthew M. Tessmer and Breanne J. Zunker. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Payment of Bills and Approval of Journal Entries – **Motion by Schaefer/Kachel to approve payment of General Checks 40143-40282 and Journal Entries 12-70 through 12-84. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Reports

Supervisor Schaefer received a complaint about the new Service Master sign. He noted the color scheme is “louder” than he preferred and it should be equal to the sign at the restoration business down the street. He also expressed concern with County Board Supervisor Bill Miller’s reluctance to support a new soccer complex on a former land fill.

Supervisor Kachel stated he will be out of Town for the September 4 Board meeting.

Administrator Rhoden provided a written report. She provided a copy of the *City Pages* article regarding the Humane Society of Marathon County. She suggested this issue be referred to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion. She reported Jeff Kussow will accompany her to the ICSC show in Chicago. The Lake Wausau Association, now meeting on Thursdays, inquired if the Town is interested in assisting with a grant application. The Board gave a favorable response. She will be out of the country for the September 4 Town Board meeting.

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Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Turner reported on town roads and crew activities. Supervisor Schaefer requested the weeds be cut on Hummingbird Road.

Fire Chief Paul Wirth provided a written report. He introduced Andy Schlagel and reported his first day of work is August 26.

Building Inspector Daniel Dziadosz provided a written report on monthly permit activity. He reported on the progress of Hobby Lobby and Ulta. State Senator Jerry Petrowski called Dan about a registered commercial nursery growing specialized hosta plants in a residential neighborhood. Dan reported the owner of the property is not the grower and the plants are grown for wholesale. Dan stated the Town's offer to purchase has been accepted and turned over to the Town attorney for a title search. A shortage of students at NTC may impact its single-family permit application.

Clerk -Treasurer Patricia Jahns reported the Wis. Dept. of Administration estimates the Town of Rib Mountain population at 6,836, a change of 11 persons since the 2010 census.

Committee / Commission Reports

Public Works Committee Chairman Fred Schaefer reported new signs were posted on Park Road that pedestrians should use the trail not the road.

Public Comment Period – Marilyn Mohr thanked Code Enforcement Officer Paul Hursh for getting the weed cut on the property owned by Weston Lanes.

Adjourn – Motion by Kachel/Legner to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.

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