

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
***Regular Town Board Meeting***  
***May 7, 2013***

Chairman Al Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:36 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Supervisors Pete Kachel, Jim Legner and John Sybeldon, a quorum. Excused: Supervisor Fred Schaefer.

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 May 6, 2013 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.

Minutes: **Motion by Kachel/Legner to approve the minutes of the 4/2/13 regular and 4/16/13 special Town Board meetings. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Plan Commission Report & Recommendations -

Docket #13-15: Kafka Biomass (Mathy Construction Company, owner) requesting conditional use approval to allow for storage of biomass (vegetation) on the property addressed 6703 South Mountain Road in addition to the separate Town of Rib Mountain yard waste site per RMMC 17.056(5) (f) - Composting Operation as a function of collection, storage, processing and /or disposal of vegetation.

The Plan Commission recommended approval of the conditional use to allow for storage of biomass (vegetation) on the property addressed 6703 South Mountain Road in addition to the separate Town of Rib Mountain yard waste site contingent to the following conditions of approval:

- 1) Submittal of a position paper on possible biological vectors and diseases
- 2) Applicant self-polices engine braking with its employees
- 3) Compliance with Items 1-5 on the Staff Report submitted to the Plan Commission

The Commission recommended Staff request Marathon County Highway Commission to post signs for no engine braking and truck entrance signs in this area along South Mountain Road. Dan added that there will be a regular area for biomass in Rothschild and major use of the Rib Mountain site is primarily during the first four months and then occasionally as needed.

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Supervisor Legner suggested there be a time constraint of one year for use of the Rib Mountain site. Supervisor Kachel expressed concern about the gate being closed at the Town's yard waste site. Scott Turner responded that there will be a cable gate and a berm to keep residents from dumping in the wrong area.

**Motion by Legner/Sybeldon to approve the Plan Commission recommendation with an additional condition of approval that it be valid for only one year. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Builder Mike Niss: Completion of Building Permit #2010-141, 1602 Tulip lane, Postponing Potential Raze Order – Mike Niss appeared on behalf of Mike and Connie Sulzer, 1602 Tulip Lane. The Sulzers have been notified by the Building Inspector for not completing their single-family residential building project within the state allowed 24-month period. Mr. Niss explained the issues that the Sulzers are having and requested an additional 45 days to complete the following items:

- Removal of all personal items, trash, etc., from the outside of the property;
- Completion of the exterior siding on the house;
- Removal of the old driveway from the site prior to final grading;
- Removal of the temporary culvert and installation of the permanent driveway culvert with end walls;
- Installation of blacktop apron and driveway;
- Completion of the rock retaining wall required at the front entrance to the dwelling;
- Completion of final grading, seeding and mulching of the site.

The intent is to make the outside of the building and site appear completed within the next 45 days, realizing that the interior will still need completion. The request was for 45 days versus 30 days because road limits are still in place but should be removed within the next fifteen days. Discussion continued about the time frame to complete the interior of the dwelling. Mr. Niss was hopeful that an additional 120 days would be sufficient for that completion.

Attorney Kevin Terry stated no action was necessary if the Board was comfortable with completion within 45 days from this meeting. The Board directed Dan to move forward with a nuisance notification in 15 days advising the Sulzers they have 30 days to complete the above list of items.

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Notice of Award – Hwy 51/29 Trail Construction – The Public Works Committee recommended the Notice of Award to Earth, Inc. in the amount of \$288,399.40 for construction of the 51/29 Trail contingent upon approval from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. **Motion by Kachel/Legner to accept the Earth, Inc. bid for \$288,399.40 for the Hwy 51/29 trail construction subject to WisDOT approval. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Update on MS-4 Storm Water Permit Renewal – The Town Board reviewed the annual report of the Town’s compliance with the MS-4 permit requirements.

Doepke Park Usage Agreements – Wausau Youth Soccer and Wausau United Soccer requested use of the Doepke Park Soccer field. These agreements were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Town Attorney and the Park Commission. **Motion by Kachel/Legner to approve the agreements with Wausau Youth Soccer and Wausau United for use of the Doepke Recreation Area soccer field. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of New Hires / Rehires / Promotions – **Motion by Kachel/Legner to approve the hire of Jake L. Sonnentag as Co-Activities Director for the Summer Program at the hourly rate of \$9.84 for a new hire as approved in the 2013 budget. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

**Motion by Kachel/Legner to approve the recommendation of the Streets/Parks Superintendent to rehire Samuel Falasky and Nathan Schaefer as seasonal summer help in the Public Works Department at the hourly rate of \$10.79 for returning employees as approved in the 2013 budget. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

**Motion by Legner/Kachel to approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief and Officers to approve new hires Thomas Leslie, Idongesit Ukpong, William Zick, Jaclyn Wagner and Matthew Hieronimus for the Rib Mountain Fire Department. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

**Motion by Legner/Kachel to approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief for promotion of Bruce Bartus from Lieutenant to Captain \$1.60 and Kelly Bechel from Motor Pump Operator (MPO) to Lieutenant \$1.05 with the Rib Mountain Fire Department subject to these positions becoming available. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Resolution 13-04: Stewardship Grant for Rookery View Park – A grant submittal for \$151,000 for improvements at Rookery Park will be reviewed by the WisDNR. The grant is a 50:50 match; the Town’s share would be \$75,500. Approximately \$25,000 cash (General Fund or borrowing), \$31,000 in Public Works labor and

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equipment and \$19,500 in materials for gravel, landscaping and trees would be provided by the Town. A resolution is required to authorize a responsible party to submit and administer the Stewardship grant for Rookery Park. **Motion by Legner/Kachel to approve Resolution 13:04: Stewardship Grant for Rookery View Park assigning Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Turner to act on behalf of the Town of Rib Mountain. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Chairman Opall inquired about ownership of the Mallard Lane boat landing and if the Town plows the parking lot.

Resolution 13-05: Policy for Refunds for Refuse and Recycling – This policy will limit the look-back period to two years for refuse and recycling billing errors. **Motion by Kachel/Sybeldon to approve Resolution 13-05: Policy for Refunds for Refuse & Recycling. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Operator License Applications – Attorney Kevin Terry commented on the background checks of the operator license applicants noting that nothing in their background checks precludes issuance of operator licenses. However, there may be cause for interviews for applicants Kummerow and Robinson. **Motion by Kachel/Sybeldon to approve operator licenses for Ashley N. Jablonski, Travis W. Kummerow, Angela A. Moore and Brenda M. Robinson (aka Gorden) based on information from the Town Attorney. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Reports - Town Attorney Kevin Terry thanked those who attended the recent Ruder Ware Local Government Seminar.

Administrator Rhoden provided a written report. She requested input from Board members for the upcoming goal setting meeting on May 21. The Convention Visitors Bureau Executive Director has been invited to provide an update on way finding signage. She suggested the Board consider tourism dollars to pay for this signage. She noted the Board and Staff are transitioning from paper to pdf format of the Board packets.

Fire Chief Paul Wirth provided a written report noting March run activity.

Building Inspector Dan Dziadosz provided a written report on monthly permit activity.

Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Turner reported on town roads and crew activities. He will attend the American Public Works Association conference in Lacrosse May 8 – 10.

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Clerk -Treasurer Patricia Jahns provided a written report. She noted Open Book to review property assessments is the week of May 13-17 and the Board of Review will be held Monday, May 20, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Committee / Commission Reports - The Park Commission is discussing updates at Doepke Park.

Finance & Personnel Committee - A meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, at noon.

The Public Works Committee made its recommendation for the bid award for construction of the 51/29 trail. It also discussed grading on private property for storm water management purposes, funding options for Rib Mountain Drive, and 2013 pavement maintenance bids for seal coating, crack filling and patching.

The Walkable Community Committee meets May 9. The Bike Rodeo is Saturday, May 18. A memorandum of understanding for bike route signage and maintenance will be on a future Town Board agenda.

Public Comment Period - None

Adjourn - Motion by Kachel/Legner to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.

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

Note: These minutes are not to be considered official until acted upon at an upcoming regular meeting, therefore, they are subject to revision.