

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Regular Town Board Meeting
December 17, 2013

Supervisor Fred Schaefer called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:35 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. Excused: Chairman Al Opall.

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

On December 13, 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 Kachel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on Town Board Agenda Items – There was no public comment.

Approve Minutes of 12/3/13 regular Town Board Meeting - **Motion by Sybeldon/Legner to approve the minutes of the 12/3/13 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Lease of Public Safety Building to SAFER District – As the lease information was not available, this item was deferred to the January 7, 2014 Town Board agenda.

Approval of Purchase of VenTrac Mower/Snowblower for Public Works Department – As part of the borrowing note, \$35,000 was earmarked to purchase a Ventrac mower. The Town currently owns a 2002 and a 2010 Ventrac. The Ventrac equipment is used for both mowing and snow removal operations. The 2002 Ventrac is in good condition it could be sold for approximately \$6,000. Scott Turner recommended the Town purchase a Ventrac with attachments for \$37,965 from Central Lawn and Turf in Edgar. He noted that while the cost is \$2,965 over the estimated budget, the recently approved Bobcat Toolcat and racking is \$17,549 under budget. **Motion by Legner/Kachel to approve the purchase of a Ventrac and attachments for \$37,965 from Central Lawn and Turf. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of New Hire - Scott Turner recommended the hiring of a third backup snow plow driver in the event of vacations or illness. He recommended hiring Paul Deininger who has a Commercial Driver License and has operated heavy equipment. The rate of pay is \$15.72 per hour. **Motion by Kachel/Sybeldon to approve the hiring of Paul Deininger as Call-In Plow Driver at \$15.72 per hour subject to a background check. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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Wage Adjustment for Assistant Building Inspector – A memo from Dan Dziadosz reported his assistant, Jeff Kussow, successfully passed the Uniform Dwelling Code Construction Inspector examination on December 6. Upon certification, he is eligible for a 50 cent hourly increase. His current hourly wage is \$14.59. **Motion by Kachel/Legner to approve an hourly rate of \$15.09 effective December 6, 2013. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Correction of Resolutions #12-08 and #13-16: Rate for Animal Control Officer - **Motion by Kachel/Legner to correct Resolution #12-08 and #13-16 to reflect the correct rate for the Town's Animal Control Officer at \$40 per call. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Resolution #13-17: 2014 Fees – The Board members reviewed the proposed changes to the 2013 fee schedule. The 2014 fee schedule will be effective January 1, 2014. **Motion by Legner/Sybeldon to approve Resolution #13-17: 2014 Fee Schedule with an effective date of 1/1/14. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Operator Licenses – Attorney Kevin Terry commented on the background checks of the operator license applicants and recommended approval without any exceptions or restrictions. **Motion by Kachel/Legner to approve operator licenses for Angela M. Briggs, Kimberly C. Bungert, Megan T. Chenier, Nicholas J. Cherek, Adam M. Drewek, Benjamin P. Erickson, Samantha A. Frias, Kayce L. Gessler, Melinda S. Hack, Pamela G. Hall, Craig B. Holloway, Renee M. Klockziem, Steven Martin, Amber I. Merrick, Nicholas G. Meyer, Rachel J. Sather, Lynn M. Schmidt, Susan M. Schwede, Melanie M. Severson, Ryan P. Wistein, and Thao Yang. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Payment of Bills and Approval of Journal Entries - **Motion by Legner/Sybeldon to approve payment of general checks 42320-42416 and Journal Entries 13-134 through 13-146. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Reports – Supervisor Jim Legner reported the Committee for the Rib Mountain Community Improvement Foundation, Inc. 501(c) (3) met on December 16 to consider Fire Department donations. Money will be donated to the Salvation Army, Honor Flight, etc.

Paul Wirth gave a brief report on the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District.

Administrator Rhoden provided a written report.

Fire Chief Paul Wirth provided a written report. He reported on the recent fire at the Days Inn in Wausau. He commented that the switch to the SAFER District is only two weeks away.

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Assistant Building Inspector Jeff Kussow reviewed the written report on monthly permit activity.

Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Turner reported on town roads and crew activities. He reported on the returning employees for call in snow plowing, rink attendant and rink maintenance.

Clerk -Treasurer Patricia Jahns provided a written report. Nomination papers are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 2014. The Municipal Center will be closed December 24, 25 and 31 and January 1.

The Park Commission met last week to discuss its survey. The Town Board will finalize the survey before distribution.

Public Safety Committee – Supervisor Pete Kachel reported the Humane Society of Marathon County wants Rib Mountain to pay \$5,000 to take care of its stray cats. HSMC claims the Town had 22 stray cats dropped off in 2012. Code Enforcement Paul Hursh is aware of three stray cats. The Public Safety Committee wants this discrepancy resolved. If not, the Town will agree to a lower tier and pay the HSMC \$1,200. The Committee also directed Jeff Kussow to prepare an amendment to have the Town’s hunting ordinance reflect the original intent of the Town Board.

Public Works Committee – Supervisor Schaefer asked that the Public Works crew pick up a large bag of trash on the south side of Park Road and noted the four lights are still out at Park Road and Hummingbird Road.

General Comments – Resident Marilyn Mohr wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjourn – Motion by Kachel/Legner to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.

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