

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
***Regular Town Board Meeting***  
***April 15, 2014***

Chairman Al Opall called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:37p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Supervisors Jim Legner, Fred Schaefer and Gerard Klein, a quorum. Excused: Supervisor Pete Kachel

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

On April 11, 2014 copies of the meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney and posted at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center.

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

Approve Minutes of 4/1/14 regular Town Board Meeting - **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the minutes of the 4/1/14 regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Plan Commission Report & Recommendations - The Town Board reviewed the April 9, 2014 Draft minutes of the Plan Commission. Supervisor Schaefer questioned the Assistant Zoning/ Building Inspector Jeff Kussow if the recreational text amendment went before a public hearing. A request that a public hearing be held in regards to the text amendment of the recreational ordinance per Town Board.

Red Woof Pet Resort (A&C Pet Rentals LLC, owner) requesting a Conditional Use approval to a pylon sign exceeding the permitted maximum height of ten (10) feet on the property addressed 5519 Lilac Avenue, to construct a pylon sign sixteen (16) feet in height per RMMC Section 17.213 (2)(e)1. - **Motion by Schaefer/ Legner to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to issue a Conditional Use Permit to allow a pylon sign exceeding the permitted maximum height of ten (10) feet on the property addressed 5519 Lilac Avenue, to construct a pylon sign sixteen (16) feet in height. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of New Hires - Office Assistant (Municipal Center) - An Office Assistant was hired under contract through Westphal Staffing since the beginning of December 2013 for the Municipal Center. The contract expired on April 9, 2014 and the Town was charged one and one-half the current rate paid for the Office Assistant position. Ms. Joelle Kocha has been assigned to this position and enjoys working here. She has expressed her interest in accepting the position on a permanent basis. The Finance & Personnel Committee held a

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meeting on April 9, 2014 and recommends hiring Ms. Kocha for the position as the staff is pleased with her performance. **Motion by Legner/ Klein to approve hiring Ms. Joelle Kocha as Office Assistant at the rate of \$12.22/hour effective April 10, 2014. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of New Hire - Yard Waste Attendant - Gordy Raatz is unable to work as the Yard Waste Site attendant until May 2014. Dale Evert is currently a substitute crossing guard for the Town and is interested in the position temporarily. Street & Park Superintendent Scott Turner recommends hiring Dale Evert to fill the position until Gordy Raatz is able to return to work. The start date will be April 16, 2014 depending on weather conditions. **Motion by Legner/ Schaefer to approve hiring Dale Evert as a yard waste site attendant at the returning employee pay rate of \$11.01. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Sick Leave Conversion Pay-Out for the Fire Department Employees- The SAFER District is moving to a Paid-Time-Off (PTO) program for all employees. The District Board concluded that each municipality will handle the sick leave balances for their former employees. It was recommended that the Town pay one-half of sick leave balances for all four employees. This would be treated with the Town's current policy as when an employee retires. The Finance & Personnel Committee recommends the approval for sick leave pay-out of \$13,825.19 that was held on April 9, 2014. The funds are to be taken from the 2014 Contingency Funds that has a budgeted amount of \$42,714. The four former Fire Department employees are Matthew J. Savage, Paul D. Wirth, John W. Lauer and Andrew Schlagel. **Motion by Legner/ Schaefer to approve the payout of one-half sick leave for former eligible Rib Mountain Fire Department employees in the amount of \$13,825.19. The money would come from the 2014 Contingency Funds. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Doepke Park Usage Agreement - The Wausau Area Youth Soccer Association (WAYSAs) requested renewal of the Doepke Park Soccer field for Spring and Summer of 2014. The agreement was reviewed by Town Attorney in 2013 and only dates were revised on the renewal agreement. **Motion by Schaefer/ Legner to approve the renewal agreement with Wausau Area Youth Soccer Association (WAYSAs) for use of the Doepke Park Soccer field for year 2014. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Wausau Youth Baseball & Softball (WAYB&S) requested an amendment to include an additional week for tournament play every year. The amendment will include a third week every six years for the state tournament. The Town Attorney was sent the amendment for review. **Motion by Legner/ Klein to approve the amendment with Wausau Youth Baseball & Softball (WAYB&S) to add the third week every six years for the state tournament with attorney approval. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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Approval of Operator License Applications - Attorney Kevin Terry commented on the background checks of the operator license applications noting that nothing in their background checks precludes issuance of operator license. **Motion by Schaefer/ Legner to approve an operator licenses for Mitchell Pope. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Reports

Town Board - Supervisor Schaefer discussed an issue with cars parked on the road by entrance to Granite Peak Ski hill. CEO Paul Hursh was sent out to give parking citations to those vehicles parking in a no parking area. There are designated parking areas such as the DMV or Bone & Joint Clinic which have special designated parking areas for the ski hill. Supervisor Legner questioned if there is sign indicating where to park in this area. There are signs in the area and they are aware of parking citations that will be issued. Paul Hursh has issued warnings for the first two years and it was decided that parking citations will be issued. Chairman Opall presented a resolution from the County Board regarding the county government's role in the creation or amendment of the Tax Incremental Districts within Marathon County. This resolution will be voted on Thursday April 17 at 2pm. Supervisor Schaefer suggested a follow up with the attorney on the TIF rules and some talking points to remain with the original rules of the TIF district to present at the meeting. Administrator Rhoden attended a committee meeting and they elected Kristi Kordus to go to a committee with how to vote. A question was raised if this could hinder the town and have to pay for others. Rib Mountain is the only town with the TIF ability in this area. The Yard Waste Site will be open starting on April 23, 2014 depending on weather conditions. The website and face book page was updated with this information.

SAFER District Fire Chief Paul Wirth provided a written report.

Town Attorney- None

Administrator Rhoden provided a written report. The RFP's for garbage contract will go out towards the end of May 2014. The last time an RFP went out for this service was in 2009. Supervisor Schaefer commented that the town should create a spreadsheet with a cost comparison of what other municipalities are paying for the garbage and recycling services. This would be a starting point to determine if the Town should go out for RFP's. Administrator Rhoden suggested delegating this job to the intern for experience of collecting information from other municipalities. Notification will go out in early fall regarding this service prior to property tax bill mailings. On May 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. the Town Board will be meeting with Ehlers in regards to TIF money rules.

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Assistant Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector Jeff Kussow provided written report.

Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Turner provided a written report.

Clerk -Treasurer Connie Beyersdorff provided a written report.

Park Commission - A meeting was held last week and discussed the trails near Doepke Park. The Tennis program will be canceled this summer and posted on face book and the town's website.

Finance & Personnel Committee - A meeting was held on April 9, 2014 and discussion was made on Paid-Time-Off program for the Town of Rib Mountain. This program is still in discussion with staff. Discussed and approved entries to be made regarding the uncollectible accounts. The Town contracted with Springsted and did not receive the paperwork back yet on salaries. This was to be completed by the middle of this month. Supervisor Schaefer indicated that we may need to do an open records request to obtain the information requested. The request was sent out in early February 2014. Attorney Kevin Terry suggested sending a letter indicating that this is an open records request and the information is required to be provided within the given timeframe.

Public Safety Committee - None

Public Works Committee - Bids were opened at 11:30 a.m. today at the Municipal Center. A meeting will be arranged for May 6, 2014 prior to the Town Board. A Public Hearing will be set for the end of May with letters sent to residents prior to the hearing.

Walkable Community Committee - A meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2014 to continue discussion for the Bike Rodeo preparations.

General Comments - A concerned resident Jim Naada discussed with the Town Board the bike path that is located by Kwik Trip. He fears that someone will get hurt because the Semi's and large vehicles fueling are not stopping on the east side to the lights they are just rolling into the road. He feels that there needs to be a stop sign placed in this area. Chairman Al Opall would like Streets/ Parks Superintendent Scott Turner to look into this issue. Superintendent Turner indicated that the path is not considered an actual bike and pedestrian trail. Assistant Zoning/ Building Inspector Kussow will view the site and contact Kwik Trip to have them install the stop sign. Jim Naada commented that the

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pedestrians have the right of way not the vehicle and they are supposed to yield to pedestrian and bikers.

**Adjourn - Motion by Schaefer/ Legner to adjourn at 7:15p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Connie S. Beyersdorff  
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.