

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Regular Town Board Meeting
February 17, 2015

Chairman Allen Opall called the February 17, 2015 regular meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:36 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau, WI. Supervisors present were Jim Legner, Fred Schaefer and Gerry Klein. Supervisor Pete Kachel was excused.

Also present were Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Attorney Kevin Terry, Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Turner, SAFER District Fire Chief Steve Meilahn, Deputy Fire Chief Matt Savage and Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter.

On February 13, 2015 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 2/3/2015 Regular Town Board Meeting – **Motion by Klein/Legner to approve the minutes of the 2/3/15 Regular Town Board meeting, Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Plan Commission Daft Minutes - *None*

Plan Commission Report & Recommendations – *No Report*

Amend Resolution #14-12: 2015 Fee Schedule – Shelter Rental, Tent and Summer Recreation Program Fees – Streets/Parks Superintendent Turner stated the Park Commission had recently reviewed the fees and determined that the fees at the shelter have not increased since the shelter was constructed. They also recommend increasing the registration fee for the Summer Recreation Program and lowering the tent permit fee.

Supervisor Klein strongly recommended that the resident's fee not be increased. He also expressed his desire to see non-profit rental charges more than resident fees. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve Amended Resolution 14-12; 2015 Fee Schedule as presented. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Preliminary Resolution #15-02 to Levy Special Assessments for Rib Mountain Drive Phase 1.5 – Scott Turner noted this item has been reviewed in the past for the construction of Rib Mountain Drive this summer. **Motion by Klein/Legner to approve Preliminary Resolution #15-02 to Levy Special Assessments for Rib Mountain Drive from the Hwy 51/39 Ramps to Morning Glory Lane. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Letter to State Representative and Senator for Governor's Budget on Assessment Duties – Administrator Rhoden stated the Town's assessor Greg Schmidt has forwarded to the supervisors correspondence pertaining to the Department of Revenue's desire to eliminate local assessors duties and provide county wide assessments. Administrator Rhoden provided in the packets information pertaining to the DOR's proposed changes

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Supervisor Schaefer stated he recently spoke with several of the local state representatives and expressed the need to keep assessing local. He also feels communities should not have to be re-evaluated each year as the current language states. Gaylene noted the League of Municipalities website provides information on the purposed changes. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve a letter be sent to Senator Petrowski and Representative Spiros to oppose local assessment authority being moved from the local municipality level to the county level subject review by the town's attorney. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Agent Change: Rivalz Restaurant – Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter was contacted by the Quality Inn (formally Best Western) that Mr. Dassan would be agent in charge till the current license expires. **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to approve agent Tony Dassan for Rivalz Restaurant. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Operator License – Attorney Kevin Terry saw no issues with the applicants. Supervisor Schaefer asked Chairman Opall to review letter from Ms. Flatter for determination of approval. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the operator licenses for Amanda Backlund, Trevor Conrad, Nia Phillips and Sarah Flatter upon review of letter by the Town Chairman. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Reports

Town Board – Chairman noted that Kevin Mataczynski has agreed to accept the chairman's position of the Plan Commission. The Commission is still in need of an additional member. Supervisor Klein asked the SAFER District on the status of the ambulance report pertaining to the number of runs from the ski hill. Chief Meilahn stated the report should be available by March 31, 2015.

Other Agencies – Chairman Opall stated at a recent County Board Meeting a member was originally opposed to the speed limit change on Highway KK, but rescinded the opposition. SAFER Fire Chief Steve Meilahn noted it was again a banner month for EMS runs. It currently appears to be slowing down a bit. It was determined the origin fire at Taco Johns started in a wall by a fryer.

Town Attorney – None

Town Administrator – Written report provided. She informed the Board that the Town received a surprise visit from the state Occupational Safety Inspector. He noted one minor issue. She meet with Schenk representatives who stated the Town's audit cannot be completed until the SAFER District's audit is done. Schenk will be able to provide the Town a summary at the annual meeting. She noted the Town had four great candidates for the Community Director Position. She will be conducting some follow-up work before announcing the candidate. Gaylene suggested holding a close door Town Board meeting soon to finalize the offer.

Building Inspector – None

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Street-Parks Superintendent – Provided a detailed written report. Scott noted the speed limit on Highway KK was decreased to 40 mph to Goldenrod Road in both directions.

Deputy Clerk– Completed the February settlement report and payment allocations.

Code Enforcement Officer - None

Park Commission –Meet last week and revised the Doepke rental and Summer Recreation Program fees. Administrator Rhoden noted the commission is looking for two members.

Finance Personnel – None

Public Safety Committee – None

Public Works Committee – Will be scheduling a meeting soon.

Walkable Community Committee – None

General Comments – Resident Bev Kordus asked when meetings would be held regarding the ski hill expansion. She expressed concerns about the future resort, zoning impacts and the effects of sewer and water extensions to the residential neighborhoods.

Adjourn – **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Peter
Deputy Clerk

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