

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Public Works Committee

October 6, 2015

Chairman Fred Schaefer called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:01 p.m. at the Town of Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Fred Supervisors Pete Kachel and Gerry Klein. Town Chairman Allen Opall was excused

Also present were Supervisor Jim Legner, Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Turner, Finance Director/Clerk Jessica Trautman, Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter and Mike Heyroth from the Rib Mountain Sanitary District.

On November 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.

Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2015 – Motion by Kachel/Klein to approve the minutes of October 6, 2015 Public Works meeting subject to the correction reflecting the removal of the right hand turn lane, south bound off of Morning Glory Lane. Questioned and carried 3:0.

Discussion and Recommendation for Creation of a Storm Water Utility – Dan Borchardt and Eric Thompson by skype, representatives of MSA provided updates on the Town’s desire to form a stormwater utility. Members of MSA stated they are waiting for additional updates from the DNR before proceeding. Street Superintendent Turner applied for a grant and was awarded \$30,000 which will be used to help offset GIS surveying.

The Town’s attorney has reviewed the utility proposal and has indicated the Town could proceed with a utility district. Members discussed the pros and cons: additional fees to the residents and businesses, additional staff and billing requirements. However; the utility can generate income fees to help offset stormwater problems and potential revenue of \$60,000.

Committee members discussed the options available to proceed. Mr. Thompson stated the Town would need to create a customized data base of resident and business names for billing purposes. Create a mapping exercise (GIS study of property) and develop an ordinance and resolution regarding its implementation. The next step is to hold a public hearing. It was suggested to move forward slowly by getting staff updated on the implementation plan. **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to recommend MSA and staff to proceed with identifying the required parcels, to draft a budget, create an ordinance and resolution and to come back to the Town Board with a dollar amount. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Discussion and Recommendation for funding for trail connection from USH 51 Tunnel to Rib Mountain Drive – Street/Park Superintendent Turner noted the Town Attorney has reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement between the Days Inn, McDonalds and Dick’s Sporting Goods property owners. The Property owners do not support assistance for the construction of the trail but have agreed to provide maintenance of the trail. As it stands, the Town will be responsible for the fee associated with the development of the trail and will need to determine which funding source will be used for payment. **Motion by Kachel/Schaefer to recommend**

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approval for contributing \$40,000 towards the cost of the project from Tourism Funds. Questioned and carried 3:0.

Discussion and Recommendation for Traffic Signal Upgrades at CTH R/Robin Ln and Rib Mountain Dr/Parrot Ln – Scott Turner stated he has received some concerns regarding the operation of traffic signals at CTH R/Robin and Rib Mountain Dr/Parrot Ln. Scott stated a new controller with a left turn arrow could help resolve the issue at Parrot Ln however; he has only received a few complaints. He would leave it up to the committee for consideration.

The Robin Ln/CTH R matter has received many complaints related to the right turn on to Robin Lane. Scott had a suggestion of installing a yellow caution arrow. Supervisor Kachel recommended the traffic light be removed. Concern arose, would the removal affect the Safe Route to School funding. Scott stated he is working on the possibility of swapping out a controller for a flashing yellow arrow. **Motion by Klein/Schaefer to recommend traffic signal improvements at the intersection of CTH R/Robin Ln with funding from the General Fund unassigned. Questioned and carried 2:1 with Supervisor Kachel voting nay.**

Adjourn - **Motion by Klein/Kachel to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

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.