

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Regular Town Board Meeting
January 19, 2016

Chairman Allen Opall called the January 19, 2016 regular meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:53 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau, WI. Supervisors present were Jim Legner and Gerry Klein. Supervisors Kachel and Schaefer were excused.

Also present were Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Attorney Kevin Terry, Community Development Director Steve Kunst, Finance Director/Clerk Jessica Trautman, SAFER Fire Chief Matt Savage, Street and Park Superintendent Scott Turner and Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter.

On January 15, 2016 copies of the meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney and posted at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center.

Comments from the Public Related to Town Board Agenda Items – None

Approve Minutes of 1/5/2016 Regular Town Board Meeting – **Motion by Legner/Klein to approve the minutes of the 1/5/2016 Regular Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Plan Commission – None: Mr. Kunst with the upcoming January 27th meeting, the Commission will be reviewing the final plat on Mr. Wimmer’s addition.

Approval of Corrected Resolution 16-01 Salary and Wages Fiscal Year 2016 – Jessica Trautman stated the resolution presented at the January 5th meeting was incorrect. The one-time bonus payment was reversed for the Operators. The revised resolution is being presented tonight. **Motion by Klein/Legner to approve corrected Resolution 16-01 Salary and Wages Fiscal Year 2016 as presented. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Approval of Resolution 16-03 Levy Special Assessments for Rib Mountain Drive Phase 1.5 – Street Superintendent Turner informed the Board that Rib Mountain Drive Phase 1.5 has been completed and all project costs have been received. Wisconsin State Statutes require the Town to draft a final resolution to be approved for the special assessments. Scott stated all owners’ information has been updated. **Motion by Legner/Klein to approve Resolution 16-03 Levy Special Assessment for Rib Mountain Drive Phase 1.5 subject to Attorney and Finance Director review. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Approval of Resolution 16-04 Transportation Alternative Program Grant Application for Trillium Trail – Mr. Turner noted the Town has submitted an application to WisDOT for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant. A Town resolution is required and an authorized party to administer the funding. If the Town is awarded the TAP Grant, it would cover 80% of the project costs. **Motion by Klein/Legner to approve Resolution 16-04 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application for Trillium Trial. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

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Approval of Operator License(s) – Attorney Terry saw no issues with the candidates. **Motion by Legner/Klein to approve the operator license for Lisa Barwick and Marrol Wiskerchen. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Town Board –Chairman Opall stated that resident Robert Borneman had delivered a letter to the Town asking for a Town wide re-valuation of property. Chairman Opall feels this request has merit. It has been almost 20 year since the last complete walk through of houses. Assessor Greg Schmidt has offered to complete a re-valuation in a four year phase, but compile all new assessment values at one time. Mr. Schmidt also noted currently the Town does not account for driveway improvements, with this new addition the Town could potentially receive an additional \$2 million in assessed value. Board members agreed to discuss this project at an upcoming strategic plan session. Supervisor Klein stated he had received a call about a lost dog.

Other Agencies – Chairman Opall reported the Marathon County Board had met earlier today to discuss alternatives available pertaining to North Central Health Care Center. The Board will be reviewing options available and a final vote will take place in September. SAFER Fire Chief Savage reported the district is presently working on their charter. The department will be meeting with legal counsel tomorrow on revisions. Chief Savage is attempting to address the issues brought forth regarding the Affordable Care Act, which could cause a problem with a few of the part-time members. He noted that at least five members fall under this provision which could cost the department \$20,000 per person.

Town Attorney – Attorney Terry stated he has drafted a memorandum to Board members regarding the pending of Hotel/Motel Room Tax changes. He believes there are other options available other than the one being presented. He has filed suit against Rib Mountain Petro Mart on the razing of the retaining wall. He continues to have discussion with members of the Connection Place.

Town Administrator – She provided a written report. Gaylene also noted the Humane Society will be offering rabies shots and micro chipping at the Fire Department this weekend. Staff will be participating in registering pets. She met with Granite Peak representatives last week. Items discuss included Grouse Lane road improvements, water and sewer extensions and lodging accommodations. She noted the lodging construction may start sooner than later.

Community Development Director – A written report was included in tonight's packet. Steve stated Building Inspector Paul Kufahl would be taking his electrical exam tomorrow.

Street-Parks Superintendent – Scott provided a report. He noted the mapping has been installed for the new kiosk at Doepke Park. The crew continues to work on small projects.

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Finance Director/Clerk – A written report was provided. The Town had collected 41.2% of the taxes by December 31st.

Code Enforcement Officer –

Park Commission – The Commission met last week. They are starting their planning for this year.

Finance Personnel – None

Public Safety Committee – None

Public Works Committee – A meeting is scheduled for February 23rd at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the floodplain issues on North Lakeshore Drive.

Bicycle/Ped Committee – Meeting scheduled for this Thursday.

General Comments – None

Adjourn – **Motion by Legner/Klein to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Submitted by
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.