

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Public Works Committee
March 1, 2016

Chairman Fred Schaefer called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present were Fred Schaefer Supervisors Pete Kachel, Gerry Klein and Chairman Opall.

Also present were Supervisor Jim Legner, Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Turner and Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter.

Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2016 – **Motion by Kachel/Klein to approve the minutes of February 26, 2016 Public Works meeting. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Recommend for Approval of Engineering Design Services for Parrot Ln Reconstruction– Street Superintendent Turner stated he requested engineering and design services to help assist with the final plans of Parrot Lane. He has asked MSA to assist with curb/gutter and drainage issues. The Town budgeted \$230,000 for the Parrot Ln project. Scott conducted a detail cost estimate and applied for a TRI D grant, if awarded funding it could off-set the costs by \$123,000.

Chairman Schaefer expressed his frustration that staff needs to stick with plans that have been discussed at prior meetings and not to deviate from direction. The Committee questioned the need of sidewalks on the south side of Parrot Ln and cost associated with the installation. Street Superintendent Turner stated the sidewalk would connect with the existing sidewalk on Rib Mountain Drive and head east for about 300 feet.

Scott noted the project is budgeted for \$230,000; \$30,000 is earmarked for engineering services which will be needed to address drainage issues on Parrot Ln. Design engineering assistance is needed for this project due to the drainage issues cause by the lack of storm sewer. The project will have ditches and culverts west of Swan Avenue. Alternative drainage methods will be required due the bedrock. **Motion by Klein/Kachel to approve the agreement with MSA Professional Services for Engineering Design services for Parrot Lane in the amount not to exceed \$17,760. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Request for Approval for Overweight Farm Implement Equipment on Thornapple Rd – Scott Turner stated he has been approached by Town of Marathon resident Mark Kolbe for an overweight farm equipment permit. Mr. Kolbe rents 38 acres from the Klemm family on Thornapple Rd. He is requesting a permit to allow for four trips to the fields. The request is for fertilizer, corn and bean plantings.

Chairman Schaefer expressed his concerns regarding the current condition of Thornapple Rd. The road is over 20 years old, is need of repair and with the added weight of farming vehicles only stresses integrity of the road structure. He noted Mr. Kolbe violated the Town's weight limits last year.

Mr. Kolbe provided to the Committee his proposed routes he would like to utilize. He also presented pictures of the farming equipment he would use and weights of each vehicle. He further broke out the weight differential based on the number of axels and tire sizes that help absorb the weight of the equipment.

Supervisor Klein asked Mr. Kolbe if the Town videoed the road before and after and if damages were caused, would he pay for such damages. He assured the Committee he had insurance coverage. Another suggestion was made if possible to move equipment late in the evening or early morning. **Motion by Kachel/Klein to approve a onetime permit fee of \$250, the road being videoed taped before and after each trip and at Scott's discretion to determine if any damages have incurred. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Update on Rib Mountain Drive Phase II Design, Project Schedule and Cost Estimates – Committee members stated there is some confusion if the southbound right turning lane at Morning Glory Lane westbound should remain. Street Superintendent Scott Turner stated it his understanding the right southbound turn lane was remaining but the retaining wall would be eliminated. It was stated the turn lane would be about 100 feet in length which would allow for stacking of five vehicles. The cost for this project is \$60,000. Committee members strongly emphasized this phase has significate costs already associated with is project. **Motion by Kachel/Klein to remove the southbound right turn lane at Morning Glory Ln from the project. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Adjourn - **Motion by Kachel/Klein to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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.