

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Public Works Committee
April 28, 2016

Chairman Fred Schaefer called the special 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.

Also present were Supervisor Jim Legner, Attorney Kevin Terry, Streets/Parks Superintendent Scott Turner, Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Director Becky Frisch, Marathon County Zoning Administrator Dean Johnson, and Finance Director/Clerk Jessica Trautman.

Resident attendees included: Gary Senner (4002 North Lakeshore), Charlie Allen (3911 North Lakeshore), Ron Allen (3903 North Lakeshore), Ken Kobart (3901 North Lakeshore), Joseph Kobart (3901 North Lakeshore), Scott Pagenkopf (4104 North Lakeshore), Don Junion (4005 North Lakeshore), Dale Waraska (4007 North Lakeshore) and Ken Dvorak (4003 North Lakeshore).

Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2016 – Motion by Klein/Kachel to approve the minutes of March 1, 2016 Public Works meeting. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Discussion on N. Lakeshore Dr. Floodplain– Attorney Terry started out the discussion by going through his memo. He clarified the public’s understanding of Wis. Admin Code NR 116 which deals with the floodplain and zoning, and Wis. Admin Code NR 115 which deals with shoreland rules and regulations. Next he addressed the questions from the February 23, 2016 meeting.

How does Act 55 change things? - Act 55 does not address floodplain. If affected Wis. Admin Code NR 116 which regulates shoreland.

Does Wis. Admin Code Sec NR117 allow the town to raise the road? – That code section only applies to city and villages

Can the homeowner file an exemption for the floodplain restrictions? – There is nothing in the code that allows that.

How much does the roadway need to be raised to be out of the floodway? The Town completed a study April 27, 2016 that information showed that the roadway would need to be raised 17 inches on one end and 21 inches on the other end.

Does the Town need to do a study to raise the road? The Town needs to follow Wis. Admin Code NR 116 and County ordinances when doing any improvement in the floodway. The Town would need to do another study to determine what effect of raising the road would have on the regional flood profile and floodplain zoning maps. Any new drawings of the maps would have to be approved by FEMA.

Discussion continued on raising the road and the steps and costs associated with doing so. Discussion on the study that needs to be done, water displacement, and the effect of the surrounding properties if we were to raise the road. Discussion of the difference between floodway and flood fringe.

Residents questioned if the Town is not going to move forward with making the lots buildable and out of the floodway the value of their property (taxes) should reflect that. Supervisor Schaefer said the Town Assessor is already addressing that and he is reassessing those properties in the area. Board of Review is tentatively scheduled for June 7th. Residents will get notification of their change prior to that.

Mr. Pagenkopf said he talked to the DNR and if we were a Village or City we could just raise the road, Mr. Terry said that we would still have to follow the same process, they are state laws that control the floodplain.

Discussion comparing Pine Island and N. Lakeshore drive.

Fred summarized the final thoughts and asked for it to be put on the agenda for a future meeting. He said he would like to see a monetary commitment from the residents before the Town moves forward. Scott Turner will request cost estimates for a flood study of the area.

Supervisor Klein asked the people in attendance if any one of them would be interested in being special assessed to pay for the study to determine if the road could be raised. No one raised their hand.

Becky Frisch educated the public on the history of the flood maps. She said the County had to be more involved in floodway regulation to allow the people, who live along the waterways, to purchase flood insurance.

Attorney Terry is going to look into if the road were raised if they could get building permit

Becky Frisch suggested the Town start by contacting the DNR engineers before anything else is done.

Adjourn - Motion by Kachel/Klein to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Submitted by,
Jessica Trautman
Finance Director/Clerk

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