

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

***Town Board Meeting***

***January 17, 2017***

Chairman Allen Opall called the January 17, 2017 regular meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau, WI. Supervisors present included Pete Kachel, Fred Schaefer, Jim Legner, and Gerry Klein.

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

On January 13, 2017 copies of the meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney, and posted at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center and Town website.

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

Approve Minutes of the 01/03/17 Regular Town Board Meeting – **Motion by Kachel/Legner to approve the minutes of the 01/03/17 Regular Town Board Meeting. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Plan Commission - None

Recognition of Plan Commission – Christine Nykiel – Chairman Opall noted Ms. Nykiel was unable to make it tonight and he would like to postpone recognition of Ms. Nykiel until the second meeting in February.

Approval of Letter of Intent – Administrator Rhoden reviewed the progress of the Connections Group development to date. She highlighted for the Board a couple areas in the Letter of Intent. Discussion of when the site plan review will be presented soon. **Motion by Schaefer / Legner to approve the attached “Letter of Intent” with the Connections Place. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Letter of Support for Connections Place – Administrator Rhoden said the Connections Group has requested a letter of support from the Town. She highlighted a couple areas and said other communities have already submitted a letter. **Motion by Schaefer /Legner to approve the attached letter of support for the Connection Place. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Contract Amendment for Rib Mountain Dr. Phase II Traffic Signal Design – Supervisor Schaefer said this item was just discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting earlier this evening. The Public Works Committee approved the amendment. **Motion by Klein / Kachel to approve the Contract Amendment with AECOM for Engineering Design Service for Rib Mountain Dr. Phase II Traffic Signals in the amount of \$8,700. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

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Approval of Operator License – Motion by Klein / Legner to approve the operator licenses for Logan Goetsch, Dustin Schoessow, and Stefanie Wickersheim. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Reports/Minutes

Town Board – Supervisor Klein requested the Public Safety Committee review the number of hours the Marathon County Sheriff’s deputies have worked in the Town. Administrator Rhoden said currently, the Town does not have a regular schedule with the Sheriff’s Department. She will work with Code Enforcement Officer Hursh to set up a schedule for 2017. Chairman Opall said he received an email from a resident complaining that kids are hanging out in the Walmart parking lot again. The Board discussed briefly and determined that the Town has no control since it is on private property.

County Board – The County is continuing to move forward with the County-wide addressing project. Administrator Rhoden updated with Town Board with new information and referred to a copy of the implementation plan provided in the packet. Supervisor Schaefer requested the Administrator contact the attorney immediately and follow through on contacting the County.

Other Agencies – SAFER Fire Chief Matt Savage reviewed with the Board the handout of 2016 run activity. He also gave the Town Board an update on year-to-date statistics. He briefly discussed the fire at Sam’s Club. He said there was minimal damage with the most difficult part dealing with the snow on the roof. The Fire Commission is meeting Monday to approve the hire of a recording clerk.

Town Attorney – None

Town Administrator – Administrator Rhoden provided a written report. She plans on attending the Western Town’s Association meeting. She has submitted her goals and is looking for feedback. She is looking to set a date for the strategic plan meeting – no date was decided on. The dog park is moving a long and there has been discussion on potential next steps.

Community Development Director – A written report was included in the packet. Kunst discussed with the Board on a possible date for a joint meeting with the Plan Commission. He also mentioned he, Administrator Rhoden, and Supervisor Klein met with South Mountain Elementary School staff on the proposed trail from the Royal Ridge and Royal View Estates development to the School.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A written report was provided. Turner noted the snowplow crews have been busy with the weather. The department is running without one plow truck.

Finance Director/Clerk – A written reported was provided.

Code Enforcement Officer – A written report was provided.

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Park Commission – None

Finance Personnel – None

Public Safety Committee – Meeting next week at noon.

Public Works Committee – Met prior to Town Board.

Bicycle/Ped Committee – Meeting on Thursday.

General Comments – Town Board decided to move the next meeting to Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm due to conflicting schedules.

Adjourn - **Motion by Schaefer / Legner to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Submitted by  
Jessica Trautman  
Finance Director/Clerk

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