

**TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN**  
***Public Safety Committee Meeting***  
*January 24, 2017*

Chairman Peter Kachel called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Supervisors present included Peter Kachel, Allen Opall and Jim Legner.

Also present were Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Community Development Director, Steve Kunst, Code Enforcement Officer, Paul Hursh, Finance Director/Clerk, Jessica Trautman, and Street/Park Superintendent, Scott Turner.

On January 20, 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.

Approval of Minutes of July 26, 2016 – **Motion by Legner/Opall to approve the minutes of the 07/26/2016 Public Safety Committee meeting. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Discussion and Recommendation for Liquor/Operating License Reviews – Finance Director/Clerk Trautman said this item was suggested by the Town Attorney. The purpose of establishing guidelines is to assist the Town Board in determining approval of operator’s licenses. It will be especially helpful when the Attorney is not present at the Board meeting. Trautman said she used the City of Madison’s guidelines as a model for the provisions provided in the packet. Discussion then focused on types of criminal offenses the Town cannot use as a reason for denial. The Committee recommended staff have the Town Attorney review the guidelines and they be made into a resolution forwarded to the full Town Board. In addition, the Committee wanted staff to review the operator license application itself, to ensure any new requirements are clear and coincide with the any new guidelines.

Discussion on Updates to the Rib Mountain Firearm and Bow Restrictions Maps – Community Development Director Kunst noted since the Town adopted the Rib Mountain Firearms and Bow Restrictions maps the State Park added three (3) properties. After discussion with State Park Ranger, Bill Bursaw, it is recommended the Town’s maps be updated as the Town does not have the authority to regulated State Park lands. **Motion by Opall / Legner to recommend approval of updating the Town of Rib Mountain’s Firearms and Bow Restrictions maps. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Discussion of Chronic Nuisance Ordinance – Administrator Rhoden said this item was brought up by Supervisor Klein. The goal was for the Town to be able to identify and penalize property owners of homes involved in repeated criminal activity. Rhoden noted after discussions with Attorney Terry, the Town is limited by not having its own police force. Rhoden said the Town’s best option is to revise our existing ordinance, Chapter 10 of the Town’s Municipal Code, and strengthen the enforcement language. The Committee recommended staff work on revising Chapter 10 with the Attorney and take the ordinance amendments to the full Town Board for approval.

Discussion on Speed Limit and Sign Request from Magnolia Neighborhood – Street/Park Superintendent Turner said the Town received several phone calls and emails regarding traffic concerns in the Magnolia Avenue area neighborhood. Chairman Kachel noted he took a ride out to visit the neighborhood. The Committee discussed the request and recommended three (3) speed limit signs and two (2) no outlet signs. The Committee did not feel it was necessary, nor in line with historic Town policy, for the Children at Play signs. **Motion by Legner / Opall to recommend approval of reducing the speed limit on Magnolia and Juniper**

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**and place three (3) – 25 MPH “speed limit” signs, one on Juniper off of Bittersweet, one sign on Magnolia off of South Mountain and one on Magnolia near Juniper and two (2) “no outlet signs” to be placed on Sage and at the intersection of Magnolia and Juniper. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Review and Approval of Helmet Discount Program – Administrator Rhoden reviewed progress of the proposed Hemet Discount Program. John Beatty, Bike and Ped Safety Committee member, has been out at local stores promoting the program. Right now, the Town needs to decide to move forward with the program and where the funds will be coming from. Staff recommended \$250.00 come from the Safety Education budget and \$250 come from the Bike Rodeo account. **Motion by Legner/Opall to recommend approval of the bicycle helmet discount program as discussed. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Update on the Marathon County Uniform Addressing Project – Administrator Rhoden said she included the County’s Uniform Addressing Implementation Plan in the packet. She is going to a couple meetings this week that will be talking about uniform addressing. Rhoden said she had a meeting with Attorney Terry this morning and he is making progress communicating the Town’s concerns to the County regarding uniform addressing. We should hear something in a couple weeks.

Update and Discussion of Sheriff Department Reserve Deputy Scheduled Hours – Administrator Rhoden updated the Committee regarding the Town’s contract with the Marathon County Sheriff’s Department. Rhoden noted the Town still did not have a signed contract. Contrary to what we discussed and approved before, Chief Deputy Billeb said the officers to be assigned to the Town are going to be regular, on-duty Sheriff Deputies. As a result, the cost is going to be \$65.00/hour compared to the \$30/hours discussed previously. As directed by Supervisor Klein, Code Enforcement Officer Hursh developed a potential schedule as to when the Town would request service from the Sheriff’s Department. The Committee discussed the proposed schedule and the costs. Discussion continued on the Committee’s comfort level with using on-duty deputies for our requests and what happens when that deputy gets called out of Town. The Committee recommends staff proceed talking with Chief Deputy Billeb with securing deputies for the following times: twice a month for four hours a day during the school year, and twice a month for four hours a day to patrol areas as identified by the Towns portable speed signs. Staff was also directed to take the signed contract, when complete, directly to Town Board.

Recommendation of New Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee – Paula Inger – Administrator Rhoden said Ms. Paula Inger has expressed interest in joining the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee, her letter of interest was included in the packet. **Motion by Legner / Opall approve Paula Inger as a new member to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Adjourn Meeting – **Motion by Opall/Legner to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 p.m. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Respectively 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.