

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Town Board Meeting

February 06, 2017

Acting Chairman Fred Schaefer called the February 06, 2017, regular meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:34 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau, WI. Supervisors present included Pete Kachel and Gerry Klein. Chairman Allen Opall and Supervisor Jim Legner were excused.

Also present were Administrator, Gaylene Rhoden, Community Development Director, Steve Kunst, Finance Director/Clerk, Jessica Trautman, Street/Park Superintendent, Scott Turner, and Town Attorney, Kevin Terry.

On February 3, 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 – John Beatty, 5901 Lakeshore Drive, spoke regarding the proposed helmet program. He said he discussed the program with other retailers and the only store willing to work with the Town was Rib Mountain Cycle. He wanted the Board to consider the original wording of the program and have it open from the time the Town Beat comes out until May. Also, he did not want residents to be required to get a coupon from the Municipal Center; rather, he thinks the residents should be able to cut out the coupon from the Town Beat and use it at the store.

Approve Minutes of the 01/17/17 Regular Town Board Meeting – **Motion by Kachel/Klein to approve the minutes of the 01/17/17 Regular Town Board Meeting. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Plan Commission

Plan Commission Minutes from the 01/25/2017 Meeting for Review – Community Development Director Kunst noted the Commission held a pre-application for a proposed duplex development to the east of the recently approved Lift Athletics facility.

Approval of Appointment to Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Committee – **Motion by Klein/Kachel to approve the appointment of Paula Inger to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Approval Helmet Program – Administrator Rhoden reviewed the proposed program, she said this was discussed at the last Public Safety Committee meeting. The Board discussed the coupon and the effective dates of the program. **Motion by Klein/ Kachel to approve the bicycle helmet program running in the months of March, April, and May, allowing participants to bring the coupon directly from the Town Beat. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Approval of Ordinance 17-01 Speed Limit Reduction for Magnolia Neighborhood – Street/Park Superintendent Turner discussed the request from the neighborhood. This item was discussed at the Public Safety Committee. The Public Safety Committee recommended to lower the speed limit and instructed placement of two no outlet signs. The Committee did not feel the Children at Play sign was necessary. **Motion by Kachel / Klein to approve Ordinance 17-01 Speed**

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Limit Reduction for Magnolia Ave, Juniper Ln, and Sage Ln, to 25 MPH. Questioned and carried 3:0.

Approval of Amendments to the Town Firearms and Bow Restrictions Maps – State Park Lands

– Community Development Director Kunst said that since the original Firearm and Bow Restriction map was adopted, the Rib Mountain State Park added three (3) properties. After discussions with State Park Ranger, Bill Bursaw, it was recommended the Town update its maps to properly identify all State Park property since the Town cannot regulate State Park lands.

Motion by Kachel / Klein to recommend updating the Town of Rib Mountain’s Firearms and Bow Restrictions maps. Questioned and carried 3:0.

Approval of Donation to Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum – Street/Park Superintendent

Turner said Kevin Korpela, owner of Downtown Grocery, was interested in donating a painting of a 1938 ski jump competition on Rib Mountain to the Town. This painting was in the fire and needed cleaning. The painting was taken to the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum for cleaning. The museum spent a total of six (6) hours working on the painting.

Motion by Schaefer / Kachel to donate \$250.00 to the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum for cleaning the painting, the money should be taken from the Tourism fund. Questioned and carried 3:0.

Approval of Agreement with the Marathon County Sheriff’s Department – Administrator

Rhoden reviewed the proposed agreement between the Town and the Sheriff’s Department. She said this agreement has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and the County’s Corporation Council. **Motion by Kachel / Klein to approve agreement as presented for law enforcement services with the Marathon county Sheriff’s Department. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Approval of Operator License – Motion by Klein / Kachel to approve the operator licenses for Gracie Engebrecht and Adriana Shabani. Questioned and carried 3:0.

Reports/Minutes

Town Board – Supervisor Kachel said he received a complaint that a neighbor was feeding the deer, he will pass it on to Code Enforcement Office Hursh. Supervisor Klein met with staff regarding next steps for a future Dog Park. He also talked to the residents at the corner of Bittersweet and Bellflower Roads on the possibility of a trail going to the school on their property.

Other Agencies – None.

Town Attorney – None

Town Administrator – Administrator Rhoden provided a written report. She updated the Town Board regarding her conversation with Senator Petrowski.

Community Development Director – A written report was included in the packet. He noted the Plan Commission will be reviewing the Final Plats for the Hall Farm developments.

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Street-Parks Superintendent – A written report was provided. Turner noted utility burial is still ongoing for Rib Mountain Drive 2.0.

Finance Director/Clerk – A written reported was provided. A preliminary 2016 budget status report was included in the packet.

Code Enforcement Officer – None

Park Commission – None

Finance Personnel – Would like to have a meeting in the next month.

Public Safety Committee – None

Public Works Committee – An informational special assessment meeting has been tentatively scheduled for February 28, 2017.

Bicycle/Ped Committee – Meeting on Thursday.

General Comments – None

Adjourn - Motion by Kachel / Klein to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Questioned and carried 3:0.

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.