

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Public Safety Committee Meeting

July 24, 2017

Committee 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, Jim Legner and Town Chairman Allen Opall.

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

On July 21, 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 May 16, 2017 – Motion by Opall/Legner to approve the minutes of the 05/16/2017 Public Safety Committee meeting. Questioned and carried 3:0.

Discussion and Recommendation for Changes to Chapter 5.08 Fire Prevention – Administrator Rhoden summarized regulations surrounding communities have regarding recreational burning/fire pits as well as Rib Mountain's current ordinance. Rhoden noted the Town's Ordinance is very similar to the surrounding communities where fires are permitted until midnight, seven days a week. The City of Schofield was the only community with more strict hours, 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Rhoden said a resident requested the Town change the ordinance and only allow fires until 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, while leaving it until midnight Saturday and Sunday. Rhoden indicated the Committee should consider holiday weeks where recreational fires may occur on weeknights. The Committee asked Chief Savage how many complaints SAFER receives regarding campfires. Chief Savage said SAFER receives approximately half-dozen complaints annually. Complaints range from questioning fire dangers (i.e. dry weather) to smoke going into neighbor's windows. The Committee questioned the impact that would be felt by SAFER if the Committee changed the hours for recreational burning. Chief Savage said he would probably get more calls until people were aware of the change. Committee members discussed enforcement and wanting the same rules as surrounding communities. The Committee decided to take no action.

The Committee skipped to item number six.

Crossing Guard Hiring Update – Administrator Rhoden updated the Committee with good news as staff will be forwarding a recommendation for a returning employee. Rhoden said they only have an a.m. shift open and they are receiving applications for that position. They are still running short on subs.

Street/Park Superintendent Turner arrived.

Sunrise Drive and Parking Concerns (new homes and Domtar parking area) – Street/Park Superintendent Turner summarized his findings regarding the safety concerns on Sunrise. He said he has monitored the area and has noted nothing of concern. Chief Savage said the issue could have arisen because one of the new houses was having some landscaping done and contractor trailers were on the road for some time. The Committee discussed the issue and decided to table it and advised staff to continue monitoring the situation. Administrator Rhoden requested that Turner follow up with the resident who identified the concern and let him know the Committee's action.

Approval of "No Parking" on Jonquil Lane and Lily Lane Ordinance 7.03 – Street/Park Superintendent Turner reviewed the map with the Committee showing the proposed no parking areas. **Motion by Opall/Legner to install "No Parking Here to Corner" and "No Parking Back to Corner" signs on Lily Lane and Jonquil Lane on the east and west sides of the Hummingbird Road intersection for a distance of 50 feet.**

Adjourn Meeting – Motion by Opall/Legner to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 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.