

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Special Town Board Meeting
Budget Workshop #3
October 17, 2017

Chairman Allen Opall called the October 3, 2017 Special Town Board meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 5:32 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau, WI. Supervisors present included Pete Kachel, Gerry Klein, Fred Schaefer, and Jim Legner.

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

On September 29, 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.

2018 Budget Discussion

Administrator Rhoden informed the board the SAFER District had significantly revised their budget requests. With their revisions, this has allowed the Town to put items back into the budget.

Rhoden stated the Town also received additional funding in the amount of \$40,000 from transportation aids. She presented the current breakdowns:

- Scanning project removed from Technology budget -\$12,000
- SAFER Budget has been decreased by -\$52,235
- Revaluation payment taken off the levy – money used from unassigned general fund - \$50,000
- Future Road Projects to increase to \$94,000
- Sheriff's Services to increase an additional \$7,000

Street Superintendent Scott Turner distributed a CIP Plan request to board members. He noted with the additional funding from road aids, he could provide additional overlays and repairs to the following roads in 2018; Bluebell Rd, Strawberry Ln and Iris Ln in the amount of \$82,000.

The board reviewed the options presented and recommended from the \$94,000 road projects funds to take \$82,000 for road maintenance projects and the remaining \$12,000 be applied towards the revaluation project, while maintaining the rate at \$3.73.

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Supervisor Schaefer asked Fire Chief Savage what he feels is the cause of their budget issues. Chief Savage strongly believes the problem has been in the ambulance collection process. He noted SAFER has been able to negotiate the release of their contract one year earlier with AccuMed. The District will still continue to collect monies on runs. The department has started the Request For Proposal (RFP) process for a new billing vendor.

Street Superintendent Turner asked Board members to prioritize road projects for 2019. The Public Works Department would like to proceed with the purchase of an asphalt patcher this year with funding coming from proceeds of equipment sales, which has a balance of \$53,500.

Board members requested a budget hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 14.

Next Budget meeting will be held on October 30th at 12:00 pm.

Adjourn – **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Submitted by
Michelle Peter
Deputy Clerk

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