

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Town Board Meeting

January 16, 2018

Chairman Allen Opall called the January 16, 2018 regular meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:04 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau, WI. Supervisors present included Jim Legner and Gerry Klein. Supervisors Pete Kachel and Fred Schaefer were excused.

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

On January 12 2018, 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 – Kay Meyer, a representative with Wisconsin United spoke to Board members regarding their cause. They are seeking future Board action whether in the form of a resolution or referendum to amend the US Constitution regarding individuals, not corporations, unions or other entities are allowed to influence elections outcomes.

Approve Minutes of the 11-7-2017, 11-14-2017 and 12-19-17 Regular Town Board Meetings – **Motion by Legner/Klein to approve the 11-7-2017, 11-14-2017 and 12-19-2017 regular Town Board minutes. Questioned and carried 3:0**

Plan Commission: The Commission met last week and worked on the Comprehensive Plan. Chairman Opall thanked the Plan Commission for their service.

Discussion and Recommendation for the Wisconsin United to Amend Proposal – Supervisor Legner stated he was not averse to the group's proposal. Supervisor Klein asked if the group had submitted a petition to the Board. He also reviewed with Wisconsin United what options were available for the Board to address their request. The Town could proceed with a resolution, which Board members present were not in favor of, a referendum or it could be presented at the Town's Annual Meeting at which time the town residents would have the opportunity to vote on the proposal.

Administrator Rhoden read a statement from Supervisor Schaefer who stated that both sides need to be represented prior to going to a referendum. He also suggested a possible open house where both sides should be represented. Chairman Opall recommended that more inclusive language be used for the wording of the question when presented.

Approval of Resolution 18-01, Salary and Wages Fiscal Year 2018 – **Motion by Klein/Legner to approve Resolution 18-01: Salary and Wages Fiscal Year 2018. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Approval of Plan Commission Appointment – Chairman Opall is recommending the appointment of Sara Busby to the Plan Commission. **Motion by Legner/Klein to approve the appointment of Sara Busby to the Plan Commission. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

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Approval of New Hire – Office Assistant – Town Administrator Rhoden stated the Town received thirty applications for the office assistant position. The top four candidates were interviewed last week by staff and the recommendation is Lois Christianson. **Motion by Klein/Legner to approve the hiring of Lois Christianson as Office Assistant at the rate of \$14.45/hour. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Approval of Operator License – Attorney Dean Dietrich reviewed the applicants and saw no objections. **Motion by Klein/Legner to approve the operator license for Ellen Donner, Bria Jahnke and Morganne Leis. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Reports/Minutes

Town Board – Supervisor Klein informed members the road crew recently brushed the future dog park site and currently working on the fencing design. He is working with Gaylene on writing another grant for the park.

Other Agencies – SAFER Fire Chief Savage is finalizing year-end numbers. The new ambulance has been ordered and should arrive by Thanksgiving. Granite Peak has been a good source of runs.

Town Attorney – Dean Dietrich stated he would be serving as the Town’s attorney.

Town Administrator –A written report has been provided.

Community Development Director – A written report was included in the packet. The Town has received correspondence pertaining to the replacement of the municipal center’s two furnaces. Also working on the leaks at the Public Works Building and addressing the plumbing issues at the Public Safety Building.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A detailed report was provided. Scott provided photos related to ice build-up issues.

Finance Personnel – None

Code Enforcement Officer – Report provided in the packet.

Park Commission – The Commission is finalizing the Easter Egg Hunt and seeking donations for prizes. Reviewed draft videos for Doepke and Rookery View parks. Working with Wausau Youth Baseball on fencing enhancements.

Finance & Personnel – Supervisor Klein stated the committee meet earlier this evening and addressed the 2019 salaries chart and fee schedule.

Public Safety Committee – Administrator Rhoden stated a meeting should be held soon.

Public Works Committee – None.

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Bicycle/Ped Committee – A meeting is scheduled for this Thursday.

General Comments – Bill Shnowski and Tom Radenz of REI provided a conceptual plan to members for a housing development on the Hall property for “empty nesters.” The plan also shows three potential soft commercial sites. Administrator Rhoden stated she is working with the intern on “Adopt a Trail” project again. Harlen Hebbe expressed his concern on the traffic light timing by Kwik Trip.

Adjourn - **Motion by Legner/Klein to adjourn at 7:15p.m. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Submitted by
Michelle Peter
Town Clerk

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