

**TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN**  
*Public Safety Committee Meeting*  
*February 20, 2018*

Vice Chairman Jim Legner called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Members present were Jim Legner, Town Chairman Allen Opall and Fred Schaefer, a quorum.

Also present were Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Community Development Director Steve Kunst, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Hursh, Clerk Michelle Peter, Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner, SAFER Deputy Fire Chief Josh Finke.

On February 16, 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.

Approve Minutes of July 24, 2017 – **Motion by Opall/Legner to approve the minutes of the 07/24/2017 Public Safety Committee meeting. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Discussion on Golf Cart Usage on Town Streets – Community Development Director Steve Kunst informed members Town resident, Larry Gibson is requesting the ability to use golf carts on specified Town streets. The Rib Mountain Municipal Code prohibits this type of vehicle from using public street. The Town would need to amend its ordinance to allow such use. Wisconsin State Statutes allow golf carts on public streets, with a maximum speed limit of 25 mph.

Members discussed the request at some length and noted a couple of items of concern; would the request open up possible ATVs and UTVs seeking the same request and need to post for non-use of bike/pedestrian trails. It was the directive of the Public Safety Committee to have staff research potential ordinance amendments to allow golf carts on public streets.

Discussion and Recommendation for Right-of-Way Signage Near Rib Mountain State Park – Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner reported members of the Bike/Pedestrian Committee are requesting public access signage be placed at the following dead-end street locations: east end of Begonia St, west of Mountain Ln and west end of Chickadee Ln. It was noted the State Park Manager is not in favor of this request. Supervisor Schaefer also suggested adding no parking signs at the locations. **Motion by Legner/Opall to recommend approval for “Public Access” signage at the east end of Begonia St, west end of Mountain Ln and west end of Chickadee Ln. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Discussion and Recommendation for a new Street Light at South Mountain Road and Red Bud Road – Turner stated the Town has received a street light request at the intersection of Red Bud Road and County Highway N. Street/Park Superintendent Turner noted several roads along County Highways have street lights. The request would service between 10 – 15 homes and the Nine Mile Recreation Area. The cost associated with the request could range between \$2,000-\$2,500 for installation and poll. **Motion by Legner/Opall to recommend approval of a street light to be installed at the intersection of Red Bud Rd and County Highway N. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

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Discussion and Recommendation for Snow Emergency Ordinance – Street/Park Superintendent Turner said that the Town currently does not have a policy or ordinance to declare a snow emergency. A recent situation brought this item to staff’s attention. Intern Nathan Treadwell has reviewed area snow emergency ordinances and has provided a few samples in the packet for review. Turner stated he conversed with the public work department and reported there has been no major incidents. The Public Safety Committee instructed staff to draft a snow emergency ordinance to be reviewed and adopted at a later date.

Discussion and Recommendation for Revised Adopt-A-Trail Program– Administrator Rhoden said intern Nathan Treadwell has reached out to Rib Mountain Elementary, South Mountain Elementary Schools and Wausau Fitness who had participated in adopting a trail. All parties are still interested. Rhoden noted that Trillium Trail and the second half of the 51/39 trail could be other trails available for adoption.

Rhoden stated the trail adoption guidelines have never been updated since implementation. It was discovered the application does not provide a timeline. New verbiage would read: “this permit shall remain valid until sponsor notifies the Town of Rib Mountain of abandonment.” **Motion by Legner/Opall to recommend the attached revisions to the Adopt-A Trail program. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Discussion on Concern of Traffic Signal Poles at Robin Ln and Rib Mountain Dr – Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner reported a citizen has a concern of the location of the traffic signal poles in the sidewalk at the intersection of Robin Ln and Rib Mountain Dr. He is upset the pole locations appear to be in the center of the sidewalk causing confusion for individuals who have vision impairments.

Rib Mountain staff, WI Dept of Transportation and the traffic signal consultant have agreed that the location of said poles, are in compliance with ADA requirements. The parties discussed several ideas for enhancements. It was decided that Turner will meet all parties affected to determine a better solution. Supervisor Legner asked Turner obtain an estimate cost for stamped concrete at said intersection.

Adjourn Meeting – **Motion by Schaefer/Opall to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Submitted by:  
Michelle Peter  
Clerk

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