

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Town Board Meeting

March 6, 2018

Chairman Allen Opall called the March 6, 2018 regular meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau, WI. Supervisors present included Jim Legner and Fred Schaefer. Supervisor Pete Kachel and Gerry Klein were excused.

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

On March 2 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 – Melissa Zunker, 2700 Fern Ln, commented on the itemized agenda request for consideration of a second-floor bathroom at the residence addressed, 2700 Fern Ln. She presented a summary of events not previously shared.

Approve Minutes of the 02/20/18 Regular Town Board and 02/20/2018 Open Town Board Meetings – **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the 02/06/18 regular Town Board and 02/20/2018 Open Town Board minutes. Questioned and carried 3:0**

Plan Commission Minutes from the 02/14/18 Meeting for Review – None

Second Consideration of Request from Jeanne Laliberte, for a Conditional Use Modification for Dkt# 2004-01 for a Second Floor Bathroom in a Detached Accessory Building at the Property Addressed, 2700 Fern Ln, Pcl# 34.25.01.01.1 – Attorney Dietrich stated it was his suggestion to have this item reintroduced for consideration since a form of communication was not presented at a previous board meeting. The Zunker family provided documentation outlining their request and matter of facts.

Harlen Hebbe, Chairman of the Plan Commission stated he was offended by her reference that Commission members had been influenced by a particular individual's opinion. Supervisor Schaefer spoke on the history of the accessory building and the errors that proceeded the original request. While he understood their request, there is no way to prevent the next owner from having a rental unit. He noted zoning mistakes have haunting affects after the fact and he was concerned this property at some point could be converted to a two-residence site. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to uphold the previous action of the Plan Commission and Town Board to deny the Conditional Use modification at the property addressed 2700 Fern Ln. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

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Approval of Resolution 18-04: Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing – Administrator Rhoden stated at a recent Finance and Personnel meeting, SAFER was requesting funds for the new ambulance chassis within the next couple of weeks. The ambulance purchase was part of the upcoming borrowing note which is scheduled to take place this summer. Goldenrod Road will be under construction this summer, which is also part of the borrowing note and Street/Park Superintendent Turner is concerned bills will be due prior to the borrowing time-frame. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve Resolution 18-04: Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing. Questioned and carried 3:0**

Approval of Designation of 12/31/2017 Fund Balance and Corresponding 2018 Budget Amendment for Public Safety Building Repairs – Community Development Director Steve Kunst informed members the Town had received two quotes for bathroom repairs at the Public Safety Building. Estimates are based on two project scopes; one being on a smaller floor cut and rerouting pipes and the other is significant floor cut. The funding source is the 2017 budgeted CEO's new vehicle (\$16,500). **Motion by Schaefer/Opall to approve the \$16,500 from the CEO's new vehicle purchase to fund the plumbing repairs at the Public Safety Building. Questioned and carried 2:1, with Supervisor Legner opposed.**

New Hire: Finance Director – Administrator Rhoden reported the Town Board met in closed session earlier this evening. After careful consideration it was recommended to hire Nicole Dunbar as the Town's Finance Director. Rhoden stated all background checks were completed with clear results, salary will be \$64,000, Grade 13, five (5) days of vacation up front and credited with 1 year of service. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve Nicole Dunbar as Finance Director at a starting wage of \$64,000 at Grade 13, one year of credited service and five days of vacation/sick leave. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Approval of Operator License – Attorney Dietrich expressed concerns on one applicant. Chairman Opall will meet with the individual. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the operator license for Michael Makevitch and Tyler Spomer and defer Michael Weber until Chairman Opall makes a recommendation. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Reports/Minutes

Town Board – Chairman Opall reported Marathon County will go out for borrowing in the amount of \$4.5 million for CIP.

Other Agencies – SAFER noting to report.

Town Attorney – Nothing. Dean did note, he might not be in attendance at the next meeting.

Town Administrator – A written report has been provided. Gaylene reported she had received some feedback from the Foundation of North Central pertaining to the requested grant for the dog park.

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Community Development Director – A written report was included in tonight’s packet. He reported four single-family permits were issued in February.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A detailed report was provided. Scott said there was a recent water-service leak at the intersection of Rib Mountain Dr and North Mountain Rd.

Town Clerk – Report included in tonight’s packet.

Code Enforcement Officer – None

Park Commission – Meeting scheduled for next Tuesday.

Finance & Personnel – None

Public Safety Committee – None

Public Works Committee – None

Bicycle/Ped Committee – Meeting scheduled for next week.

General Comments –

Adjourn - **Motion by Legner/Schaefer to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Submitted by
Michelle Peter

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