

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, April 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Allen Opall called the annual meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Present: Supervisors Jim Legner, Fred Schaefer, Gerry Klein. Supervisor Pete Kachel was excused.

Chairman Opall led the Pledge of Allegiance. Fourteen people signed in and information packets were available.

INTRODUCTION OF TOWN BOARD AND STAFF

Chairman Allen Opall introduced the Town Staff, Town Board Supervisors, and the Town Attorney. Chairman Opall also introduced new staff members.

FORMAL SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Clerk Michelle Peter administered the oath of office to re-elected Town Board Supervisors Jim Legner and Gerry Klein

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR TOWN MEETING

Attorney Robert Reinertson read rule protocol for a Town meeting and read the general rules of procedure for the annual Town meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Resident Jim Legner second by Resident Fred Schaefer to approve the minutes of the 4/18/2017 Annual Town Meeting and the 11/14/2017 Special Town Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PRESENTATION FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Nicole Dunbar presented the 2017 draft Financial Statements and explained fund accounting to the residents. She reported fieldwork for the Town's audit was completed a couple weeks ago and the Town has yet to receive draft financials. The total fund balance for the General Fund improved by \$155,820, which is an 11.44% increase. The Unassigned Fund balance rose from \$994,157 in 2016 to \$1,107,369 in 2017, which is an increase of 11.39%. The Town's General Fund Policy requires a minimum unassigned fund balance of 20-25% of current year expenditures and as of 12/31/2017 the Town's unassigned fund balance was at 40.47%. This percentage helps show the solid financial position the Town is in.

CHAIRMAN'S STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS

Chairman Allen Opall started out by thanking everyone who was there. He let the residents know that the Town is there for them if anyone has questions or concerns. He congratulated supervisors Jim Legner and Gerry Klein in their recent election win.

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Some of the Town highlights in 2017: were

- Town Board approved moving forward in legal action against the Marathon County Uniform Addressing. The Town lost its challenge in court and has moved forward by appealing the decision.
- The Town of Rib Mountain purchased property from Marathon County for the construction of a new dog park. To date, between donations and funding through grants, the Town has raised over \$100,000. An enormous thank you goes out to Richard Austin for his large donation. The park will be named after his late wife, which will be named after her, Sandy's Dog Park.
- The Town continues to work with the Connections Place on a site location at the Municipal Center. The Connections Place is a 55 and better activity center. The staff meets monthly with their representatives and recognizes the importance of this regional center.
- The organization saw some changes this past year. Michelle Peter was appointed as Town Clerk. Finance Director Jessica Trautman and Office Assistant Kelly Stegman resigned in 2017. Nicole Dunbar is the Town's new Finance Director and Polly Lentz as Office Assistant. The Town's attorney Kevin Terry departed and Dean Dietrich will provide services for the Town.
- Rib Mountain Drive Phase 2 was completed this past fall. The \$4 million plus project improved the roadway, installed sidewalks and saw burying of utilities.
- The Hilton Garden open in late fall. The hotel brought in over \$8 million-dollar value to the community. Residential building has remained strong this past year also.

In the next 12 months.....

- The ground breaking for the dog park this summer. The park should be completed this fall.
- Residential development is anticipated to grow with the development of Royal Ridge and Royal View Estates.
- Construction of Five Guys restaurant, Kay Jewelers and Gustave Larson are slated to begin this year.

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- The work on the comprehensive plan continues and the Town is looking for residents feedback.

In closing the Chairman thanked all the Committee and Commission members for their hard work and dedication to the Town.

REPORTS:

Administrator provided a detailed written report

Building & Zoning Department provided a detailed written report

Public Works provided a detailed written report

Finance Director provided a detailed written report

Clerk provided a written report

Park Commission provided a detailed written report

Fire Department: provided their 2017 annual report

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE -

Penny Happli, 3204 Martin Avenue, asked the status of Robin Lane and Rib Mountain Drive intersection regarding re-design and pole configurations.

John Happli, 3204 Martin Avenue, discussed county-wide addressing. He thinks the Town needs to emphasize that everyone will be affected. He conveyed the possibility the Town could be spending a fare amount of money on the appeal process.

SET 2018 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MOTION: Resident Fred Schaefer, second by Resident Jim Legner to set the next Annual Town Meeting for April 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. or within 10 days, at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Chairman Allen Opall thanked those in attendance for their participation in the 2018 Annual Meeting. Chairman Opall also acknowledged, State Senator Jerry Petrowski and State Representative John Spiros who also attended the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Resident Gaylene Rhoden, second by Resident Fred Schaefer to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Michelle Peter
Clerk

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