

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Public Safety Committee Meeting
July 17, 2018

Town Chairman Allen Opall called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Members present were Jim Legner and Town Chairman Allen Opall. Chairman Brad Conklin via Telephone conference.

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 and SAFER Deputy Fire Chief Josh Finke.

On July 13, 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 February 19 and 20, 2018 – **Motion by Legner/Opall to approve the minutes of the 2/19/2018 and 2/20/2018 Public Safety Committee meetings. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Discussion and Recommendation for Updates to Safety Manual– Community Development Director Kunst stated the while the changes have been made to the Safety Manual, they have not been digitally compiled. He is recommending to the Public Safety Committee upon completion, the changes would go to Town Board for approval. The committee agreed to the request.

Discussion and Recommendation for Updates to Ordinances 7.06 Minibikes and Self-Propelled Vehicles, 7.07 Bicycles, Licensing and Regulation of and 7.10 Penalty – Street/Park Superintendent Turner reported the request began with the Bike/Ped Committee seeking to update the Town’s ordinances to be in line with state statutes. The majority of updates address power bikes and self-propelled vehicles. Turner also noted that the Wausau Metropolitan Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee has also reviewed the changes. **Motion by Legner/Conklin to recommend the amendment to Ordinances 7.06 Minibikes and Self-Propelled vehicles, 7.07 Bicycles. Licensing and Regulation and 7.10 Penalty. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Discussion and Recommendation for Fire Code Revisions (Per SAFER) – Deputy Fire Chief Josh Finke informed the Committee a recent audit was conducted by the Wausau Fire Marshall, whom recommended that all departments become uniform compliant. It would also allow SAFER the ability to inspect certain occupancies once per year. Deputy Chief Finke highlighted a couple noted changes; yearly inspections versus twice a year and limitation of one fire pit per every eight units in an apartment complex. **Motion by Legner/Opall to recommend modification to Chapter 5.08 and to proceed to the next Town Board for approval. Questioned and carried 3:0.**

Discussion and Recommendation to Traffic Concerns at the Intersection of Rib Mountain Drive and Robin Lane – Joan Wagner of Wausau, gave a presentation on accessibilities and concerns of walk-ways for the visually impaired. She discussed difficulties that some intersection pose with alignments, angles of push button controls and road and sidewalk textures.

Ms. Wagner asked the Committee to consider for future road projects, user friendly intersections. She noted an intersection at Second and Scott Streets in Wausau that uses a voice activation system to allow visually impaired people to cross safely.

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Supervisor Legner suggested staff look into a voice activated crosswalk system. Street Superintendent Turner stated he would start researching this feature and look into the possibility of grant funds.

Request for Streetlight at the Intersection of Woodduck Ln and Cloverland Ln – Street/Park Superintendent Turner stated the Town had received a request for a street light at the intersection of Woodduck Ln and Cloverland Ln. He reported the closet light is about 500 feet away. The property owner, Kocourek has had a recent incident of vandalism.

Committee members discussed why a petition was not submitted, which has been past practice. Some members felt the owner should also take ownership for installing on premise lighting. **Motion by Legner/Conklin to recommend denial of a street light to be installed at the intersection of Woodduck Ln and Cloverland Ln. questioned and carried 3:0.**

Discussion and Recommendation on No Camping Restriction on Public Lands – Administrator Rhoden stated since last year, staff has been aware of at least two incidents where people are camping either in the Town’s parks or along the Town’s trail system. The Town’s current ordinance does not prohibit this use, but only identifies hours of use. The suggestion is to add the following verbiage; “CLOSING HOURS. No person shall be within any Town park between 10 p.m. and sunrise. Camping and overnight use of Town parks, trail system and municipal owned facilities is strictly prohibited.”

Supervisor Schaefer recommended by staff’s discretion, permitted camping should be allowed in designated areas of the Town. He suggested staff create language for such usage.

Adjourn Meeting – **Motion by Legner/Conklin 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.