

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

Town Board Meeting

December 4, 2018

Chairman Allen Opall called the December 4, 2018 regular meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:06 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau WI. Supervisors present included Jim Legner, Brad Conklin and Gerry Klein. Supervisor Fred Schaefer was excused.

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

On December 1, 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 – None

Approve Minutes from the 11/20/2018 Regular Town Board and 11/20/2018 Open Meeting and 11/29/2018 Open Town Board Meeting – **Motion by Conklin/Klein to approve the minutes from the 11/20/2018 Regular Town Board, 11/20/2018 Open Meeting, and 11/29/2018 Open Town Board Meetings. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Presentation from TDS Communications- Administrator Rhoden stated TDS evaluated the design plan for the Town. Their plan would not cover the entire Township, so they were advised not to come to this meeting with a presentation.

Plan Commission – Community Development Director Steve Kunst noted the Plan Commission had not met since the last Board meeting. Kunst noted the next Plan Commission meeting will include a UDD and conditional use application. It was also noted the new building to house Kay Jewelers and 5 Guys restaurant is moving along and should be open this spring.

Discussion and Possible Action on Amendments to the Town Fire Code - Kunst noted SAFER is proposing the amendments that essentially represent a repeal and replacement of the current code. Attorney Dietrich recommended proceeding with the current code. SAFER Chief Matt Savage indicated SAFER is attempting to create uniformity with the fire codes in the communities served by SAFER. Attorney Dietrich noted an updated version of the amendments will be brought back to the Town Board when they are completed.

Approval of Employee Assistance Program Through Local Municipalities Joint Program Rhoden explained this is a good program that has been offered to Town employees in the past. The request is to renew the contract, which would run until 2021. **Motion by Klein/Legner to approve the Employee Assistance Program Through Local Municipalities Joint Program contract with Ascension. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of New Hire- Town Clerk. Supervisor Klein stated two applicants were interviewed and the job was offered to Joanne Ruechel. The job offer included a salary of \$42,000, one week of vacation and one-year credit for service. **Motion by Klein/Legner to appoint Joanne Ruechel Town of Rib Mountain Clerk at a salary of \$42,000 per year, subject to background checks. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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Approval of New Hire-Code Enforcement Officer- Administrator Rhoden stated one person was interviewed for this position and the job was offered to Bert Nitzke. **Motion by Legner/Conklin to approve hiring Bert Nitzke as Code Enforcement Officer at a payrate of \$18.50 per hour, subject to background checks. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Operator License – Attorney Dietrich saw no objections with the applicants. **Motion by Klein/Legner to approve the operator license for Daniel Bridson. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Temporary Class B Alcohol License- The Tanning Studio - Kunst stated this is a one-time promotion scheduled for December 13th, 14th and 15th. The business would like to serve wine to the customers. Kunst indicated he worked with Attorney Dietrich on the process. Attorney Dietrich recommended approval of the application. **Motion by Legner/Conklin to approve the Temporary Class B Alcohol License for The Tanning Studio. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Resolution 18-18 in the Matter of Authorizing an Exception to the Levy Limits for Charges for SAFER Pursuant to 2005 Wisconsin Act 484 Rhoden explained all participating municipalities in SAFER need to pass this resolution and was confirmed with Ehlers. Finance Director Nicole Dunbar stated this does not change anything with the approved Town budget and is just a formality on the Towns end. **Motion by Conklin/Legner to approve Resolution 18-18; Authorizing an Exception to the Levy Limits for Charges for SAFER Pursuant to 2005 Wisconsin Act 484. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Reports/Minutes –

Town Board – Chairman Opall noted he is meeting with Granite Peak representatives regarding their anticipated expansion plan to address the EMS service. Opall indicated he does not think it is fair for the Rib Mountain residents to pay for additional resources dedicated to the ski hill and would like to see some relief from Granite Peak.

SAFER – Savage reported the audit is back, but he has not had a chance to look at it yet. Savage indicated EMS has been to the ski hill several times already this year.

Other Agencies – No report

Town Attorney – No report

Town Administrator – A written report was provided. Rhoden stated there is a quorum issue for the December 18th Town Board meeting. She asked the Supervisors if they could meet at noon on the 18th. The Supervisors agreed and the Town Board meeting was moved to noon on December 18th, 2018.

Community Development Director – A written report was included. Kunst stated he anticipates at least one additional new single-family residence application will be submitted before year-end.

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Street-Parks Superintendent – A detailed report was provided. Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner noted the road crews have been doing snow removal. He also stated they are waiting to make ice for the skating rink until it is colder.

Finance Director – A written report included. Dunbar reported the tax bills should be ready by the County by the 7th of December and an internal audit is scheduled for the coming week.

Town Clerk – Rhoden stated the election went well and the reports are completed.

Code Enforcement Officer – No report

Park Commission – Turner stated there is a meeting scheduled next Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

Finance & Personnel – No report

Public Works Committee – No report

Public Safety Committee – Supervisor Conklin indicated he would like to discuss the County's walking audit and chronic nuisance properties. Attorney Dietrich noted he and his staff drove by the properties of concern and would like a meeting with the Committee to discuss their findings.

Bicycle/Ped Committee – No report

General Comments – None

Adjourn - Motion by Klein/Conklin to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.

Submitted by
Joanne Ruechel, Clerk

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