

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN

***Town Board Meeting***

***March 19, 2019***

Chairman Allen Opall called the March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road, Wausau WI. Supervisors present included Brad Conklin, Allen Opall, Fred Schaefer Jim Legner and Gerry Klein via telephone conference.

Also present were Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Community Development Director Steve Kunst, Finance Director Nicole Dunbar, Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner, Clerk Joanne Ruechel, \*\*Attorney Alyson Dieckman, and SAFER Fire Chief Matt Savage

\*\* Attorney Dieckman arrived at the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

On March 15, 2019, 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 of the March 5, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting – Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the March 5, 2019 Regular Town Board meeting minutes. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Plan Commission Minutes from the 02/27/19 Meeting for Review: Community Development Director Steve Kunst noted that there was a Preliminary Plat approval for a seven-lot subdivision at the property addressed 1701 Oriole Lane. The applicant was not present, therefore the Plan Commission decided to postpone the discussion and potential action to a future meeting. There was also a pre-application conference with Joe Schira. He may apply for a conditional use application to have husbandry animals on the property. The property is 93 acres in size. No conditional use application has been submitted yet.

Approval of Town Representation on the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization and Technical Advisory Committees – Community Development Director Steve Kunst stated that there are letters included in the packet to give authorization to Administrator Rhoden, Community Development Director Kunst and Street and Park Superintendent Turner to serve and vote on the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization and Associated Technical Advisory Committee in the absence of Chairman Opall. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the attached letters granting Administrator Rhoden, Community Development Director Kunst and Street and Park Superintendent Turner the ability to serve on the Marathon County Metropolitan Planning Commission and Associated Technical Advisory Committee in the absence of Chairman Opall. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Appointment of Poll Workers – Motion by Legner/Conklin to approve the Town Board's appointments of Election Officials as presented. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Discussion and Recommendation on the Comprehensive Plan Update Project- Chapters 5 & 6- Community Development Director Kunst explained that Chapter 5 deals with transportation and Chapter 6 deals with economic development. Director Kunst spoke about a potential bridge crossing

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into Rothschild in Chapter 5. The main concern in Chapter 5 is funding for roads. Director Kunst stated that 40% of Rib Mountain residents commute to Wausau for their jobs. He also stated that green space which is used for commercial development is limited in Rib Mountain.

Approval of Resolution #19-04 Revised Fund Balance Policy – Finance Director Dunbar stated that this was discussed at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held earlier this evening. **Motion by Legner/Schaefer to approve Resolution #19-04 Revised Fund Balance Policy. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Reports/Minutes –

Town Board – Supervisors Conklin, Klein, Schaefer, Opall and Legner thanked the Department of Public Works for all of their hard work and long hours keeping up with snow and water removal during the past couple of weeks. Supervisor Schaefer questioned why the water was not flowing around the area of the fire department. Superintendent Turner stated that when the road work was done in the area, a rock berm was created and that it stopped the water. Supervisor Legner asked about an area wide cleanup day. Administrator Rhoden stated that there is one coming up sponsored by the Ghidorzi Company called Green and Clean on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

SAFER – SAFER Fire Chief Matt Savage presented the SAFER Annual Report to the Town Board. He stated that the fire department helped during the flooding by filling in where they were needed. There have been two fires recently. Lifequest is going well collecting on the ambulance billings. The budget is doing well right now. They sold one ambulance and are now down to five ambulances.

Other Agencies – No report

Town Attorney – Attorney Dieckman stated that everything that she has will be discussed in closed session.

Town Administrator – A written report was provided. Administer Rhoden stated that the next Town Board meeting will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Community Development Director – A written report was included in the packet. Director Kunst said that he has been meeting with several residents who are interested in being on the Planning Commission. The next meeting for the Planning Commission is on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Director Kunst also stated that he received a pre-application from TDS Metro. They are interested in leasing a section of Town owned property to put up a hut for their equipment.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A detailed report was provided. Superintendent Turner reported that there have been many calls about the flooding that came into the Municipal Center. Ninety-five percent of the calls have been taken care of. Superintendent Turner reported that there might be a claim for damage to a septic system on Thorneapple Road.

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Finance Director – A written report was included in the packet. Finance Director Dunbar stated that 70% of the Town's taxes were collected through January 31, 2019. Preliminary financials from the audit should be ready to present at the Town's annual meeting in April.

Town Clerk – A written report is included in the packet. Town Clerk Ruechel reported that absentee voting has been very light. There are several new election workers. There will be an election training on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Code Enforcement Officer – A written report is included in the packet. Office Nitzke was not present at the meeting. The Town Board asked if the Code Enforcement Officer could issue citations for feeding the geese at Rookery Park this year.

Park Commission – Superintendent Turner stated that there was a Parks Commission meeting last week. The Easter egg hunt is being planned. He has an opening on the Parks Commission for one member. There are new drinking fountains being installed at Doepke Park.

Finance & Personnel – There was a meeting tonight prior to the Town Board meeting.

Public Works Committee – They did not have a meeting. The request for proposals for a new plow truck have come in high. Superintendent Turner said that he needed to review the numbers again before it comes to the Town Board.

Public Safety Committee – Supervisor Conklin said that they had a meeting two weeks ago.

Bicycle/Ped Committee – The meeting for March 21<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled.

General Comments – Harlan Hebbe of 112 Lakespur Lane Wausau commented that he was impressed with the snow plowing.

**Adjourn - Motion by Schaefer/Legner to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Submitted by  
Joanne Ruechel, Clerk

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