

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
*Town Board Meeting*  
*August 6, 2019*

Chairman Allen Opall called the August 6, 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 Jim Legner, Brad Conklin, Gerry Klein and Fred Schaefer.

Also present were Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Finance Director Nicole Dunbar, Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner, Community Development Director Steve Kunst, Clerk Joanne Ruechel and Attorney Dean Dietrich.

On August 2, 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 – Michael Chartrand of 7806 Buttercup Road stated that he would like no street parking on Buttercup Road.

Approve Minutes of the July 16, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting and Open Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2019– **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the Town Board July 16, 2019 regular meeting minutes and the July 16, 2019 open meeting minutes. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Plan Commission

a. Minutes from the 7/24/2019 Meeting: Community Development Director Kunst stated that at the last Plan Commission meeting they discussed a potential amendment to the electronic messaging sign ordinance. A prospective business would like to install a sign on the I-39 corridor. If the Plan Commission approves the Conditional Use Permit for the sign at their next meeting, it will be coming back to the Town Board in September.

b. **Tim Vreeland, Applicant, Requests Certified Survey Map Approval for a Land Division at the Property Addressed 5308 Dogwood Road. Parcel #34.172807.009.004.00.00.** Community Development Director Kunst stated that the applicant would like to create three single-family residential lots. This is currently an approximately 20-acre parcel that would be split into three lots. The Plan Commission recommended approval of this request. **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to approve the Certified Survey Map request for the property addressed 5308 Dogwood Road as presented. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

c. **Midway Hotel Group LLC, Owner, Requests Conditional Use Approval for an Outdoor Bar and Dining Area at the Property Addressed 2901 Hummingbird Road. Parcel #34.102807.005.028.00.00.** It was stated by Community Development Director Kunst that the Midway Hotel (Quality Inn) would like to get a Conditional Use Permit for a patio for an outdoor bar and dining area. The proposed project would be 48 feet by 84 feet and be on a concrete patio. There would be 3 fire pits, additional landscaping and a 6-foot fence installed around the patio.

Andrew Schroepfer, the manger of the Quality Inn was at the meeting to answer any questions for the Town Board. He stated that there would never be a jute box or band playing on the patio creating any

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noise at night. He also agreed that the patio area would be closed and locked every night by 10:30 p.m. There is also a proposed cooler unit that would be enclosed within the building. **Motion by Legner/Schaefer to approve the Conditional Use Permit for an outdoor bar and drinking area at the property addressed 2901 Hummingbird Road subject to the cooler being enclosed in the building and that the patio would be closed and locked every night by 10:30 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Ordinance 19-03 No Parking on Bluebird Lane – Street and Park Superintendent Turner stated that this item was already presented to the Public Safety Committee. The Town has received complaints regarding the excessive parking on Bluebird Lane east of Rib Mountain Drive. It is a narrow road and hard for safety vehicles to get through when cars are parked on both sides of the street. It was recommended by the Public Safety Committee to install no parking signs on even days on the south side and no parking on odd days on the north side between Bluebird Lane and Rib Mountain Drive and Dove Avenue. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve Ordinance 19-03 No Parking on Bluebird Lane. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Ordinance 19-04 No Parking on Buttercup Road- This item was also presented to the Public Safety Committee. The Public Safety Committee did recommend making Buttercup Road no parking on both sides of the street. Street and Park Superintendent Turner stated that he received a petition from the residents on the road supporting the parking ban. There is a group home on Buttercup and the employees have been parking on the road and this is what is causing the problem. It has been an issue in the past for the Public Works Department doing snow removal on the road as well.

The Town Board discussed the cost of the signs and if the group home management knew about this issue being brought to the Town Board this evening. It was also brought up that there is a trail at Buttercup Road and Foxglove Road and the Town Board has concerns about where residents might park that wish to use the trail. Superintendent Turner stated that he has been working to put in off street parking at this location. It was also discussed if the no parking should be on both sides of the road from north of the address 8310 Buttercup Road and going north to the end of the road. Community Development Director Kunst stated that property rights can be amended, so the legal description should be done in feet instead of by address number. **Motion by Legner/Schaefer to install no parking signs on both sides of Buttercup Road from a point 500 feet northerly of its intersection with Foxglove Road to the north termini. Questioned and carried 4:1 with Supervisor Klein dissenting.**

Approval of Refuse/Recycling 2020 Contract Proposal- The Town received three bids for the refuse/recycling contract. They were from Advanced Disposal, Harter's Fox Valley Disposal and Waste Management. The lowest bid came in from Harter's with a bid of \$2,062,459.80.

Supervisor Conklin questioned if the bid from Harter's Fox Valley Disposal included used oil pickup from residential houses. Andy Geyhart, a representative from Harter's, stated that can be added to the contract. Mr. Geyhart stated that the cost to pick up used oil would be minimal.

The Town Board discussed that Advanced Disposal would be responsible for picking up the totes that the residents currently have. Mr. Geyhart also stated that if needed, Harter's would pick up large

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items from residents homes every other week. **Motion by Legner/Conklin to enter into a contract for refuse/recycling services with Harter's beginning on January 1, 2020. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Park Use Agreement with MC United- Superintendent Turner stated that MC United has requested to use Doepke Park and Liberty Park soccer fields for the 2019 late summer/fall season. The agreement will be reviewed and recommended at the next Park Commission meeting. **Motion by Conklin/Schaefer to approve the Park Use Agreement with MC United for the use of the Doepke Park and Liberty Park Soccer fields for 2019 subject to Attorney review. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Agreement for SAFER Financials- Supervisor Schaefer mentioned that he feels that this is a limited agreement as far as time. He would like to see wording in the agreement to prevent the Village of Weston coming back after us for other time periods. Attorney Dietrich will put wording into the contract that this contract would cover any future claims as well. **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to approve the attached settlement and release agreement with the Village of Weston subject to the Attorney adding wording regarding future claims. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Liquor License-Glass Nickel Pizza- Clerk Ruechel stated that the Central Stacks LLC (Glass Nickle Pizza) would be purchasing the property owned by Jam Jam LLC (Michael's Supper Club) and they would like to have the alcohol license transfer to them. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the class "B" beer and liquor license for Central Stacks LLC. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Picnic License-Wausau Early Bird Rotary Club-The Wausau Early Bird Rotary Club applied for a picnic license for September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. They will use it at Bluegill Bay Park during the powerboat races. **Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to approve the application for a picnic license for the Wausau Early Bird Rotary Club for the powerboat races at Bluegill Bay Park to be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Operator's Licenses- Attorney Dietrich reviewed the applications and recommends approving the operator's licenses. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the operator's licenses for Danialle Bowen, Katie Foreman, Latricia Hartwig, Sarah Johnson, Corrie Kordus, Robin Nowitzke, Patrick Puyleart, and Shari Schloemer and to have Chairman Opall meet with Ryan Wroblewski regarding his Operator's License. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Reports/Minutes

Town Board – Supervisor Legner stated that the paving on his road is wonderful.

Supervisor Klein questioned if we need to close the tennis courts at South Mountain School. He has received several phone calls and emails from residents who would like to see the tennis courts fixed instead of being removed. The Board discussed the funds that were available to fix the tennis courts.

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Supervisor Schaefer stated that residents who live on Rainbow Drive are happy about their road being repaved. He also stated that weeds need to be cut around the Town. Supervisor Schaefer mentioned that people have been parking illegally on Park Road again.

Supervisor Conklin stated that Administrator Rhoden did a good job with the bike rodeo. He also mentioned that Andrea Larson and Curt Deininger would like see the Parks Commission and Bike and Pedestrian Committee combined into one group. The controlled burn that SAFER just had went well. Supervisor Conklin also asked if we would be putting out temporary no parking signs during the powerboat races.

Supervisor Opall mentioned that the Marathon County Board will be having a special meeting on Thursday to discuss the jail structural issues.

SAFER – No report

Other Agencies – No report

Town Attorney – Attorney Dietrich stated that he has been working on comparing the old and new language in the fire code. The fire code will be sent out when it is ready. He also mentioned that the Court of Appeals just heard another case regarding uniform addressing. In that case, they ruled against the municipality as well.

Town Administrator – A written report was provided. The draft calendar for the budget season was provided. Supervisor Schaefer would like Marathon County to contact diggers hotline before they install the poles for the readdressing. He would also like Administrator Rhoden to contact the County and have them update their website regarding the type of signs that will be installed in the Town.

Community Development Director – A written report was included in the packet. He informed the Board that the site that Discount Tire will be built on is doing some blasting work this week. Community Development Director Kunst stated that the Weston Power Plant asked for a research exemption into air pollution control permit requirements.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A detailed report was provided. Superintendent Turner stated that while Granite Peak was working on their piping improvements, the contractor made improvements to the snow making pond near the entrance gate. They put in a gravel trail between the west end of Robin Land and the entrance road for Granite Peak. Superintendent Turner also stated that he has been working on coordinating the installation for the street sign replacements.

Finance Director – A written report was included in the packet. Finance Director Dunbar has been working on the 2020 budget. She also mentioned that Five Guys restaurant will have its grand opening on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Town Clerk – A written report was included in the packet. Clerk Ruechel stated that she attended the Wisconsin Municipal Clerk's Institute from July 14<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup> in Green Bay. While she was there, she was elected to the Wisconsin Municipal Clerk's Association Advisory Board. It is a 3-year term.

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Code Enforcement Officer – No report.

Park Commission – There will be a Parks Commission meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The wetland delineation study is done and he will begin to study what the options are for the land.

Finance & Personnel – There is a meeting scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m.

Public Works Committee – No report.

Public Safety Committee – There is no meeting scheduled. The audible crosswalks will be installed on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The Rib Mountain Lions club is going to have a brat/hamburger stand at Lamb's Market to raise money for more audible crosswalks for the Town. We will be creating a video of the crosswalks to put on the Town's social media sites. There was also a discussion about putting an audible crosswalk at Clover Road and Morning Glory Lane.

Bicycle/Ped Committee – Administrator Rhoden reported that the bike rodeo that was held on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 went well.

General Comments – Mike and Sandy Baldwin of 112 Rainbow Lane were present to discuss the lake access on Rainbow Drive. They own the property that is encroaching the Town owned land on lake Wausau. When they purchased the house, they were aware that part of the water front land was owned by the Town. They were however told the wrong boundary lines of the property. The wooden dock, which is on the Town property, they have been taking care of and is currently in need of repairs. The owners of 112 Rainbow Drive have been maintaining the lawn and property that belongs to the Town for the last 20 years. They understand that the Town owns the property, however, they would be interested in purchasing some of the land to give their property decent lake access. Attorney Dietrich stated that he will have to do some research and that the Town cannot sell their land easily.

Adjourn - **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Submitted by  
Joanne Ruechel, Town Clerk

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