

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
**Town Board Meeting**  
**December 3, 2019**

Chairman Opall called the December 3, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 227800 Snowbird Avenue, Wausau Wisconsin.

Other Supervisors present included Brad Conklin, Gerry Klein, and Fred Schaefer.

Excused: Jim Legner

Also present were Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner, Building Inspector Paul Kufahl, Clerk Joanne Ruechel, Attorney Dean Dietrich, and Finance Director Nicole Dunbar.

On November 27, 2019, copies of the meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney, and posted at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, SAFER Fire Department, Rib Mountain Sanitary District office and the Town website.

Comments from the Public Related to Town Board Agenda Items- None

Approve Minutes of the November 19, 2019 Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting, Regular Town Board Meeting and Open Meeting- **Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to approve the November 19, 2019 Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting, Regular Town Board Meeting and Open Meeting.**

**Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Plan Commission – No report.

Approval of Marathon County Dedicated Deputy Vehicle- Administrator Rhoden gave the Board a handout on the cost for the truck and the sports utility vehicle (SUV). She explained that we have \$50,000 set aside for a new law enforcement vehicle. The Board discussed what type of vehicle they would like the Town purchase. **Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to recommend purchasing a Dodge Ram 1500 truck. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Liquor License-Wine Time Inc.- Clerk Ruechel explained that this is a Class "A" beer license being applied for from Wine Time Inc. The business would be selling wine, and cheese. They would like to open up by December 7<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to approve a Class "A" beer license for Wine Time Inc. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Operator's Licenses- Attorney Dietrich reviewed the applications and recommends that the Board approve the Operator's licenses. **Motion by Klein/Schaefer to approve the operator's license for Olivia Bright, Debra Koch, Pamela Pasholk, Aaron Saari, Russell Utech, Diane Carlson, Robert Peterson and Nathan Mchugh. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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Reports/Minutes

Town Board – Supervisor Schaefer went to a meeting held by the Marathon County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has formed a group called “The Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership” in which businesses and Town leaders come together to align resources for the betterment of the community.

Supervisor Conklin stated that the DPW did a good job with the snow removal. He did have one resident contact him concerned about the wing of the plow catching in their yard. The resident will put a yard marker out so the plow knows how far to go before they are in the yard.

Chairman Opall stated that he and Administrator Rhoden met with the representatives of Granite Peak. They discussed the concerns of when Granite Peak is making snow and then ice and snow forms on the Town Roads. Chairman Opall believes that the Town has a good working relationship with Granite Peak. They also discussed the ambulance bills that do not get paid when skiers are injured on Granite Peak. Chairman Opall stated that we could go after the Department of Natural Resources or the State of Wisconsin wildlife account to collect some of the money that is due. The representatives from Granite Peak spoke about putting up a permanent sign on area roads in regards to possible icy conditions being on the roads when the snow is made.

SAFER – No report

Other Agencies – No report

Town Attorney – Attorney Dietrich reported that his son works with the Wausau Chamber of Commerce group that Supervisor Schaefer spoke about.

Town Administrator – A written report was provided. Administrator Rhoden stated she will be sending out the notes to the Town Board that she took during the meeting with the Granite Peak representatives. She also stated that the Chamber was going to have a meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 and that conflicts with the Town Board meeting. The Town Board agreed to move the meeting date to the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at 5:00 p.m.

Community Development Director – There is a summary in the packet. Building Inspector Kufahl stated that he’s been working on a bid request for the municipal garage that will be built at the municipal center. He also stated that several occupancy permits have been issued recently.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A detailed report was provided. Superintendent Turner stated that the donation box at the dog park has been cut off again. This is the second time within a month. He’s looking for a more secure box to put up in spring. ATC provided the Town with a grant to purchase trees. We had a snow removal truck breakdown over the weekend. The new truck should be ready by the end of January. Superintendent Turner is working on another grant for the Lilac Avenue area. The Town was not awarded money in the MPO’s STP’s urban funding program.

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Finance Director – A written report was included in the packet. The interim-audit went well. The tax bills have been submitted to the County Treasurer and we hope to have them mailed out by the end of next week.

Town Clerk – A written report was included in the packet. Clerk Ruechel stated that nomination papers are available on our website. The first day to circulate papers was December 1<sup>st</sup> and they need to be back to the Clerk's office by January 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement Officer –A written report was included in the packet. CEO Quamme has been working to clean up abandoned vehicles and he stated the people have been cooperative. There was one ticket issued for parking during the snowstorm.

Park Commission – Superintendent Turner stated that there will be a meeting next week.

Finance & Personnel –Supervisor Klein stated that there was a meeting earlier tonight. They discussed the uncollectable accounts and collecting for unbilled garbage charges.

Public Works Committee – There has not been a meeting recently. Superintendent Turner reached out to the businesses on Rib Mountain Drive that have not shoveled their snow yet this year.

Public Safety Committee – No report

Bicycle/Ped Committee –No report

General Comments –None

Adjourn - **Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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.