

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Town Board Meeting
February 18, 2020

Chairman Allen Opall called the February 18, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:00 p.m. at the SAFER Station 1, 224225 Hummingbird Road, Wausau Wisconsin.

Other Supervisors present included Gerry Klein, Jim Legner and Fred Schaefer.

Excused: Supervisor Brad Conklin

Also present were Community Development Director Jared Wehner, Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Finance Director Nicole Dunbar and Street and Park Superintendent Scott Turner

On February 14, 2020, 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 February 4, 2020 Open Town Board and Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion by Legner/Schaefer to approve the February 4, 2020, Open Town Board and Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Plan Commission

- a. Action on request Precise Implementation Plan for a monument sign in excess of 10 feet in height at the property formally addressed as 4611 Rib Mountain Drive (Docket # 2020-001) – Community Development Director Wehner stated that the applicant seeks approval of a PIP for a monument sign. This item was discussed at the February 11 Plan Commission meeting. Director Wehner explained that the reason for the request is the grade of the road. The road sits above the site causing the sign to appear much lower. This would allow the sign to be more equal to the road grade. The thirteen-foot sign would advertise all three properties. The Plan Commission did add the condition that the area on the monument sign be counted against their allowable total signage on the buildings. Also, no additional monument signs would be allowed on site. At this point, the third tenant is unknown and there are no updates when construction will begin. **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to approve the amendment Precise Implementation Plan as presented with the conditions recommended by the Plan Commission. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

- b. Action on requested approval of amendment to the Final Plat for Stone Horizon Subdivision (Docket # 2020-003) – Community Development Director Wehner indicated that the applicant was able to purchase the adjacent parcel and has chosen to further divide the property to create additional lots. The revised Final Plat will allow four additional lots with a total of twelve lots. One of the lots already has a house on it leaving eleven lots available to build on. Marathon County’s Environmental Resource Committee has already approved the Plat. There

are no concerns for stormwater improvements. The developer's agreement needs to be signed yet. Under the developer's agreement, the road would need to be paved within two years. There would also be a temporary cul-del-sac. The intent is to eventually have the road connect to Thornapple Road. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the amended Final Plat for Stone Horizon Subdivision. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

- c. Minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting for Review- No comments.

Approval of Operator's License- Administrator Rhoden shared with the Town Board the Town Attorney's comments. The Town Attorney recommends approval. **Motion by Legner/Klein to approve the operator's licenses for William Schmidt, Cassidy Oliva, Margaret Weber, Austin Halfmann, Robert Grimm and Jacob Strasburg. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Reports/Minutes

Town Board – No comments.

SAFER – The 2019 Annual Report was included in the packet. The Fire Chief is working a twenty-four shift and was unable to attend the meeting. It was noted that the Department took delivery of the two fire trucks and the older trucks will be sold. It was also mentioned that the ski hill runs have been down.

Other Agencies – Chairman Opall mentioned that the County is looking at downsizing the County Board. Supervisor Klein noted that the County Board has scheduled for their next meeting approval of an ordinance amendment allowing the Conservation, Planning and Zoning Director or their designee to issue citations for violation of the Uniform Addressing System Ordinance. It was noted by SAFER that there have not been any problems with the new addressing and the ambulances equipped with GPS are very precise. The County Board will soon know the three finalists for the County Administrator position.

Town Attorney – No report

Town Administrator – A written report was provided.

Community Development Director – A written report was provided. Building Inspector/Zoning Assistant Paul Kufahl and Director Jared Wehner have an informational table setup for the election. They had information on the Town's trail plan, Rib Mountain State Park and the 2020 Census. They received positive feedback from the public on the trail plan. There was a question about what was going on with the Kingbird development. It was noted that another party wants to build a house, but does not want to be part of the condominium development. Staff is working with Attorney Jim Lowe on the project. Lastly, no additional single-family permits have been issued this year.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A written report was provided. Superintendent Turner noted that the Trillium trail project is out for bid with a due date of March 12.

Finance Director – A written report was included in the packet. Finance Director Dunbar is leaving for the Ehlers conference tomorrow and the auditors will be here the following week. Director Dunbar

was asked about the refuse/recycling billing. She indicated there was some confusion over the multi-year billing.

Town Clerk – A written report was provided. Administrator Rhoden noted that there was a lot of positive feedback on the election setup.

Code Enforcement Officer – A written report was in the packet. CEO Quamme said that he has been fielding questions on ATV and snowmobiles. It was also noted that the Department of Natural Resources was involved with the snowmobile on Doepke trail because the State owns a portion of the property. The CEO was asked about the game violation within his report. He indicated that this was being handled by the State.

Park Commission – There was a meeting held February 11. The Easter Egg Hunt is in the planning stages and they are seeking donations. The Park Commission is also looking at a disc golf at Liberty Park. Superintendent Turner will be meeting with the Sanitary District to discuss use since the District owns the property.

Superintendent Turner was asked about the sculpture at the entrance of the community. He stated that this was a suggestion brought up, but there are no details. There was also a discussion on the Park Commission's, "No Mow May" for the bees. The Board expressed concern about weeds being a problem as a result of not mowing and that the Town would be in violation of its own ordinance.

Finance & Personnel – A meeting will be scheduled for April 1.

Public Works Committee – A meeting will be scheduled for March 3.

Public Safety Committee – A meeting will be scheduled in March and the discussion of parking on Buttercup will be discussed.

Bicycle/Ped Committee –The Committee meets this Thursday.

General Comments –No comments.

Adjourn - **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Submitted by
Gaylene Rhoden, Administrator

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