

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Town Board Meeting
March 3, 2020

Chairman Allen Opall called the March 3, 2020, 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, Jim Legner, and Fred Schaefer.

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

On February 28, 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 18, 2020, Open Town Board and Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion by Legner/Conklin to approve the February 18, 2020, Open Town Board and Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Plan Commission-Recognition of Harlan Hebbe- Harlan Hebbe was presented with a certificate for five-years of service on the Town of Rib Mountain Planning Commission. He was given a round of applause and thanked for his service.

Approval of Proposed Town of Rib Mountain Bicycle and Pedestrian Map- Street and Park Superintendent Turner said that the map that was included in the packet was submitted to the State for the Rib Mountain Master Plan. **Motion by Legner/Kline to approve the proposed Town of Rib Mountain Bicycle and Pedestrian Map. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Municipalities Agreement Through McDevco- Supervisor Schaefer stated that McDevco wants to be an advocate for municipal economic development in the area. This agreements states that the municipalities will not bid against each other for projects. This is an informal agreement with ideas and projects flowing through McDevco. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve the attached agreement subject to Attorney review and revision. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval to set Board of Review Date- Clerk Ruechel stated that Assessor Schmidt asked that the Board of Review take place on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to approve Tuesday, June 2, 2020, as the date for Board of Review. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Discussion and Approval of Board of Review Training Requirement- Clerk Ruechel explained that we must have a Town Board member who is trained on the Board of Review. **Motion by Schaefer/ Klein to approve Town Board member Brad Conklin to take the Board of Review training. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Operator's License-Town Attorney Dietrich stated that he recommends approval of the Operator's licenses. **Motion by Legner/Conklin to approve the operator's licenses for Alyssa Gale, Tara Parks, Jacqueline Koppa, Caitlyn McGhee, and Jason Kniess. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Reports/Minutes

Town Board – Supervisor Conklin stated that a resident had reached out to him regarding the Town of Rib Mountain rummage sales. She would like the Town to put communications in the Town Beat regarding the rummage sales. It was decided by the Town Board not to advertise for the Town rummage sales in the Town Beat. Supervisor Conklin also inquired about the status of the lake access on Rainbow Lane. Currently, the DNR is working on this issue.

Supervisor Klein thanked everyone who helped with the State Park Master Plan. The Dog Park will be closed from March 9th and for the rest of the month to allow the park to dry out. We will look to reopen the park in April.

Supervisor Legner will be having surgery next week and will be out for a while.

Supervisor Opall stated that the County signed a borrowing note with an interest rate of 1.16%. In this week's "City Pages" there will be an article in regards to the SAFER district.

SAFER – No comments.

Other Agencies – No comments.

Town Attorney – Attorney Dietrich stated that his attendance at our meetings will be driven by the topics that we will be discussing.

Town Administrator – A written report was provided. Administrator Rhoden stated that she was accepted to the leadership conference through the International City-County Management Association. The conference will be in Charleston South Carolina and she received a scholarship to attend this conference.

Community Development Director – A written report was provided. Community Development Director stated that MPO is looking at creating more connections over the Wisconsin River. Currently, they are looking at connecting Foxglove in Rib Mountain to Military in Rothschild. He also informed the Board that the Village of Weston retail reconstruction project is not taking place any longer. Director Wehner also stated that Gordman's is going out of business and TDS will be opening a store in Rib Mountain. The Comprehensive Plan will be coming back to the 2nd meeting in April and he hopes to have the final Comprehensive Plan adopted by mid-June.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A written report was provided. Superintendent Turner noted that the Public Works Department is getting ready to begin the spring work in the Town.

Finance Director – A written report was included in the packet. Finance Director Dunbar stated that the Auditors were here last week and they gave us good feedback.

Town Clerk – A written report was provided. Clerk Ruechel thanked the Board for moving the last Town Board meeting to the SAFER building. She also thanked Building Inspector Paul Kufahl for helping to design the new layout for election day.

Code Enforcement Officer – A written report was in the packet. CEO Quamme said that he has been fielding questions on ATV and snowmobiles.

Park Commission – There is a meeting on March 10th.

Finance & Personnel – Supervisor Klein thanked Finance Director Dunbar for completing the audit. There is a meeting on April 1, 2020. He also informed the Board that the new Deputy Treasurer will be starting on March 9th.

Public Works Committee – Supervisor Schaefer stated that there was a meeting earlier this evening where the old Town road signs and the Trillium Trail were discussed.

Public Safety Committee – There will be a meeting on March 17th prior to the Town Board meeting.

Bicycle/Ped Committee –The Committee met on February 20 and discussed new bike racks and the Comprehensive Plan.

General Comments –No comments.

Adjourn - **Motion by Schaefer/Legner to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Submitted by
Joanne Ruechel, Town of Rib Mountain Clerk

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