

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Town Board Meeting
May 5, 2020

Chairman Allen Opall called the May 5, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:03 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 227800 Snowbird Avenue, Wausau Wisconsin.

Other Supervisors present included Fred Schaefer, Brad Conklin, and Dan Fiorenza. Gerry Klein arrived at 6:40 p.m.

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

On May 1, 2020, copies of the meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney, 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- Mr. Dick Austin of 151228 Kingfisher Lane thanked Staff for getting the dog park opened again.

Approve Minutes of the April 21, 2020, Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion by Schaefer/Fiorenza to approve the April 21, 2020, Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Plan Commission – The next meeting has been scheduled for May 13, 2020.

Approval of Annual Appointments: Attorney, Building Inspector, Clerk, Finance Director, and Assessor- **Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to approve the following one-year appointments: Attorney Dean Dietrich, Building Inspector Paul Kufahl, Clerk Joanne Ruechel, Finance Director Nicole Dunbar and Assessor Gregory Schmidt. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Park Commission Appointment- Street and Park Superintendent Turner stated that there is one opening on the Park Commission. One resident, Doug Adams, applied to be the new member on the Commission. **Motion by Conklin/Fiorenza to approve the appointment of Doug Adams to the Park Commission. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Contract for Oriole Lane Town Road Improvement Project- Street and Park Superintendent Turner stated that the Town received \$28,000 in TRI funding to put an overlay on Oriole Lane. Superintendent Turner stated that Oriole Lane east of Rib Mountain Drive was in rough shape after this winter. He would like to see 850 feet in this area pulverized and repaved. \$101,000

was budgeted for the Oriole Lane project and was included in the 2020 overlay budget approvals. **Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to award the contract for the East Oriole Lane TRI project to American Asphalt in the amount of \$101.370. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of New Hire-Public Works GIS Intern- Superintendent Turner stated that this intern is shared between the Public Works Department and the Rib Mountain Sanitary District. Mike Heyroth and Superintendent Turner interviewed 3 individuals and chose Tony Meyers. Mr. Meyers will be working on special projects, stormwater control and GIS work. **Motion by Schaefer/Fiorenza to approve the hire of Tony Meyers for the Public Works GIS Intern at the wage rate of \$12.50 per hour subject to a background check. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Rib Mountain SAFER Commissioners- Chairman Opall stated that we have had these two commissioners for quite awhile. **Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to approve Jim Campbell for a two-year term and Harlan Hebbe for a one-year term to the SAFER Fire Commission. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Operator's Licenses- Attorney Dietrich has no objections to these individuals. **Motion by Schaefer/Fiorenza to approve the Operator's Licenses Alyson Petersen and William Schmidt. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Reports/Minutes

Town Board – Chairman Opall appointed Town Board Supervisors to the standing committees for a one-year term. The appointments are as follows:

Finance & Personnel

- Gerry Klein, Chair
- Fred Schaefer
- Brad Conklin
- Allen Opall

Public Safety

- Brad Conklin, Chair
- Dan Fiorenza
- Allen Opall

Public Works

- Fred Schaefer, Chair
- Dan Fiorenza
- Gerry Klein
- Allen Opall

Supervisor Fiorenza stated that he received a lot of helpful information from Administrator Rhoden. He said that it had been a good first couple of weeks.

Supervisor Conklin thanked the Public Works Department for opening the dog park. He noticed that the trails have been being used quite a bit.

Supervisor Schaefer said that the trails near his house are being used a lot. He sees a need to expand the trails. Recently Supervisor Schaefer went on a bike ride and commented on how much better the Town of Rib Mountain roads are versus the Village of Rothschild roads. It's a testament to how good our roads are. He also thanked the Department of Public Works for opening the dog park. The Park Road parking situation is getting better.

SAFER – The next meeting is scheduled for May 13th.

Other Agencies – Chairman Opall reported that the first meeting of the County Board went for 4 ½ hours.

Town Attorney – Attorney Dietrich is monitoring the clean up of personal property on several Rib Mountain properties. He will have a further report for the Board at the next meeting.

Town Administrator – A written report was provided. The Town got a final contract from Gaffney for the joint garage with the Lion's club. There is a \$1,400 difference between the quote that we received in January and the quote that we just received. The garage permit will be coming back to the Town Board as a conditional use permit and will need to be approved.

Community Development Director –Community Development Director Wehner stated that he recently received preliminary plans for a 3-building site near Nice As New. It may possibly become a Doctor's office. They would need to get a variance for a setback on pavement. Schaer Construction is looking to split a lot on Robin Lane into 2 lots. They are looking to develop one of the lots into office space. Lot 32 of the Royal View subdivision is looking to be split into 3 parcels. The barn on the corner of Bittersweet and County Road N will be razed, one parcel will be for a home and the 3rd parcel will have the farmhouse on it. Building permits have been taken out for Culvers, Family Dollar, and Jiffy Lube with construction starting soon.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A written report was provided. The crew has been busy painting hockey boards and they are starting to put in culverts. Some of the land at the dog park had to be graded to help it dry out.

Finance Director – A written report was provided. Finance Director Dunbar stated that she has been working on letters to send to delinquent pet owners.

Town Clerk – A written report was provided. Clerk Ruechel provided updated numbers on the May 12th election. She also mentioned that renewal alcohol licenses were sent out and none of the businesses have reached out yet for a reduced license fee due to the coronavirus.

Code Enforcement Officer – No report.

Park Commission – Street and Park Superintendent stated that there will be a meeting on May 13th. The Commission needs to discuss the summer recreation program.

Finance & Personnel – No report. Administrator Rhoden stated that we will need to have a meeting soon.

Public Works Committee – Supervisor Schaefer stated that there is no meeting scheduled. Superintendent Turner stated that most of the road signs that will be auctioned off have been taken down. He also stated that he will be in touch with Marathon County regarding some of the new road signs that have not been put up yet.

Public Safety Committee – No report. Supervisor Conklin mentioned that he has been working with the County on the collapsed septic systems off of Redbud Road. The County is aware of the issue. He would also like to see the Sheriff's Department patrol Foxglove Road and watch for speeders. He also stated that there have been beer cans thrown onto the side of the road on Foxglove.

Bicycle/Ped Committee –There is no meeting scheduled.

General Comments –Mr. Dick Austin inquired as to what might be done with Rib Mountain Elementary School on Robin Lane.

Supervisor Klein arrived at 6:40 p.m.

The Town Board discussed what they would like to see happen to the Rib Mountain Elementary School property. The Board asked Attorney Dietrich to investigate if the deed for the property is filed with Marathon County.

Adjourn - **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to adjourn at 6:43 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.