

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Town Board Meeting
May 19, 2020

Chairman Allen Opall called the May 19, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:40 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 227800 Snowbird Avenue, Wausau Wisconsin.

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

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

On May 15, 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- None

Approve Minutes of the May 5, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting and the May 5, 2020 Open Town Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion by Conklin/Schaefer to approve the May 5, 2020, Regular Town Board Meeting and Open Town Board Meeting Minutes. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Plan Commission –Approval of May 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes- Community Development Director Wehner had nothing to add.

Docket #2020-05: Action on a requested Conditional Use Permit for a Temporary Asphalt Plant (Unclassified Use) at 147037 County Road N- American Asphalt was previously granted approval for the temporary use permit and there have not been any issues from the neighbors or the town due to any associated activity. The use will be through the end of July 2020, but states October 1, 2020 on the application. This use will serve construction projects within the Town as well as the western half of Marathon County. **Motion by Schaefer/Fiorenza to approve the Conditional Use Permit as presented. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Docket #2020-06: Discussion and Recommendation on a requested Conditional Use Permit for a Detached Garage in excess of 1,000 square feet at 227800 Snowbird Avenue- Community Development Director Wehner explained that the Town of Rib Mountain and the Lions Club of Rib Mountain have entered into an agreement to construct and lease a garage on the Town's property to serve as long-term vehicle storage and wash bay (Lion's Club side only). The Town will store its two municipal vehicles on one side while the Lions Club stores their food truck/trailer with a wash bay on the other side. The Lions Club portion will be heated and served by public sewer and water. **Motion**

by Schaefer/Conklin to approve the Conditional Use Permit as presented. Questioned and carried 5:0.

Approval of Revised Resolution 19-10 Salaries and Wages for 2020- Administrator Rhoden stated that this is being brought back because the Street and Park Superintendent's wage was adjusted beginning on May 1, 2020. **Motion by Schaefer/Fiorenza to approve Resolution 19-10 as presented. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Street Names for Access Road from Rib Mountain Drive to Lilac Avenue- Street and Park Superintendent Turner stated that the possible road names have been narrowed down to these choices: Snapdragon, Wood Sorel, Katniss, Pennyroyal and Valley Inn Way.

The Town Board asked Superintendent Turner to put the choices on Facebook and allow the Town residents to vote on the survey for their favorite road name. The results of the survey will be brought back to the Town Board to formalize the road name.

Approval of Contract for Swan Avenue Town Road Improvement Project- Supervisor Schaefer stated that this item was brought before the Public Works Committee earlier tonight and they are recommending to the Board to hire Francis Melvin to do the work. **Motion by Fiorenza/Klein to approve the Town Road Improvement Discretionary (TRID) project contract for Swan Avenue with Francis Melvin Inc. in the amount of \$499,754.60. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Contracts for Design of Stormwater Improvements on Fern Lane- Supervisor Schaefer stated that this item was also brought before the Public Works Committee earlier today and they also made the recommendation to contract with Rettler Corporation for this project. **Motion by Klein/Fiorenza to approve the contract with Rettler Corporation in the amount of \$6,800. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Discussion and Possible Approval for Request for Reduction of Alcohol Fees- Administrator Rhoden stated that the business that made the request did indicate that they will no longer seek to have the alcohol license fee reduced. This item was pulled from the agenda.

Reports/Minutes

Town Board –Supervisor Fiorenza stated that he appreciates the Staff taking his calls and helping him get up to speed.

Supervisor Klein thanked the Department of Public Works for the good job on the dog park. He is also working on with Superintendent Turner regarding the trails for the new nature area near the dog park.

Supervisor Conklin mentioned that the Town of Rib Mountain was ranked number one for “The Most Affordable Town to Escape the Big City.”

SAFER – Supervisor Schaefer feels that the Village of Weston does not want to be partners anymore in regards to the SAFER Fire District. He believes that this is a very difficult situation. At the last meeting, it was suggested to the Village of Weston to stop calling the Village Attorney and help the Town to come up with procedures to make SAFER run better.

Supervisor Opall stated that the Village of Weston did not like the financial numbers that SAFER was presenting to them. The next SAFER Board meeting will be held on June 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the SAFER building.

Other Agencies – Nothing

Town Attorney – Attorney Dietrich thanked the Board for allowing him to report by telephone conference.

Town Administrator – A written report was provided. Administrator Rhoden reported that Pier One is going out of business. She also participated in a Wisconsin Municipalities meeting earlier today and was told that road aids are at risk next year and it does not look like there will be any levy limit expansion. The Town Board discussed having a wheel tax in the Town of Rib Mountain.

Administrator Rhoden also mentioned the maintenance on the County “R” trail. There is a wall on the trail that is crumbling. It will be a costly repair. The County is willing to take the request for money to fix the wall to the Capital Improvements Project Committee of Marathon County. There are no guarantees that we will be getting any money for the Town to fix the wall.

The vandalism in the tunnel was also discussed by Administrator Rhoden and Superintendent Turner. Someone also painted with white paint over the graffiti in the tunnel.

The County also plans to chip seal the County “R” trail. The Board discussed having the trail paved and the Town could pay the difference between the chip sealing and the paving. The Board also discussed replacing pieces of the fencing along the County “R” trail that is falling apart.

Community Development Director –Community Development Director Wehner stated that he met with the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan update. He’s hoping to have the update done by July. The Stone Horizon developer is talking with his bank about financing and Community Development Director Wehner is hoping to have the documents from him soon. The Royal View subdivision lot 32 is proposed to be split into 3 lots. One lot will be a new construction home, the barn on the second lot will be razed and the third lot will have the original house on it.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A written report was provided. The crew has been busy picking up garbage along highway 51 and keeping the grass mowed.

Finance Director – A written report was provided. Finance Director Dunbar stated that she has been busy with the National Government Financial Officers Association webinars.

Town Clerk – A written report was provided. Clerk Ruechel provided statistics on the May 12th election. She also mentioned that open book is on May 26 and the Board of Review is June 2nd from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement Officer – Orv is back in the office and he is working on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Park Commission – Street and Park Superintendent stated that there was a meeting last week. The summer recreation program was discussed. They also discussed putting in a disc golf course at Liberty Park and putting new playground equipment at the Flax tot lot. The Town Board discussed if we should charge a fee for the use of the disc golf course.

Finance & Personnel – No report. There is a meeting scheduled for June 3rd at noon.

Public Works Committee – Supervisor Schaefer stated that there was a meeting earlier tonight. Road improvements to Swan Avenue and the no-name road were discussed.

Public Safety Committee – No report.

Bicycle/Ped Committee –There is a meeting scheduled for May 21st at 7:30 a.m.

General Comments –Nothing

Adjourn - **Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to adjourn at 7:25 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.