

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Town Board Meeting
June 2, 2020

Chairman Allen Opall called the June 2, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 227800 Snowbird Avenue, Wausau Wisconsin.

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

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

On May 29, 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 19, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting and the May 19, 2020 Open Town Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to approve the May 19, 2020, Regular Town Board Meeting and Open Town Board Meeting Minutes. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Plan Commission- Community Development Director Wehner mentioned that there is an application to allow a second driveway on a residential lot.

Approval of Re-Hires

- a) Summer Recreation Program Director- Street and Park Superintendent Turner stated that Christian Kiepeke was the program director last year and he did a good job. **Motion by Schaefer/Fiorenza to approve the re-hire of Christian Kiepeke as the Director of the Summer Recreation Program at the wage rate of \$16.98 per hour subject to a background check. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

- b) Summer Recreation Program Co-Activities Director- Street and Park Superintendent Turner stated that Kristin Senalik and Mya Hamann both worked at the Summer Recreation program for the last 2 years. He recommends re-hiring both of them. **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to approve the re-hire of Kristin Senalik and Mya Hamann for Assistant Co-Activities Directors at the wage rate of \$11.31 per hour subject to a background check. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of New Hires

- a) Street and Park Superintendent stated that this position would be used to assist with park maintenance. They would be helping out with general facility maintenance, playground inspections, and assist with the mowing and trimming. Superintendent Turner and the Public Works Foreman interviewed one qualified candidate and they are recommending Gavin Budimlija for the job. **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to approve the new hire of Gavin Budimlija for Park Maintenance Coordinator at the wage rate of \$13.00 per hour subject to a background check and a special request to trim the curbing around the Town. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

- b) Summer Recreation Program Co-Activities Director-Superintendent Turner stated that they need one more co-activities director for the Summer Recreation Program. Christian Kiepke interviewed 3 candidates and recommends hiring Veronia Senalik for the position. **Motion by Schaefer/Fiorenza to approve the new hire of Veronica Senalik for Co-Activities Director at the wage rate of \$10.97 per hour subject to a background check. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Operator Licenses- Clerk Ruechel stated that there is a large number of renewals of Operator Licenses coming to the Board as the Operator's licenses are good from July 1 to June 30. The Town Board discussed the backgrounds of the applicants. **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to approve all of the operator's licenses with the exception of Todd Link. Mr. Link will need to talk to Chairman Opall before his operator's licenses is issued. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Liquor Licenses- Clerk Ruechel stated that on June 30, 2020 the liquor licenses in the Town of Rib Mountain will expire. All of these licenses are renewals. **Motion by Schaefer/Fiorenza to approve the intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverage licenses for Granite Peak, Texas Roadhouse, Mongolian Grill (HuHot), Sam's Club, Walmart, Kwik Trip and Schierl Sales (The Store). Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Cigarette and Tobacco Licenses- Clerk Ruechel explained that this license also expires on June 30, 2020. The businesses requesting this license are all renewals. **Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to approve the cigarette license for Walmart, Kwik Trip, and Schierl Sales (The Store). Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Reports/Minutes

Town Board –Supervisor Conklin stated that he trained for the Board of Review. He also saw the road name survey on the Town's Facebook page.

Supervisor Schaefer asked that the weeding be done on the curbs and down the roads. The triangles in the intersections also need to be done. He also mentioned that Grouse Road has been packed with cars parking on it. Supervisor Schaefer would also like staff to let contractors know that they need to stop working at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Klein stated that Highway Commissioner Griesbach told him that the County Road "R" trail would be crack sealed and spray sealed this summer. Commissioner Griesbach also stated that he has extra vertical pieces that he can use on the County Road "R" wall. Supervisor Klein also stated that at the entrance to Bone and Joint Clinic, the asphalt is falling apart. He would like to see this fixed and a drain tile added so that the water has somewhere to go.

Supervisor Fiorenza looked at the tennis courts at South Mountain School. He stated that there are foundation issues underneath the asphalt. He mentioned that the courts are a liability to the Town and need to be rebuilt. He also looked at the tennis courts at Liberty Park. Supervisor Fiorenza stated that those courts also have foundation problems. He suggests that we get a consultant in to look at the courts. Administrator Rhoden suggested doing a joint effort with the referendum for the Wausau School District.

Chairman Opall stated that Marathon County is projecting a shortfall in their budget for 2021. The Town expected shortfalls on road aid and hotel taxes. The Board asked Finance Director Dunbar to project what the Town's shortfall might be.

SAFER – Chairman Opall stated that the Village of Weston passed a motion to pull out of the SAFER Fire District. There will be a meeting on June 4th at 6:00 p.m. of the SAFER Board of Directors.

Other Agencies – Nothing

Town Attorney – Attorney Dietrich stated that he has been advised about the recent action taken by the Village of Weston in regards to the SAFER Fire District.

Town Administrator – A written report was provided. Administrator Rhoden reported that she has worked with Staff to put together a summer recreation program for the children in Rib Mountain. They are following the recommendations of the Marathon County Health Department and are limiting the number of children who can take part in the program.

Community Development Director –Community Development Director Wehner spoke about the results so far on the Facebook survey regarding naming the unnamed road. As of this meeting, 173 people have voted on the road name. Several businesses have contact with Director Wehner about a Commercial Outdoor Entertainment area.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A written report was provided. Superintendent Turner stated that the Public Works Department has been busy with overlay projects. The disk golf proposal is going back to the Parks Committee next week. Superintendent Turner stated that Public Works has painted over the graffiti in the tunnel and that there is graffiti at Rookery Park.

Finance Director – A written report was provided. Finance Director Dunbar has been working on the unlicensed pets in the Town. We are down to 75 unlicensed animals. She has also been working on getting reimbursement from items related to covid.

Town Clerk – A written report was provided. Clerk Ruechel has been working on the alcohol licenses as well as the operator’s licenses for the Town.

Code Enforcement Officer –A report was passed out from the Code Enforcement Officer.

Park Commission – Street and Park Superintendent said that there would be a meeting on June 9th.

Finance & Personnel – No report. There will be a meeting on June 4th at 4:30 p.m. Staff has met with Ehlers regarding the creation of a TIF.

Public Works Committee – Superintendent Turner said that we may be having a meeting before the next Town Board meeting.

Public Safety Committee – Supervisor Conklin said that there is no meeting currently scheduled. He also stated that a resident would like to see more speed enforcement on Orchid Lane.

Bicycle/Ped Committee –No report.

General Comments –Harlan Hebbe of 153924 Larkspur Lane said there are potholes on Lilac Avenue where the sewer and water lines were put in.

Adjourn - **Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to adjourn at 6:48 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.