

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
***Town Board Meeting***  
***June 16, 2020***

Acting Chairman Fred Schaefer called the June 16, 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 Dan Fiorenza and Gerry Klein. Supervisor Al Opall was present via telephone conference.

Excused was Supervisor Brad Conklin

Also present were Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Community Development Director Jared Wehner, Street and Park Superintendent Scott Turner, Clerk Joanne Ruechel, and SAFER Deputy Chief Josh Finke. Finance Director Nicole Dunbar was present via telephone conference.

On June 12, 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 June 2, 2020, Regular Town Board Meeting and the June 2, 2020, Open Town Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion by Fiorenza/Klein to approve the June 2, 2020, Regular Town Board Meeting and Open Town Board Meeting Minutes. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Plan Commission

- a. Docket #2020-08: Action on a requested Conditional Use Permit for a second driveway at 225986 Deer Tail lane. Community Development Director Wehner explained that the property owner purchased the adjacent parcel to the south of their home. They are experiencing issues regarding the steep grade of their current driveway in winter. The proposed second driveway would be a lesser grade. The Planning Commission did approve the request.

The Town Board discussed the six conditions that were listed in the packet including not allowing more than two driveway access points on this parcel and that the property owners work with the Public Works Director regarding stormwater runoff issues. **Motion by Fiorenza/Klein to approve the Conditional Use Request subject to the conditions listed. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

- b. Acknowledging Plan Commission's Resolution (No. PC-2020-01) recommending approval of the final draft of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan and setting a public hearing date. Community Development Director Wehner stated that the 2020 Comprehensive Plan was completed and

that he would like to set the public hearing date for July 21, 2020. The Town Board members discussed the date and decided to have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan. It was decided to have the meeting on July 21, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion and Approval of Personnel Policy 443-Fraud Assessment Policy- Supervisor Klein stated that this item was recommended to have by the Town Auditors. This policy was approved by the Finance and Personnel Committee at their last meeting. **Motion by Klein/Fiorenza to approve the attached policy 443 Fraud Assessment. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Discussion and Approval of Contract for Services for Tax Incremental Financing -Ehlers Public Finance Advisors- Administrator Rhoden said that this item was approved by the Finance and Personnel Committee at their last meeting. \$3,000 would be taken from the Marketing budget and the other \$3,000 would come from the Tourism or Contingency budget. Supervisor Klein stated that this is a cost that is associated with forming a new Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) and being such, it can be recouped by the TIF District. **Motion by Klein/Fiorenza to approve the attached contract with Ehlers, Inc. for the feasibility study for phase one only in the amount not to exceed \$6,000. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Discussion on Unnamed Road Project-Supervisor Schaefer explained that the Public Works Committee met earlier this evening and that expenses associated with the unnamed road were very large. We are not going to do the unnamed road project at this time, as we are looking to create a Tax Incremental Financing District (TIF) to help with the expenses.

Approval of Operator Licenses- Clerk Ruechel stated that there is a large number of renewals of Operator Licenses coming to the Board as the current Operator's licenses are going to expire on June 30, 2020. **Motion by Klein/Fiorenza to approve all of the operator's licenses. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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 Fiorenza/Klein to approve the intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverage licenses for Aldi's, Blades and Boards, El Mezcal, El Tequila Salsa, 4 Seasons Golf, Glass Nickel Pizza, Gullivers, Hilton Garden Inn, Lamb's Fresh Market, Mountain View Bar and Grill, Olive Garden, R-Store, Red Robin, Carmelo's, Rib Mountain Liquor and Tobacco, Rib Mountain Taphouse, State Park Speedway, The Tasting Depot and Wine Time. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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 Fiorenza/Klein to approve the cigarette license for R-Store and Rib Mountain Tobacco and Liquor. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

Approval of Amusement Devices- The amusement devices also need to be re-licensed before June 30, 2020. **Motion by Fiorenza/Klein to approve the amusement device licenses for Blades and Boards, Carmelo's, 4 Seasons Golf, Mountain View Bar and Grill, Rib Mountain Tap House, State Park Speedway, The Tasting Depot, and Walmart. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

## Reports/Minutes

### Town Board

Chairman Opall stated that the County Board has been looking at an Ordinance regarding the covid virus. This has been very controversial and is currently being re-written.

Supervisor Schaefer said that McDevco is expanding the Board and including the Village of Rothschild into the group. They also have multiple funds set up for businesses in the County that need loans or grants.

SAFER – Deputy Chief Finke stated that the 2019 audit has been finished. They are in the good by \$49,000. Supervisor Schaefer said at the last SAFER meeting, it was decided to go out for bids for legal services and financial services. There is a thought to have the financial services done by Staff from the Town of Rib Mountain and the Village of Weston.

Other Agencies – No report.

Town Attorney – No report.

Town Administrator – A written report was provided. Administrator Rhoden discussed having the Strategic Plan Session at the end of June. The Town Board discussed what date worked best for them. It was decided to have the Strategic Plan Session on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Supervisor Klein asked that we discuss how to use strategies to get developers to work in the Town.

Community Development Director –Community Development Director Wehner spoke about a request from a property owner that would like to put together a micro-festival. He also stated that developers are now running into a shortage of materials for building projects.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A written report was provided. Superintendent Turner stated that the Public Works Department has been working on Trillium Trail. The Summer Recreation Program began on Monday and has been going well. The large net at Doepke Park will be put back in place. It stops the balls from going onto the road.

Finance Director – A written report was provided. Finance Director Dunbar has been working on the unlicensed pets in the Town. She has also been working on getting reimbursement for 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. She also stated that a fireworks permit was issued to State Park Speedway to have a show on July 2nd at 10:00 p.m. There was also a permit issued for the sale of fireworks in the Sam's Club parking lot.

Code Enforcement Officer –No report.

Park Commission – No report.

Finance & Personnel – There was a meeting prior to this meeting. They covered borrowing for 2020 and the debt policy.

Public Works Committee – No report.

Public Safety Committee – No report.

Bicycle/Ped Committee –There is a meeting scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. Supervisor Schaefer mentioned that he was riding his bike last week and noticed that several businesses do not have bike racks.

General Comments –None

Adjourn - **Motion by Fiorenza/Klein to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Questioned and carried 4:0.**

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.