

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
***Town Board Meeting***  
***August 4, 2020***

Chairman Al Opall called the August 4, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Rib Mountain Town Board to order at 6:15 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, Finance Director Nicole Dunbar, Clerk Joanne Ruechel, and SAFER Fire-EMS Division Chief Kelly Bechel.

On July 31, 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 July 7, 2020, Regular Town Board Meeting and the Joint Town Board and Planning Commission meeting. There was a spelling correction made to Gerry Klein's last name in the Town Board minutes. **Motion by Schaefer/Fiorenza to approve the July 21, 2020, Regular Town Board meeting minutes and the July 21, 2020, Joint Town Board and Planning Commission meeting minutes. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Discussion and Approval of Revised Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) – Supervisor Klein stated that this was discussed at an earlier meeting and that it would be delayed until the next Town Board meeting.

Approval of Operator's Licenses- Clerk Ruechel stated that it was the recommendation of the Board on July 7<sup>th</sup> that Julia Raduechel meet with the Town Board Chairman. Clerk Ruechel tried to call Julia and Julia did not respond to the calls so on July 21<sup>st</sup>, the Town Board denied Julia's operator's license. Julia appeared at this meeting and explained that she does not answer her phone if she does not know the number and she deletes her messages. Julia was told by the Board that she could re-apply for the Operator's license and that she would need to meet with the Town Board Chairman before her license would be issued.

**Motion by Schaefer/Conklin to approve the operator's license for Jaelyn Cook. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

## Reports/Minutes

### Town Board

Supervisor Fiorenza questioned the language on the operator's license applications. He requested that Clerk Ruechel forward him a copy of the application.

Supervisor Conklin said that we do not have to have a Public Safety meeting to discuss bow hunting in the Town. He also mentioned that the Town was featured on Channel 7 earlier today regarding the new dedicated deputy. Administrator Rhoden stated that we will need to change some of the Town Ordinances to retain some of the fine money for the Town. Supervisor Conklin also mentioned that the property owner on Liberty Avenue is no longer cleaning up the property. Administrator Rhoden is working with the Attorney to get this property cleaned up.

SAFER – SAFER Fire-EMS Division Chief Kelly Bechel said that Chief Savage would be coming to the next Town Board meeting. She stated that EMS was up 33 calls last month from the previous year. They have also been doing more inter-facilities transfers. The Weston SAFER building is being remodeled currently. The next SAFER Board meeting will be on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Other Agencies –No report.

Town Attorney – No report.

Town Administrator – A written report was provided.

Community Development Director –A written report was provided. Director Wehner stated that the music festival will be coming to the Town Board on August 18 as a conditional use permit. He stated that the disc golf survey has been sent out and he has received some responses back.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A written report was provided. Work is currently being done on Swan Avenue. Trillium Trail is closed and being worked on, but people are still using it. Superintendent Turner said that there will be a ribbon-cutting in September for Trillium Trail.

Finance Director – A written report was provided. The hotel taxes are down over \$30,000 in the Town. She has been doing due diligence and rating calls for the Town's borrowing.

Town Clerk – A written report was provided. The Clerk mentioned that the show "Frontline" was in Town to possibly do a story on the Town. As of August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1,255 ballots have been sent out for the August 11<sup>th</sup> election.

Code Enforcement Officer –A written report was provided.

Park Commission – Superintendent Turner stated that the next meeting will be on August 25<sup>th</sup>. They are looking at amending the Park Recreation Plan to include a disc golf course at Liberty Park.

Finance & Personnel – There was a meeting earlier tonight.

Public Works Committee – There was a meeting earlier tonight and Trillium Trail and the right-of-way issue on Baltimore Lane was discussed.

Public Safety Committee – No report.

Bicycle/Ped Committee –There is a meeting scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup>.

General Comments –Supervisor Opall asked SAFER Fire-EMS Division Chief Kelly Bechel for a copy of the memo from Lauren White regarding the billing companies that SAFER might be considering to use.

Harlan Hebbe asked if trees were going to be cut down for the disc golf course.

Adjourn - **Motion by Schaefer/Fiorenza to adjourn at 6:50 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.