

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
***Town Board Meeting***  
***September 15, 2020***

Chairman Al Opall called the September 15, 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 Brad Conklin, Fred Schaefer, 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 SAFER Fire Chief Matt Savage. Finance Director Nicole Dunbar was present via telephone conference.

On September 11, 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 August 18, 2020, Regular Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Conklin clarified that he was recommending a Town campground in the future. **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to approve the September 1, 2020, Regular Town Board Meeting minutes with the change. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Plan Commission

Acknowledgment of Plan Commission and Joint Review Board minutes from September 9, 2020 meetings.

Docket #2020-018: Discussion and action on proposed 2-Lot Certified Survey Map to reconfigure property addressed as 148879 and 147833 County Road NN – Community Development Director Wehner stated that the 3 lots are being reconfigured to 2 lots, giving both lots the required street frontage. Currently, the lot that is set behind the first lot from the road does not have street frontage and therefore is non-conforming. This reconfiguration fixes this, so both lots are conforming. A new home will be built on Lot 1 once approved. **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to approve the proposed 2-lot certified survey map. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of New Hire- Animal Control Officer(s)- Administrator Rhoden stated that the Town is looking for two animal control officers. We had multiple applicants and two were interviewed and selected to bring to the Town Board. **Motion by Schaefer/Fiorenza to approve hiring Ms. Olivia Borchardt and Mr. David Woods as Animal Control Officers at the rate of \$40/hour plus mileage contingent upon a successful background check. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Special Charges for Refuse/Recycling- Finance Director Dunbar stated that the refuse and recycling charges were discussed at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting earlier tonight. This item would allow the Town to charge \$160 for the small refuse containers and \$165 for the large refuse containers. These charges will cover the cost to the Town and also provide us with a small contingency. **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to approve adjusting the special charges for refuse/recycling to cover costs through 2022 using a split charge of \$160 for small containers and \$165 for large containers. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Picnic License-Rib Mountain Lion's Club- Clerk Ruechel explained that this license is for the Wausau Noon Optimist to serve alcohol at State Park Speedway on October 3, 2020, for an Iron Bull event. **Motion by Klein/Conklin to approve the picnic license for the Wausau Noon Optimist. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Approval of Operator's Licenses- **Motion by Klein/Fiorenza to approve the alcohol licenses for Kelly Luechau, Andrew Wiesman, Jeffrey Reisenauer, Caden Van Ooyen, Terrel Welch, and Aaron Saari. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

#### Reports/Minutes

Town Board – It was requested that the Town Board meeting on November 3, 2020, be moved to November 4, 2020, due to the Presidential election.

Supervisor Klein stated that he and Gaylene met with a TDS representative and they discussed having TDS put fiber in Rib Mountain. We are currently not on their list, however, we are looking to work with them in other ways. Supervisor Klein also mentioned that he and Park Director Turner will be going through the land that is adjacent to the dog park to mark what trees need to be cut down.

Supervisor Fiorenza asked about the upcoming Wild Wood music fest. Community Development Director Wehner reported that the ticket sales have been good and everything is on track.

Supervisor Conklin thanked Street and Park Superintendent Turner for doing a good job with the disc golf project.

Supervisor Schaefer mentioned that the Village of Kronenwetter signed a 1-year EMS contract with SAFER. He also hopes that the Village of Weston will agree to a joint financial arrangement with the Town.

Supervisor Opall is trying to get ahold of Park Director Jamie Polley regarding the deer issues near Bluegill Bay County Park. The Town Board then discussed issues related to crossbow hunting in the Town. It was requested that Administrator Rhoden ask Attorney Dietrich what the Town can and cannot do.

SAFER – Fire Chief Savage stated that the Village of Kronenwetter signed a one-year EMS contract with the SAFER district. The staff has been working on the Trump rally which is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Other Agencies – No report.

Town Attorney – No report.

Town Administrator – A written report was provided. Administrator Rhoden is working with one of the recommended individuals regarding leadership that was mentioned during her 360 annual review. She is also looking at programs and surveys for the employee culture. The Trillium Trail ribbon cutting will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 at the trailhead.

Community Development Director –A written report was provided. Community Development Director Wehner stated that he is looking for a new Planning Commissioner.

Street-Parks Superintendent – A written report was provided. Superintendent Turner stated that the Public Works Department has been doing street sweeping. The disc golf course is moving along. Swan Avenue will hopefully have the pavement down before the Trillium Trail opens.

Finance Director – A written report was provided. Finance Director Dunbar stated that the second submission for the Routes to Recovery grant has been made. \$50,000 has been allotted to Marathon County by the Town through the Routes to Recovery grant to help fund broadband expansion in the County.

Town Clerk – A written report was provided. Clerk Ruechel stated that she has received the ballots and that the absentee ballots will be mailed out on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Park Commission – There will be a meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Finance & Personnel – The Committee met before this meeting. They discussed the refuse and recycling charges.

Public Works Committee – No report.

Public Safety Committee – Supervisor Conklin asked that Deputy Seubert come to one meeting per month and have a report for the Town Board.

Bicycle/Ped Committee –There is a meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

General Comments –Harlan Hebbe asked when Larkspur Lane would be blacktopped. Street Superintendent Turner stated that it is on the list for American Asphalt.

Adjourn - **Motion by Schaefer/Klein to adjourn at 6:46 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.