

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN
Public Safety Committee Meeting
March 5, 2019

Committee Chairman Brad Conklin called the meeting of the Rib Mountain Public Safety Committee to order at 5:15 p.m. at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center, 3700 North Mountain Road. Other members present included Town Chairman Allen Opall.

Also present were Town Administrator Gaylene Rhoden, Community Development Director Steve Kunst, Finance Director Nicole Dunbar, Clerk Joanne Ruechel, Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner, Town Attorney Dean Dietrich and Code Enforcement Officer Bert Nitzke,

On March 1, 2019 copies of the meeting notice were made available to the media, Town Board, Town Attorney and posted at the Rib Mountain Municipal Center and Town website.

Approve Minutes of September 11, 2018 – Motion by Opall/Conklin to approve the minutes of the 9/11/18 Public Safety Committee meeting. Questioned and carried 2:0.

Discussion of H.E.A.L. Walking Audit Final Report- Street & Park Superintendent Turner reported on September 25, 2018, a walking audit of the pedestrian facilities on Robin Ln from Hummingbird Rd (CTH R) to Rib Mountain Dr was conducted at two separate times. The walking audit was completed by the Marathon County - Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Coalition. HEAL gave short-term and long-term recommendations in the audit.

The Public Safety Committee discussed adding audible pedestrian signals at the intersections of County Road R/Robin Lane and Rib Mountain Drive/Robin Lane. The Committee also discussed the possibly of lengthening the time of the pedestrian crossing on Robin Lane & County Road R and Robin Lane & Rib Mountain Drive. They also discussed the height of the hill at the Quality Inn parking lot and visibility to those on sidewalks and the road.

Traffic Concerns at the Intersection of Phlox and Lilac Avenue- Turner explained there is a concern of the vision triangle on the west side of the intersection of Phlox Lane and Lilac Avenue. When a vehicle is at the stop sign on Phlox Lane, it was questioned whether a driver's vision may be impaired by the building to the north at 5000 Lilac Avenue. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation determined the vision triangle is adequate at that location. Currently, the speed limit at this area is 30 miles per hour. It was discussed that the issue might be resolved if this area is redeveloped.

Update on Audible Crosswalk Funding- Turner stated the Town has received three grants/commitments for a total of \$5,500. He also stated the Town is within \$500 to \$1,000 of having the full funding for the project. This would allow the Town place audible equipment at the intersection of Robin Lane/Hummingbird Road (CTH R) and the intersection of Robin Lane/Rib Mountain Drive. Turner is going to reach out to the Rib Mountain Lions Club about a possible donation.

Discussion and Recommendation on Nontraditional Pets- Community Development Director Steve Kunst stated recently the Town has received a number of requests from residents regarding the keeping of "nontraditional pets;" including fox, racoons and snakes. Currently, the Town only licenses dogs and cats. The Rib Mountain Municipal Code makes no reference related to any other forms of pets. Kunst noted staff seeks guidance as to what the Town's desire is to allow and/or regulate the keeping of pets other than dogs or cats. Currently, the

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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources identifies some regulation for captive wildlife; however, the Town has the ability to be more restrictive.

Cory Thorson and Sophia Ferguson of 3400 Osprey Drive were in attendance to support being allowed to have non-traditional pets.

The Public Safety Committee discussed how many requests the Town has had for non-traditional pets and if the Code Enforcement Officer had any problems with the animals. Kunst noted, current Town codes do not prohibit the keeping of nontraditional pets. **Motion by Opall/Conklin to not amend the Municipal Code and to take no action at this time. Questioned and carried 2:0.**

Discussion and Recommendation on an Ordinance Requiring Payment of Local Claims as condition of Obtaining or Renewing Town Issued Licenses- Attorney Dietrich asked that no action be taken on this item at this time. He's going to look at this ordinance and clarify the process. **Motion by Opall/Conklin to refer this item to Attorney Dietrich for clarification and bring it back to the next Town Board meeting. Questioned and carried 2:0.**

Adjourn Meeting – **Motion by Opall/Conklin to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Questioned and carried 2:0.**

Submitted by:
Joanne Ruechel
Clerk

Note: These minutes are not to be considered official until acted upon at an upcoming regular meeting, therefore, they are subject to revision.