

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF WESTCLIFFE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st, 2017
REGULAR MEETING**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Patterson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Patterson, Audrey Gluschke, Art Nordyke, Jim Bistodeau, Paul Wenke, and Rod Thornburg.

ABSENT: Brian Clince

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance

OTHERS PRESENT

Roger Squire-80 Hermit Lane, Silver Cliff, John Decker-215 N. 4th Street, Westcliffe, Wayne Ewing-Tribune, Tony Delange-604 1st Street, Westcliffe, Mike Kienbusch-6120 Hermit Road-Sentinel, Jay Printz, Mike Carter, Kathy Reis and Wanda Jennings

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wenke moved and **Mr. Bistodeau seconded** to approve the minutes of the June 27th, 2017 regular meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

REVENUE RECEIVED IN AUGUST 2017:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING:	\$	81,196.24
CONSERVATION TRUST FUND:	\$	7.97
MUNICIPAL COURT CHECKING:	\$	25.00

EXPENDITURES FOR AUGUST 2017:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING:	\$	308,634.24
CDOT/TAP CHECKING:	\$	6,250.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$	314,884.24

CONSERVATION TRUST FUND:

BALANCE IN ALL ACCOUNTS:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING:	\$	274,280.90
CDOT/TAP CHECKING	\$	166,865.73
SUMMIT ACCOUNT	\$	242,153.41
MUNICIPAL COURT CHECKING:	\$	4,303.00
CONSERVATION TRUST FUND:	\$	19,407.30
TOTAL C.D's PLUS INTEREST:	\$	499,371.86

Ms. Gluschke moved and **Mr. Wenke seconded** to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Discussing was about the shipping containers location and what was it used for. Mr. Carter stated that the shipping container was placed at Nordyke P.U.D. for storage purposes and needed a building permit to do so because it was larger than 120 sq. ft. It was also discussed that the shipping containers should be painted to erase the name on them.

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Bistodeau moved and **Mr. Wenke** seconded to allow and pay all bills. Motion carried.

Mr. Wenke wanted to know how the Kilz treatment is being used. Mike informed him that it's being used on our trails and parks where there are weeds. Mr. Wenke also thought it would be a good idea to spray the weeds in the streets. Mike informed The Board that with all the rain we have been having that the weeds are growing fast everywhere. But will start spraying the weeds that are growing up out of the streets.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

a. Consideration of request to approve Resolution #4-2017 applying for a grant with GOCO.

Mr. Wenke wanted to know if this COGO grant would include the upgrade on the Pavilion at Hermit Park. Mike said no that the grant will not include the Pavilion because we already have a contract for that and will be paid for by the Town. It should be done this summer.

Ms. Gluschke wanted to know if the grant would be for one (1) or two (2) tennis courts. Mike said it would depend on the amount of money that we could get from the grant.

ACTION: **Ms. Gluschke** moved and **Mr. Wenke** seconded to Resolution #4-2017 applying for a grant with GOCO. Motion carried.

b. Consideration of request to approve Resolution #5-2017 updating the Town of Westcliffe Master Plan.

It was stated that the Planning Commission approves the Master Pan and up to the board to adopt it by resolution.

Mr. Wenke wanted to know about the Grape Creek mapping needs and wondering if it was a boarder for the town. Mike said it is a boarder to the west. The Planning Commission is working with the Economic Development Commission Board and the Upper Arkansas Enterprise Zone and will bring to The Board of Trustees their findings. It was suggested that the Planning Commission also include DOLA.

Mike Carter informed The Board that the Master Plan was to be updated every year and redo every five (5) years.

ACTION: **Mr. Wenke** moved and **Ms. Gluschke** seconded to approve Resolution #5-2017 updating the Town of Westcliffe Master Plan with the changes. Motion carried.

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c. Consideration of request to accept Jerry Jennings resignation from Planning Commission.

ACTION: Mr. Bistodeau moved and Ms. Gluschke seconded to accept Jerry Jennings resignation from Planning Commission. Motion carried.

d. Discuss chain/franchise stores.

The discussion was about bringing new box stores into the Community. There are already ones here such as ACE Hardware, LOWE'S, Subway, Shell gas station. Before we decide on bringing them in, Silver Cliff, Custer County and Westcliffe need to meet and discuss what needs to be done. The Towns and County can regulate the size, placement of the buildings. Attorney Printz believes it's best to set the rules now and when stores come in; they will have to meet the criteria already in place. Mr. Thornburg would like Attorney Printz to come up with a draft of an Ordinance that he thinks would be within the law and submit it to The Planning Commission. They will kick it around, tweak it and add to it, type it up and bring it before The Board for their approval. Clerk Reis is requesting that Attorney Printz be at the next Planning Commission Meeting which is August 8th. Board agreed. The Agenda for August 8th Planning Commission will be reposted so they can discuss chain/franchise stores and bring it back to The Board on September 5th Meeting.

Mike said we have a lot of disappointed tourists this summer; because we have more Restaurants closed than opened. They come up here for the weekend and no place to eat. Places are closed, like Sangrita's, Bell's, Feed Store and they the tourists come up here for those places. We have Restaurants that are closed on Tuesday's, Monday's, Sunday's. People come up here for a getaway experience and they don't expect everything to be closed all the time. We have Restaurants that say they are open but they're not. It was suggested that the Tourism Board and The Chamber needs to be involved. We are in danger of losing some of the tourists if we don't get new businesses up here who actually want to operate. If a franchise store was here they would be open seven (7) days a week. Mr. Bistodeau said that the kids, as do the local clientele go to subway because it's always open. It was suggested that it is not the Government's job to determine when to be open or to reduce hours. It's their building and their business. The Board decided to table this until a later time. The Planning Commission will kick it around.

Public Comments:

John Decker from the Fire Department requested that speed bumps be placed in front of the Fire Department to slow down speeders. People are speeding thru 4th Street where the Fire Department is. It was suggested to purchase some temporary rubber speed bumps where they can pick them up for plowing. Signage will be there for people to see and follow. The speed limit is 25MPH but could be reduced to 15MPH and place a STOP sign there, traffic lane strip as well. Even put a NO THRU sign up. WARNING Signs will be placed regarding the speed bumps. A lot of locals zoom through there as well. All this will be placed on the September's Agenda. It was suggested that rumble strips be placed. Mr. Decker will get prices and speak to the Fire Chief and get back to the Board of Trustees at September 5th meeting.

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STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report from Kathy Reis:

Clerk Reis reported that The Town of Westcliffe was approved for a \$250,000.00 Grant with DOLA for our regular signs. CART had asked The Board of Trustees to pay for part of that; but CART will pay all of it.

Also, CART will look at some way finding signage, similar to what Salida has. (It's CDOT approved) and bring back to The Board when they have some ideas. CART would be paying for that as well.

Clerk Reis spoke to Sheriff Byerly about the budget; he doesn't anticipate any increase for 2018. He will be placed on the September Agenda and if anyone has any concerns get it ready for them and if there are any changes in the contract.

Chuck with Custer County asked if The Board wanted The County to do the GIS for the 2020 censuses, they helped us last time around.

America Legion and CART are partnering on the Period Poles. The hardware that is on the poles right now is tearing up their Flags. American Legion will take every other pole than CART will take the opposite poles.

Mr. Wenke asked about the meeting with SECOM. The meeting will be August 29th at 12:30PM. Clerk Reis will send out that day and time out to everyone so some of the others can come.

Report from Mike Carter:

Mr. Carter talked about extending 6th Street (West side of Highway) with a dirt road through the property that Town owns so it would be saleable, marketable, and buildable. The discussion with Round Mountain Water and some others that are interested in the property between Hafford and Lincoln Ave; we have a water problem that's more of a problem than the street problem is right now. No way to get water there at this point. All those property down there, RMW doesn't service that area with either water or septic. The Town's Ordinance says that if RMWS doesn't service or that is outside of their area, that folks can get a well permit and a septic permit and do it themselves. But RMWS said they would fight The Town if any one tries to do that. Believe they have a **Watershed Protection Agreement**; it would protect people from doing just that. The Town has not signed that agreement and Mike has not seen that agreement yet. If the Town signs the agreement, people would not be able to get water and septic to their property. There is water that goes around the area but not to the lots. It's too expensive for individual home owners get those main lines run and get close enough to tap into and RMWS doesn't have the budget to do it either. So they want the Town to run water line through there. Also, as far as sewer goes, every individual will have to have their own pump and operate that pump or have a pump station area where all the lots would pump it themselves.

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Staff Reports Continue:

It's more of a sewer problem more than a water issue. RMWS providing water taps and the owners of the lots pay for the sewer. Maybe the owners need to form an association. There is no road that goes through that area and don't want to spend money on constructing those roads to lots that are not saleable and buildable. After we get the water problem solved or some solution coming from that; then we can invest money into roads there.

County Planning Commission voted to approve the special use permit for the storage container facility on Bumble Mining Claim. Their approval is a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners which they would have to give the final approval on that. But if they do, then the storage facility will go in just North of Shadow Ridge. The road through Shadow Ridge will be closed if the facility is approved and containers are put in there. A Motion was already made. It was asked if The Board should write a letter to the Commissioner's expressing that we are not okay with this, it is this owner's property and is a mining claim. The owner is going to paint the containers, put up a fence (8 ft. high) same color as the building, dark sky light sensitive. He has a really good plan.

Alleys were being worked on; they are full of water and need to wait until the rains stop to begin again. Alleys are road base so will continue to get big holes in them and wash away because of the rain. It is a continue maintenance issue and always will be unless we do something different such as surfacing the alleys.

Looked at Second St. where there are ice problems in the winter time. That project will be costly. We are looking to do about 150 feet of road which would cost about \$150,000.00 to fix that area. The street is draining pretty well in that area. The two Spruce trees south of the corner is preventing any sun from getting to that corner and that is why there is ice; it's never going to melt. It would help if it were plowed often and spend more time cleaning that street. Snow melt would also help because it's not getting any sunshine. We can put a new drain going in, but that still requires cutting up the asphalt, cutting into curb, putting a culvert underneath the street, which is still an expensive proposition. It was suggested the problem is because the road is crowned. Mike said it wasn't crowned that much. We need to fix the whole street to work right. It was suggested to get a price to fix the street from the Wolff Hotel to Hermit on Second St.

Bob Senderhauf would like The Town to put a street light on the corner of Bassick Place and Main Street. His Store and Hunger Buster were broken into. The last time someone wanted a Security light put close to their building, The Town said, "At the owner's cost". Mr. Senderhauf thought that it would take care of about four (4) businesses there.

It was asked if The Town could get rid of the pole (with cobra head lights) between Sangrita's and Take a Hike. The new period lights are being wired independently from the exciting poles. At some point all poles will come out.

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During the project there was uncovered the old Christmas tree stand in the middle of Third and Main Street. It was decided to save the stand.

Board member stated the curbs in Shadow Ridge haven't been mowed. It was suggested to mow just the Town right away. The home owner's in the Town knows to mow up to the curb. The Ordinance says the owners of the lots are to mow their own property.

It was asked by a Board member about a group of people selling food in front of stores downtown. Mike told the Board that this group was informed that they needed a Sales Tax License and a Transient Merchant License. Some Board members feel that there should be no one selling on the sidewalks because it takes away from the Merchants. Clerk Reis will put this on the September Agenda for further discussion.

The Mayor said that there is talk about RMWS contaminating Grape Creek. She and Ms. Gluschke spoke with the Manager (George) of RMWS. RMWS will give a report and will upgrade the sewer by this time next year. RMWS will be placed on the September or October Agenda to discuss the upgrades, they will also bring the Watershed Protection Agreement for review.

Mr. Cline brought in his resignation into the office, effective immediately. An ad will be placed in the newspapers saying Town of Westcliffe has a seat available for a Trustee. A special meeting will be held on August 3rd, 2017 at 9:00AM to accept Mr. Cline resignation.

Mr. Bistodeau moved and **Mr. Wenke** seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Recorded by:
Wanda Jennings
Deputy Clerk