

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF WESTCLIFFE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2018
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, Bess Cole, Jim Bistodeau, Paul Wenke, and Rod Thornburg.

ABSENT: NONE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance

OTHERS PRESENT

Dave Tonsing-510 Jake Road-WC, Tracy Ballard-Tribune, Teresa Katz-110 S. 2nd Street-WC, Richard Hacker-330 Dora Mt. Road-WC, Harvey Rivera-216 Main Street-WC, Shirley Criteser-3242 CR 265-WC, Ben Wardlow-Golden Corner Inn #204-WC, Renee Tobin-Inge Munden-Dianne Whalen-Garden Club, Jay Printz, Mike Carter, Kathy Reis and Wanda Jennings

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bistodeau moved and **Mr. Wenke** seconded to approve the minutes of the December 5th, 2017 regular meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

REVENUE RECEIVED IN DECEMBER 2017

GENERAL FUND CHECKING:	\$	47,719.37
CONSERVATION TRUST FUND:	\$	1,614.96
MUNICIPAL COURT CHECKING:	\$	0.00
STATE OF COLORADO	\$	265,200.24

EXPENDITURES FOR DECEMBER 2017

GENERAL FUND CHECKING:	\$	60,978.56
CDOT/TAP CHECKING:	\$	104,884.08
CAPITAL FUND/SUMMIT ACCOUNT	\$	17,388.17
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$	183,250.81

BALANCE IN ALL ACCOUNTS

GENERAL FUND CHECKING:	\$	72,502.08
CDOT/TAP CHECKING	\$	108.69
CAPITAL FUND/SUMMIT ACCOUNT	\$	168,582.36
MUNICIPAL COURT CHECKING:	\$	3,828.00
CONSERVATION TRUST FUND:	\$	22,450.74
TOTAL C.D's PLUS INTEREST:	\$	388,671.68

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continued discussion on fire safety inspections for fire extinguishers, egress and other potential hazards to live/safety to patrons-Dave Tonsing.**

Chief Tonsing spoke to the board on the importance of keeping all the businesses compliant with the Town of Westcliffe Fire Code, which has adopted “International Fire Code, 2006 Edition”. The businesses insurance requires having these inspections. This would be a 6 month cycle for inspections & compressions safety along with checking fire extinguishers, heaters, pilot lights, alarm systems-smoke and CO, sprinklers, hazardous material storage, wiring, extension cords, open flames, heaters and anything else that would need to be updated that could potentially cause a fire or harm to someone. The cost would be approximately \$20.00 an hour and the inspection would take about an hour to do. This may be offered to home owners as well. Chief Tonsing spoke of having fire safety classes, community meetings for the business owners to be informed. Chief Tonsing will return with a simple agreement for the board on February 6th, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Garden Club update on proposed large planters for Main Street-Renee Tobin.**

Renee Tobin up dated the board with some ideas on how to beautify the town with planters and or trees lining Main Street. Mostly down where the supermarket is towards the Bluff. The Garden Club will put a plan together and bring it back to the board when it is ready to present.

- b. Presentation on issues facing Municipal Courts-Judge Richard Hacker.**

Judge Hacker, who is the presiding Judge over the town of Westcliffe Municipal Court, presented to The Board of Trustees the abuses in the Colorado Municipal Court system mainly in the Alamosa Municipal Court. The Municipal Court here in Westcliffe is not a court of record, so the new legislation doesn't really apply to the town. Judge Hacker will continue being informed of new laws as it pertains to Westcliffe Municipal Court.

- c. Consideration of request to allow the caboose to remain on Main Street and sell the lot to a private citizen-Teresa Katz**

Teresa Katz presented to the board the desire to buy the red caboose on Main Street to open up an Oxygen Bar for those who suffer from high altitude problems and a zen garden to relax in. Trustee Bistodeau recues himself from the board to talk about the caboose. The caboose belongs to All Aboard Westcliffe and the lot (alley) belongs to The Town of Westcliffe. Mrs. Katz would like to buy the lot (alley) as well. There were concerns about the utilities underground. There are two other parties interested. Board members thought it would be a good idea to check if anyone else would be interested. A workshop is scheduled for January 30th at 2:00PM to discuss the lot (alley) and the Caboose.

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- d. Consideration of request to approve the renewing Mi Pueblito's Hotel & Restaurant Liquor license-Harvey Rivera.**

ACTION: Mr. Wenke moved and Ms. Gluschke seconded to approve the renewing Mi Pueblito's Hotel & Restaurant Liquor license. Motion carried.

- e. Designate the Town Hall bulletin board as the official posting place for public notices.**

ACTION: Mr. Wenke moved and Ms. Gluschke seconded to designate the Town Hall bulletin board as the official posting place for public notices. Motion carried.

- f. Consideration of request to add Mobile Equipment insurance coverage.**

This was tabled until February's meeting.

- g. Consideration of request to approve the 2018 Recycling agreement with Upper Arkansas Area Councils of Government.**

ACTION: Ms. Gluschke moved and Mr. Bistodeau seconded to approve the 2018 Recycling agreement with Upper Arkansas Area Councils of Government. Motion carried.

- h. Consideration of request to approve Resolution 1-2018 allowing the Clerk to appoint election judges.**

ACTION: Mr. Wenke moved and Ms. Gluschke seconded to approve Resolution 1-2018 allowing the Clerk to appoint election judges. Motion carried.

- i. Consideration of request to approve amending the CDL Drug policy.**

ACTION: Ms. Gluschke moved and Mr. Bistodeau seconded to approve amending the CDL Drug policy. Motion carried.

- j. Discuss Bio Mass.**

Mr. Wenke started the discussion on Bio Mass to the board. There are several communities that are doing bio mass. It is a large process from the set up to harvesting the dead fall and then replacing the old trees with new ones. Is it beneficial to the two towns and county? It would provide heat and electric to the towns. Mike will do more research and check if grants would be an option.

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- k. Executive Session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and /or instruction negotiations under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (e) and For the purpose of receiving legal advice under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (b)**

ACTION: Ms. Gluschke moved and Mr. Bistodeau seconded to adjourn regular session and move into executive session allowed by CRS 24-6-402(4)(e), for purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations. Motion carried.

Mayor Patterson stated a motion has been made to adjourn into Executive Session by C. R. S. 24-6-402 (4) (e), C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4) (b) for purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:55P.M., the Regular Meeting was recessed. The Executive Session was convened at 7:58P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

At 8:53P.M., Mayor Patterson reconvened the regular meeting and announced that the executive session had been concluded. She stated that in addition to herself, the participants in the Executive Session were Ms. Cole, Mr. Thornburg, Mr. Wenke, Mike Carter, Jay Printz, Kathy Reis, and Wanda Jennings. For the record, Mayor Patterson asked that if any person participating in the executive session who believed that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into Executive session occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, to state his or her concerns for the record.

No actions were taken during the Executive Session. Attorney Printz attest that the discussion was kept on task, no decisions were made.

STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Report from Town Clerk – Kathy Reis**

Clerk Reis spoke to the board regarding Custer County Tourism Board placing an article in the newspaper to get the word out concerning the tennis courts. If there should be only one or maybe two courts. We need community input. The Commissioners gave \$2,000.00 towards the tennis courts in 2019.

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One packet was picked up for the mayor seat and four trustees seats are open. Some of the trustees feel that if we have enough interest to fill the seats than we should cancel the election, saving the town \$1,200.00. A few of the trustees want the election to continue so we can see how the people voted. The board will make a final decision on canceling the elections in the February 6th meeting.

b. Report from Building and Zoning – Mike Carter

Mike spoke to the board regarding closing CR 233 at the back entrance of Shadow Ridge Subdivision. This would cut down traffic coming in and out of the subdivision for the Bumble storage units that have opened to the public. Mike was instructed by the board to close CR 233 by the end of this week.

Black Hills Energy hasn't forgotten about checking the street lights and making sure they are the kelvins we requested.

Christmas lights will stay up until January 6th.

Mike spoke about the parking lot The Town of Westcliffe owns behind Greenstone Art Gallery. There are vehicles permanently parked there, some without current license plates. The board wants Mike to contact the owners to remove the vehicles.

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

ADJOURN

Recorded by:
Wanda Jennings
Deputy Clerk