

Collbran Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 10, 2017
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM Collbran Town Hall

Mayor Sturm called the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2017 of the Collbran Board of Trustees to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Trustees Evans, Pell, P. Sturm, Schowalter, and Mayor V. Sturm.

ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator Farrar, Town Attorney Jim Neu, Town Clerk/Treasurer Phillips, Marshal Appelhanz, Deputy Clerk/Admin. Asst. Melonie Matarozzo, and Eddie Saize.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Trustee Pell moved to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2017; seconded by Trustee Evans.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes votes – Pell, P. Sturm, Schowalter, Evans, and V. Sturm. 0 No votes. Motion passed.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON AGENDA

No one came forward.

ARENA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC) MEMBER APPOINTMENT CONSIDERATION

Admin. Farrar mentioned that Susie Bevan submitted an application to be a member of the AAC. He said Ms. Bevan's application went before the AAC at their last meeting, who recommended her appointment to the AAC.

MOTION: Trustee P. Sturm moved to appoint Susie Bevan to the Arena Advisory Committee; seconded by Trustee Evans.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes votes – P. Sturm, Schowalter, Evans, Pell, and V. Sturm. 0 No votes. Motion passed.

UPDATE FROM COLLBRAN JOB CORPS ON DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – Eddie Saize

Admin. Farrar said that he and Eddie Saize, of the Collbran Job Corps, have been meeting weekly on the Downtown Improvements Project. Mr. Saize was present to give the Board an update on the project. Mr. Saize said that his crew has been working on Grand Mesa for a couple of weeks, and he hopes to be back in Collbran working on the project in a week. He asked if there were any questions. He said that he appreciates the Trustee's patience on the project. He said that this project gives the Job Corps students excellent training on concrete work. Admin. Farrar said the goal is to get the concrete adjacent to Lilac Park completed, if possible before the weather gets too cold. He noted that the pergola at the pocket park in front of the bank is scheduled to be installed in a week. He mentioned the balance of the concrete work

will be completed next spring. Deputy Clerk/Admin. Asst. Matarozzo said that the street lights and poles will arrive in the first week of November. She said the anchor bolts should be here by the end of next week. Admin. Farrar said that he is working with Keith Encke of Public Works on contractors to install the street lights. He mentioned that MRB Contracting submitted a bid, but staff is working on getting two other bids. He said that Public Works has been busy with the P.V. School lift station which is still is not working right. He mentioned the manufacturer has a tech person and the Town has an electrician involved. He said Public Works has to manually operate the lift station twice a day to prevent the vault from overflowing. He noted that using Job Corps students is valuable to the students as well as the community. He mentioned that twenty years from now the students may return to Collbran and they will see the fruits of their labor. Mr. Saize said the concrete pour at the intersection of High Street and Main Street was the most difficult part of the project. Admin. Farrar said he is working with Deputy Clerk/Admin. Asst. Matarozzo on ordering benches, planters, bike racks, and trash cans. He said that the color contrast of the concrete at the esplanade of High and Main Streets was not great, so the color choices at Lilac Park will be different so the contrast will be more noticeable. He said the medallion that will be at the High and Main Street esplanade and the one at Lilac Park will have a few different design choices for the community to choose from. Deputy Clerk/Admin. Asst. Matarozzo said that community members have approached her interested in providing input on the design of the medallions. She said that the etching of the medallions will not take place until the spring. Trustee Schowalter said that she would like to see local artists involved in the designs. Admin. Farrar told Mr. Saize that he appreciated his attendance at the meeting to update the Board.

DISCUSSION REGARDING WATER AND SEWER TAP RELIEF – 904 SPRING STREET - Carl Vostatek

Admin. Farrar reminded the Trustees that this agenda item was on last month's Regular Meeting and was tabled. Previously, the Board asked the staff to investigate the 1996 price of water and sewer taps. Town Clerk/Treasurer Phillips mentioned that the price for taps in 2006 was \$1,500 each. Admin. Farrar said that the current \$4,500 per tap is inexpensive, but \$1,500 each is even more so. He noted that at the previous meeting three water/sewer tap options were presented to the Trustees. He mentioned that Trustee Pell made a motion at the previous meeting not to offer relief on the tap fees, but the motion died for lack of a second. Admin. Farrar explained that Mr. Vostatek told him that in 1996 he had a verbal agreement with Bruce Smith, a prior town administrator, to waive the tap fees for 904 Spring Street in exchange for extending the water and sewer mains. Town Attorney Neu asked if anyone else benefitted from the mains being extended, and Mayor Sturm said the LDS church connected to those mains; Trustee Schowalter said that Mr. Gordon also connected to the mains. Admin. Farrar noted that there were no cost-recovery agreements on the water/sewer main extensions. Discussion took place about the recent increase in water and sewer rates and that waiving or reducing tap fees was inconsistent with the financial needs on the utilities. Trustee Schowalter commented that the 1996 Vostatek invoice implies that he paid half of the \$20,000 for the main extensions, not the whole amount. Town Atty. Neu said Mr. Vostatek does not have a claim against the Town. Trustee Evans and Pell said they do not support the request for relief on tap fees.

MOTION: Trustee Pell moved to deny Carl Vostatek's request for relief of the price of a water and sewer tap for 904 Spring Street; seconded by Trustee Evans.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes votes – Schowalter, Evans, Pell, P. Sturm, and V. Sturm. 0 No votes. Motion passed.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST – TOWN OF COLLBRAN TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENT – MAIN STREET (BETWEEN SHORT ST AND HIGH ST) – OCTOBER 31 – Melonie Matarozzo

Deputy Clerk/Admin. Asst. Matarozzo said she is requesting approval for a street closure on Main Street on October 31 for the Town of Collbran from 5pm to 9pm for Halloween Trunk-or-Treat. She mentioned that the P.V. School Robotics Team is not having a Haunted Auditorium/Trunk-or-Treat this year. She said people around Town asked if Collbran would do the Trunk-or-Treat.

MOTION: Trustee Evans moved to approve a street closure permit for Town of Collbran on Main Street between Short Street and High Street from 5pm to 9pm for Trunk-or-Treat on October 31, 2017; seconded by Trustee P. Sturm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes votes – Evans, Pell, P. Sturm, Schowalter, and V. Sturm. 0 No votes. Motion passed.

DELIVERY OF DRAFT BUDGET TO COLLBRAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

Admin. Farrar said that he emailed the Trustees a draft budget and a hard copy was provided at this meeting. State law requires that on or before October 15, a draft budget is to be delivered to the Town Board of Trustees. He mentioned that staff will continue to work on the budget. He said that staff will bring the budget back to a future work session. He noted that a copy of the budget is available at Town Hall for the public to view. He mentioned the public hearing date on the budget is scheduled for the December 5, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Trustee Schowalter asked Deputy Clerk/Admin. Asst. Matarozzo about the date for Cowboy Christmas and was told it was scheduled for December 16. Discussion took place about the fireworks and it was noted that there are few options for fireworks providers in western Colorado, so the Town is going to use the previous company. Deputy Clerk/Admin. Asst. Matarozzo mentioned that the company shoots fireworks at Powderhorn, DeBeque, and locations in the Grand Junction area. She said that although we are using the same company, there will be different individuals to shoot the fireworks this time.

ARENA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC) MINUTES

Deputy Clerk/Admin. Asst. Matarozzo said that she was at the last AAC meeting and asked the Board if they had any questions. Trustee Evans said he also attended the meeting. He noted that the AAC recommended appointment of Susie Bevan.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

No comments were made.

STAFF REPORTS

Town Administrator

Admin. Farrar said the installation of the P.V. School lift station is almost complete. He said that there were problems on delivery of the pumps and other materials. He mentioned they were supposed to arrive on September 29, but did not. He communicated with the company saying that the Town put them on notice that additional costs resulting from delivery delays, additional staff time, and other unanticipated costs would be deducted from the final bill.

Trustee Schowalter brought up the issue of additional parking at the Grand Mesa Tavern and in the downtown. Admin. Farrar said that it was not a condition of the liquor license. He said the discussion about downtown parking could be a topic for a future board meeting. Trustee Schowalter said that it would be helpful if downtown businesses could use the parking at the Collbran Auditorium. Trustee Evans asked whether the proposed outdoor patio for the Collbran Café was permanent or temporary; Admin. Farrar said that would be temporary. Admin. Farrar explained that parking requirements were part of the Collbran land use regulations.

Town Marshal

Marshal Appelhanz distributed his monthly report. Trustee P. Sturm asked if there was an ordinance prohibiting parking across sidewalks. Marshal Appelhanz said there were prohibitions about parking or driving on sidewalks. He said those violations are handled on a complaint basis.

Marshal Appelhanz asked Town Atty. Neu about whether smoking marijuana in backyards or porches could be regulated. Town Atty. Neu said that the State legislature investigated that topic and decided for a variety of reasons to leave it alone for now. He recommended that the Town wait until the State legislature defines it constitutionally before Collbran addresses the topic. Marshal Appelhanz mentioned a green lab training he attended at which officers perform roadside sobriety testing on intoxicated subjects. He noted that DeBeque hired additional officers to deal with the marijuana issue, and similarly Ridgeway hired additional officers. Town Atty. Neu said a significant amount of the new marijuana tax revenue has gone to law enforcement expenditures. Marshal Appelhanz noted the transient population in DeBeque has increased since they legalized marijuana. He said that with legalized marijuana, it has been more available to juveniles.

APPROVE EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Trustee P. Sturm moved to approve the expenditures for the Town of Collbran from September 6, 2017 through October 8, 2017; seconded by Trustee Evans.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes votes – Pell, P. Sturm, Schowalter, Evans, and V. Sturm. 0 No votes. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Trustee P. Sturm moved to adjourn the Town of Collbran Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of October 10, 2017; seconded by Trustee Evans.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes votes – P. Sturm, Schowalter, Evans, Pell, and V. Sturm. 0 No votes. Motion passed.

The Regular Meeting of October 10, 2017 adjourned at 8:04pm.

Approved

Attest