



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR (and VIRTUAL) MEETING OF THE PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 26, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Mikolai with Trustees Somerville, Turner, Carlson, and Maxwell present in person. Trustee L'Hommedieu and Mayor Pro-Tem Chase appeared via Zoom. Also present in person were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Parks, Recreation and Events Director Troy Ward, and Community Development Director Brian Rusche. Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Utilities Director Matt Lemon, and Police Chief Deb Funston appeared via Zoom.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee L'Hommedieu, to approve the agenda as amended to add an introduction of the Town's new Community Development Director after introducing the new Police Officers.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief Funston introduced two new Palisade Police Officers, Gilbert McVay and David Furnace.

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson introduced the Town's new Community Development Director Brian Rusche.

Principal Dan Bollinger gave a presentation on the state of Palisade High School.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Hawkinson announced that Mesa County has available grants for local small businesses, commented on the tents that the Town donated to Palisade High School, and confirmed that 30% of the Highway 6 project's design work is complete.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the Board to spend its time on more complex items. These items are generally perceived as non-controversial and can be approved by a single motion. The public or the Board members may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

- **Expenditures**
Approval of Bills from Various Town Funds – January 8, 2021 – January 21, 2021
- **Minutes**
Minutes from the January 12, 2021 Board Meeting

- **Make One-Way Alley Between Peach and 1st**

Mayor Pro-Tem Thea Chase requested that the one-way alley item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Motion #2 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner, Trustee Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L'Hommedieu, Trustee Maxwell

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was offered.

NEW BUSINESS

Make One-Way Alley Between Peach and 1st

Mayor Mikolai opened the agenda item to public comment. None was offered.

Trustee Somerville expressed his support of making the alley one-way and said that no one seemed to have objections when this topic was previously discussed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chase emphasized that she requested the item be removed from the consent agenda to make sure the public had the opportunity to make comments if they desired.

Motion #3 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee L'Hommedieu to make the alley between Peach and 1st to a one-way thoroughfare.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Turner, Trustee Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L'Hommedieu, Trustee Maxwell, Mayor Mikolai

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Trustee Maxwell suggested holding a Board retreat to discuss Town priorities and the status/direction of current projects. Mayor Mikolai agreed, and the ***Board's consensus is to have a Board retreat on a Saturday at the end of February.*** Board members should email topics of interest to Mayor Mikolai, and he and the Town Manager will put an agenda together before the retreat.

Trustee Turner reiterated points that were made at the prior work session of the Board discussing best practices and behavior of Board members.

Trustee L'Hommidieu asked for an update on the Cresthaven retaining wall/fence. Mayor Mikolai stated that after discussion with the Town Attorney, it was determined that the building plans were all approved through the proper procedures, and the Town is unable to require changes. He also informed the Board that he and Town Manager Hawkinson are currently working with the Montclair residents and Cresthaven to see if they can negotiate any compromise.

Trustee Somerville expressed his pride in Town Manager Hawkinson and how he has heard people throughout Town compliment the great job she is doing as Town Manager.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chase emphasized the need to meet with other area agencies such as the Tourism Advisory Board and COPMOBA to ensure the Town is ready for the Plunge to open. She spoke with Scott Winans, President of COPMOBA Board, who indicated projected ridership of 250-275 riders per day on the weekends at a comparable Moab trail.

Mayor Mikolai reminded the Board that it is time for the Town Manager's review. *The consensus of the Board is to have an executive session at the next meeting.* Board members may turn in their review forms to him once completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members briefly explained the various meetings they had recently attended.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #5 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee L'Hommidieu to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm.

A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

X 

Greg Mikolai
Mayor

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Keli L. Frasier
Town Clerk

