

**MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 12, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Mikolai with Trustees present: Turner, Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase (by zoom), and Trustees Carlson and L'Hommedieu. A quorum was declared. Also, in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, and Parks and Events Director Troy Ward and by zoom: Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Finance Director Travis Boyd, Police Chief Deb Funston, Fire Chief Richard Rupp, Community Development Director Allyson Shellhorn, Utilities Director Matt Lemon

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Trustee Chase, seconded by Trustee L'Hommedieu, to amend the agenda to include a presentation of a Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.

A voice vote was requested
Motion carried unanimously

Motion #2 by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Carlson to approve the agenda as amended.

A voice Vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation designating May 10-16, 2020 National Police Week read by Trustee L'Hommedieu.

Proclamation designating May 17-23, 2020 National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week read by Trustee Turner.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson gave a brief update of Mesa County's COVID-19 Safer-At-Home plan and highlighted ongoing long term projects being propelled by herself and staff.

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 – April 25, 2020 – May 8, 2020

- **Minutes**
Minutes from the April 28, 2020 Board Meeting

Motion #3 by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, seconded by Trustee Turner, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was offered.

NEW BUSINESS

Should the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade, Colorado, approve a request from the Owner of 532 Milliman to waive the fees of a conditional use permit for a mural on his property

The property owner at 592 Milleman contacted staff on a proposed mural at the residence. The property owner, Will McGough, reached out to staff as he is interested in creating a mural on the side of the residence that "reflects Palisade (mountains, peaches, wine, etc.)." The side of the home is that would serve as the location of the mural is visible from Elberta and is approximately 11' x 9'. The property owner thought it would be a pleasant idea to have a mural depicting all the great aspects of Palisade as people enter the Town from I-70 along Elberta.

Per the Land Development Code, all murals in the Town must go through a conditional use permit process and receive approval from the Board of Trustees. Staff reviewed the process and the fees with the applicant to move forward.

Currently, a conditional use permit has a fee of \$300.00 and additional costs of public notices. The applicant proposed working with the Town to lower or eliminate some of these costs to provide a mural on the entry way into Palisade.

Mr. McGough spoke to the Board about his request and noted that he has had conversations with Palisade Art Vision (PAV) about the project and wishes to work with them and the Town going forward.

Board members had a brief discussion including waiving the fees, reducing the fees, the current fees being extreme for a mural, and the property owner's initiative in contact PAV about the project.

Motion #4 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve the request of the owner of 532 Milliman to waive the fees of a conditional use permit for a mural on his property.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No: Trustee Carlson, Mayor Mikolai

Absent:

Motion carried.

Should the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade, Colorado, allow the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Waste Management for trash services for the Town of Palisade.

Finance Director Travis Boyd stated that the Town contracts trash collection with an independent entity. The current contract is due to expire and a new contract must be awarded. Staff posted a request for proposal and received four proposals in response from interested vendors.

Staff reviewed the proposals on the following criteria:

- the financial health of the business, existing infrastructure, professionalism of proposal, recommendations of current municipal customers, local presence, cost of the contract, and cost-effective curbside recycling services versus one large communal recycling (present at parking lot).

The bids all demonstrate an increase in garbage collection fees assessed to citizens of the town. This increase in fees is universal across all bids and the suggested fee increase is not materially different across residential users. The recommended rate increase is detailed in the analysis section of this summary and each is tailored for the specific proposal.

After careful consideration of all businesses that submitted a proposal, it is staff's recommendation that the contract be awarded to Waste Management, Inc. Some of staff's reasons for this recommendation include the financial health of the business, existing infrastructure, professionalism of proposal, recommendations of current municipal customers, local presence, cost of the contract, and cost-effective opt-in curbside recycling services.

Board members had a lengthy discussion, including curbside recycling vs. central recycling costs, the option to opt-in to curbside recycling, the differences in costs and services between the applicants, and what would best benefit the citizens of Palisade.

Motion #5 by Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Somerville to allow the Town Manager to begin negotiations with Waste Management for Trash services for the Town of Palisade.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

Planning Commission Appointment Process Discussion

The Town Manager explained that we have three open seats on the Planning Commission and seven applicants and asked the Board how they would like to proceed with interviews and appointments.

After a brief discussion amongst the Board, consensus is to have a special meeting on May 19, 2020 at 5:30 pm to interview in person all applicants and then make nominations and appointments at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Trustee Somerville thanked Dutch and Terry for painting and updating Memorial Park, and Trustee L'Hommedieu thanked staff for continuing to make improvements to Riverbend Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees gave brief updates about the various committees and meeting they attended. A brief discussion ensued regarding the appointment or reappointment of current Board members to the various adjunct boards and committees and consensus was to review the assignments at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #6 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

X 

Greg Mikolai
Mayor

X 

Keli L. Frasier
Town Clerk

