



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 12, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Greg Mikolai with Trustees present: Jamie Sommerville, Ellen Turner, Bill Carlson, Nicole Maxwell, and Mayor Pro-Tem Thea Chase. Trustee Susan L’Hommedieu was absent. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development Director Brian Rusche, Finance Director Travis Boyd, and Police Chief Deb Funston.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Trustee Sommerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was requested
Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATIONS

Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) Introduction

Presented to the Board of Trustees by Margie Joy, Western Slope Community Relationship Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was offered.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed her Manager’s Report and announced that the ambulances and the fire tender had arrived.

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 – September 24, 2021 – October 6, 2021
- **Minutes**
Minutes from September 28, 2021, Regular Board Meeting and October 5, 2021, Special Board Meeting
- **Ordinance 2021-11**
Entitled “An Ordinance of the Town of Palisade, Colorado, Amending Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Palisade Municipal Code Regarding Fire Chief Residency Requirements.”

Motion #2 by Trustee Sommerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, 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 Maxwell

No:

Absent: Trustee L'Hommedieu

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-13 Showing Support of the Grand Junction High School Bond Issue

Mayor Mikolai introduced Sarah Schrader and stated she was a member of the committee working on the bond issue. Ms. Schrader explained the bond question and stressed how important she felt it was to come together as a community and support the education and children of our valley.

Trustees Turner and Maxwell both explained that they felt it was inappropriate for the Palisade Board of Trustees to vote on any political issue being put on an election ballot.

Motion #3 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase to approve Resolution 2021-12 entitled "A Resolution of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade, Colorado, Supporting the Mesa County School District 51 Board of Education Bond Measure 4B."

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Mayor Mikolai

No:

Absent: Trustee L'Hommedieu

Trustees Turner and Maxwell abstained from the vote.

Motion carried.

Reschedule the Second Board of Trustees Meeting in November 2021

Mayor Mikolai stated that the second meeting in November is the same week as the Thanksgiving holiday and suggested moving the regular meeting to November 30, 2021.

Various Board members discussed the merits of moving the meeting versus canceling the meeting altogether.

Motion #4 by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, seconded by Trustee Turner to cancel the second meeting in November 2021.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee Maxwell, Mayor Mikolai

No:

Absent: Trustee L'Hommedieu

Motion carried.

Presentation of the DRAFT 2022 Town of Palisade Budget:

Town Finance Director Travis Boyd presented the Board with the draft 2022 budget.

Mayor Mikolai suggested the December meeting for the date for the public hearing to accept the final 2022 budget. **The consensus of the Board is to hold a public hearing to accept the final budget for 2022 on December 14, 2021.**

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor Pro-Tem Chase announced that she had been voted vice-chair of the Colorado Venture Capital Authority Board and requested an update on the progress of broadband. Trustee Turner stated that they would be doing a presentation at one of the next two meetings.

Trustee Carlson stated there was a new coffee shop next to Diorio's, that he attended the Palisade Fire Station open house over the weekend where he learned a lot, and that Rapid Creek Cycles' Palisade Plunge shuttles have been vandalized twice recently.

Mayor Mikolai stated that over 1200 people have been brought up to the Palisade Plunge so far this season.

Trustee Maxwell observed that she saw people in the grocery store parking lot drinking beer behind their van the previous Sunday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT


Motion #7 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION

A work session of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade began at 7:12 pm to discuss the 2022 budget. Present were Mayor Greg Mikolai, Trustees: Jamie Sommerville, Ellen Turner, Bill Carlson, Nicole Maxwell, and Mayor Pro-Tem Thea Chase. Trustee Susan L'Hommedieu was absent. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson and Finance Director Travis Boyd.

X 
Greg Mikolai
Mayor

X 
Keli Frasier
Town Clerk

