



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR (and VIRTUAL) MEETING OF THE  
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
November 24, 2020**

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 Trustee Somerville present in person. Trustees Turner, Carlson, Maxwell, L’Hommedieu and Mayor Pro-Tem Chase appeared via Zoom. Also present was Town Manager Janet Hawkinson. Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Finance Director Travis Boyd, Utilities Director Matt Lemon and Police Chief Debra Funston appeared via Zoom.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

*Motion #1* by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee L’Hommedieu, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was requested.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson announced that the Tourism Advisory Board was awarded a grant for \$50,000 in conjunction with the City of Fruita. She also discussed the current state of CARES Act funding, the 2021 Town of Palisade Budget and requested Board direction for the possible lease of 1.3 acres of Town owned property located at the insectary for a future peach orchard. *Consensus of the Board is to move forward with investigating the possible lease and to bring more information back to them with a brief history of the property.*

Utilities Director Matt Lemon gave a brief overview of the current projects that will begin after Thanksgiving. Parks, Recreation and Events Director Troy Ward gave an update on the progress of the 2021 Palisade Bluegrass and Roots Festival. Fire Chief Jason Lee updated the Board on the staff health facility at the fire station.

**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 – November 6, 2020 – November 20, 2020
- **Minutes**  
Minutes from the November 10, 2020 Board Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Chase asked that the minutes be corrected to combine the first two paragraphs of the Ordinance 2020-14 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

**Casey Sumnicht 229 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street**, read a statement to the Board regarding parking and drainage issues between Peach and Kluge. *This letter will be a permanent attachment to these minutes.*

**Gin Phillips 144 Kluge Avenue**, reiterated what Mr. Sumnicht stated and gave personal examples of the inconvenience the parking issues are causing to residents.

Town Clerk Keli Frasier read an email from **Karen Bishop 3847 North River Road** in appreciation of the electronic speed limit signs that the Town Manager and Staff placed on North River Road. *This email will be a permanent attachment to these minutes.*

### PUBLIC HEARING I

#### *Palisade Basecamp Liquor License Application*

Mayor Mikolai opened the public hearing at 6:29 pm.

Town Clerk Frasier reviewed her report, citing the requirements of the Colorado Liquor Code for the Board to consider.

Ryan Pugliese, representing Palisade Basecamp, LLC gave a brief review of the application process, the application and why Basecamp was applying for the license.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to public comment in favor of or against the application.

Gail Evans 126 Majestic Court asked how close the proposed liquor store is to Happy Camper, and stated that after listening to Mr. Pugliese's presentation, she feels a liquor store would be well managed.

The Board of Trustees had a lengthy conversation about the liquor licensing notification to surrounding residents' requirements and asked staff to look into modification of the liquor code for future applications.

*Motion #3* by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve the application for a Retail Liquor Store Liquor License as applied for by Palisade Basecamp, LLC at 985 North River Road pending approval from the State of Colorado.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Turner, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L'Hommedieu, Trustee Maxwell, Mayor Mikolai  
No: Mayor Pro-Tem Chase  
Absent:

Motion carried.

Mayor Mikolai closed the public hearing at 7:00 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING II**  
**2021 Budget for the Town of Palisade**

Mayor Mikolai opened the public hearing at 7:00 pm.

Town Manager Hawkinson read her letter of submittal and stated that all public noticing requirements have been met.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to public comment in favor of or against the budget. None was offered.

*Motion #4* by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, seconded by Trustee Somerville to approve Resolution 2020-24 appropriating sums of money to various Town Funds.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L'Hommedieu, Trustee Maxwell, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner,  
No:  
Absent:

Motion carried.

*Motion #5* by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, seconded by Trustee Somerville to approve Resolution 2020-25 summarizing expenditures and revenues for each fund and adopting a budget for the entire Town of Palisade, Colorado, for the calendar year 2021.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L'Hommedieu, Trustee Maxwell, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner, Trustee Somerville  
No:  
Absent:

Motion carried.

*Motion #6* by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve Resolution 2020-26 levying general property taxes for the year 2020, to help defray the costs of government for the Town of Palisade, Colorado for the year 2021.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

Mayor Mikolai closed the public hearing at 7:13 pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Intergovernmental Agreement with Grand Valley Regional Transit Commission**

Town Manager Hawkinson and Mayor Mikolai reviewed the proposed contract with GVRTC.

*Motion #7* by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee L'Hommedieu to direct the Town Manager to enter a contract with GVRTC.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Trustee Somerville** gave a brief update on the Grand Valley Task Force.

**Trustee Carlson** announced that he volunteers at the Food Bank of the Rockies and updated the Board on how many meals the organization distributes each month.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Chase** commented on the number of people in the Board room and encouraged the wearing of masks while indoors.

**Trustee L'Hommedieu** asked if the Town participated in meetings with Mesa County regarding the future distribution needs for distributing the COVID-19 vaccine and stated she would like to see a vaccine site in Palisade.

**Mayor Mikolai** stated that he would like to schedule another meeting with a couple of Board members, residents, and the owners of the Weedery to address the continued parking and drainage issues on the alley between Peach and Kluge. ***Consensus of the Board is to schedule a Zoom meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, have staff provide drawings of options for the parking issues to present at that meeting so that a decision could possibly be made by the Board at the December 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.***

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion #8* by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

X Greg Mikolaj

Greg Mikolaj  
Mayor

X Keli L. Frasier

Keli L. Frasier  
Town Clerk

