



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR (and VIRTUAL) MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 8, 2020**

A work session of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade to discuss the Peach and First Street alley drainage and parking issues began at 5:30 pm. Present were Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Somerville, Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, and Town Engineer Bret Guillory. Also in attendance via ZOOM were Trustees Turner, Carlson, L’Hommidieu, Maxwell, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Colorado Weedery Owners Jesse and Desa Loughman, C. Kraniak, Katie, Marie, Shelley K., Casey Sumnicht, Virginia, Andrew Webber, and Danielle.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:18 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 in person were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Parks, Recreation and Events Director Troy Ward, and Town Engineer Bret Guillory. Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Town Attorney Jim Neu, Finance Director Travis Boyd, and Utilities Director Matt Lemon appeared via Zoom.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson announced that the next Board of Trustees meeting would be in January. The new playground in Riverbend Park is almost complete. The parklets will be delivered next week. The restaurants in Palisade have received Mesa County’s 5 STAR approval so they can stay open when the state has moved to red for COVID19.

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 20, 2020 – December 4, 2020
- **Minutes**
Minutes from the November 24, 2020 Board Meeting

Motion #2 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Maxwell, 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, Trustee Maxwell

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was offered.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-27 Setting the Designated Posting Place, Dates, and Times for Public Meetings

Town Manager Hawkinson and Town Clerk Keli Frasier explained that this Resolution is general housekeeping that must be approved each year.

Board members requested that staff review additional posting places for agendas such as the post office, library, and grocery store.

Motion #3 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase to approve Resolution 2020-27, setting the designated posting place, dates, and times for public meetings.

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.

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

Finance Director Travis Boyd explained that while the Board passed this Resolution at the last meeting, some of the official numbers were recently received from Mesa County that requires the modification of the Resolution. Town Attorney Jim Neu stated that this was a common occurrence and that next year, the wording of the Resolution will reflect the potential changes, so it only needs to be approved once.

Motion #4 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase 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 Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L'Hommedieu, Trustee Maxwell, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner,

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Trustee Somerville asked the Board for their blessing to co-author a water plan for Conservation Colorado. *The consensus of the Board is to either A) Write the plan and bring it to a Board meeting for approval, or B) do not identify as a Palisade Board member – identify as an individual citizen.*

Mayor Pro-Tem Chase commented on the amount of publicity the Palisade Plunge is receiving and raised concerns if the Town was ready for the opening of the trail. She requested a discussion regarding traffic, shuttles, parking, reservations, etc. Other Board members added the need to discuss public showers, EMS, and other emergency services. *The consensus of the Board is to have a work session regarding the above topics in late February or early March 2021.*

Trustee Maxwell would like to schedule another *Coffee with the Board*. *The consensus of the Board is to not hold this event during the holidays or during the COVID pandemic. This item will be revisited in January 2021.*

Trustee Turner would like to address improving Broadband internet in Town sometime in February, March, or April. *Staff was directed to review what fiber has been laid in Town so far and be ready to discuss options during the 2022 budget discussions.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the Board of Trustees to discuss items pursuant to pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4) (e) for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators (sewer system improvements) and pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4) (b) for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions (pending litigation Case #2020) with Town Attorney, Jim Neu.

Motion #5 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to enter into an executive session at 6:54 pm to discuss items pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4) (e) for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators (sewer system improvements) and pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4) (b) for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions (pending litigation Case #2020) with Town Attorney, Jim Neu.

Those present were Mayor Mikolai and Trustee Somerville in person. Trustees Turner, Carlson, Maxwell, L'Hommedieu, and Mayor Pro-Tem Chase appeared via Zoom. Also present in person were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson and Town Engineer Bret Guillory. Town Clerk Keli Frasier and Town Attorney Jim Neu appeared via Zoom.

The executive session adjourned at 8:34 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #6 by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee L'Hommidieu to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

X



Greg Mikolai
Mayor

X



Keli L. Frasier
Town Clerk

