



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 28, 2023**

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: Bill Carlson, Nicole Maxwell, Stan Harbaugh, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. Trustees Thea Chase and Jamie Somerville were absent. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, and Community Development Director Brian Rusche.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

*Motion #1* by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was requested  
Motion carried unanimously

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Clerk Frasier announced the dates and prices for the 2023 Edesia event that benefits Marillac Clinic. ***The consensus of the Board is to purchase tickets for the Edesia Wine Dinner at \$150.00 each, and if Board members wish to bring a plus-one, they will have to pay for those tickets personally.***

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson reviewed her Town Manager report and updated the Board on current projects.

***The consensus of the Board is to give the Town Manager direction to move forward with researching waiving the outdoor dining fees for Pali-Thai, and for the Town Attorney to bring a Resolution to a March meeting making the fee waiver fair for all applicants.***

**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 6, 2023 – January 18, 2023  
Approval of Bills from Various Town Funds – February 10, 2023 – February 24, 2023
- **Minutes**  
Minutes from the February 14, 2023, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

*Motion #2* by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was requested.

**Yes:** Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Carlson

**No:**

**Absent:** Trustee Chase, Trustee Somerville

Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Contract for Middle-Mile Fiber and CNL**

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed the agenda item staff report and introduced Dana Hlavac from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and Cory Bryndal with Region 10.

Town Manager Hawkinson, Mr. Bryndal, and Mr. Hlavac answered inquiries from the Board during Board Discussion.

*Motion #3* by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to approve directing the Town Manager to enter into contract with Deeply Digital and to move forward with beginning construction on the middle-mile fiber and a Carrier Neutral Location (CNL).

A roll call vote was requested.

**Yes:** Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Carlson, Mayor Mikolai

**No:**

**Absent:** Trustee Chase, Trustee Somerville

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING I**

**Resolution 2023-02 – 2022 Palisade Game Plan**

Mayor Mikolai opened the public hearing at 6:20 pm.

Community Development Director Brian Rusche reviewed his staff report, thanked numerous participants who aided the completion of the Palisade Game Plan, and introduced Kris Valdez with Community Planning Strategies (CPS).

Ms. Valdez gave a presentation on the process, community engagement, and completion of the Plan.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to public comment.

None was offered.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to Board comment.

*Trustee Turner* thanked Community Development Director Rusche for attending a Tourism Advisory Board meeting and addressing the concerns of the TAB members.

*Mayor Mikolai* thanked everyone involved with the process on behalf of all Town of Palisade citizens.

*Motion #4* by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to approve the adoption of the 2022 Palisade Game Plan.

A roll call vote was requested.

**Yes:** Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Carlson, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell

**No:**

**Absent:** Trustee Chase, Trustee Somerville

Motion carried.

Mayor Mikolai closed the public hearing at 6:47 pm.

### **NEW ITEMS**

#### **Purchase Vehicles for the Parks Department**

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed the staff report citing the lack of a fleet management plan in the past, and what the Plan is moving forward.

*Motion #5* by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, seconded by Trustee Carlson, to direct the Town Manager to purchase two new Ford Maverick Trucks for an amount not to exceed \$26,419.00 each, with an amendment to the 2023 budget in the amount of \$14,260.00.

A roll call vote was requested.

**Yes:** Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Carlson, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh

**No:**

**Absent:** Trustee Chase, Trustee Somerville

Motion carried.

#### **Purchase Equipment for the Palisade Municipal Cemetery**

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed the staff report and answered questions from various Board members.

*Motion #6* by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, seconded by Trustee Carlson, to direct the Town Manager to purchase a new tractor for the Palisade Municipal Cemetery for an amount not to exceed \$70,433.78.

A roll call vote was requested.

**Yes:** Trustee Carlson, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner

**No:**

**Absent:** Trustee Chase, Trustee Somerville

Motion carried.

#### **Letter to Send Governor Polis Regarding Fiber**

Board members discussed the merits and reasons for sending a letter to Governor Polis regarding Fiber connections to the Town of Palisade.

*Motion #7* by Trustee Harbaugh, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to direct the Mayor to sign a multi-jurisdictional letter to Governor Polis regarding CDOT Broadband fiber.

A roll call vote was requested.

**Yes:** Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Carlson

**No:**

**Absent:** Trustee Chase, Trustee Somerville

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Priscilla Walker 3718 G 4/10 Road; voiced her appreciation of being a part of the comprehensive plan process. Mrs. Walker also suggested running fiber along the railroad if CDOT wouldn't allow a connection off of I-70.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion #8* by Trustee Maxwell, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm.

A voice vote was requested.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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Greg Mikolai  
Mayor

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Keli Frasier  
Town Clerk

