



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
May 23, 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: Thea Chase, Bill Carlson, Jamie Somerville, Nicole Maxwell, Stan Harbaugh, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Attorney Jim Neu, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development Director Brian Rusche, Parks, Facilities, & Events Director Troy Ward, and Finance Director Gregg Mueller.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

*Motion #1* by Trustee Maxwell, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was requested.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Finance Director Gregg Mueller updated the Board of Trustees on quarterly revenues and expenditures.

Parks, Facilities, & Events Director Troy Ward announced the the Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission donated tickets to the Junior College World Series (JUCO) to the Board of Trustees as a thank-you for their continued support.

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson updated the Board on the condition of the Palisade watershed, and the progress of railroad crossing updates and paving.

**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 – May 3, 2023 – May 19, 2023
- **Minutes**  
Minutes from the May 9, 2023, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
- **Letter of Intent to Participate in the Mesa County Hazard Mitigation Plan**
- **Ordinance 2023-03 – Extension of Moratorium on Subdivisions**

*Motion #2* by Trustee Chase, seconded by Trustee Somerville, to approve the consent agenda as amended to remove "Ordinance 2023-03 – Extension of Moratorium on Subdivisions" and move it to *New Business*.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

**No:**

**Absent:**

Motion carried.

**NEW ITEMS**

**Resolution 2023-09 - Hodges Public Purpose Subdivision**

Community Development Director Brian Rusche reviewed the staff report and described the area to be transferred to the Town of Palisade.

*Motion #3* by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to adopt Resolution 2023-09 accepting certain real property located at 824 Rapid Creek Road, a portion of parcel # 2937-023-00-072, known as lot 2 of Hodges Subdivision – a public purpose subdivision and authorizing the Community Development Director to act on the Town's behalf in the real estate transaction.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

**No:**

**Absent:**

Motion carried.

**Resolution 2023-10 SupportIng a Coordinated Grant Application and Memorandum of Agreement for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations with Mesa County**

Community Development Director Rusche reviewed the staff report and described the grant proposed by Mesa County.

*The consensus of the Board is that if they had more time to vet the grant and the project, support might have been possible.*

*Motion #4* by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, seconded by Trustee Carlson, to deny Resolution 2023-10 supporting a coordinated grant application with Mesa County for electric vehicle charging and fueling infrastructure and approving a Memorandum of Agreement.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

**No:**

**Absent:**

Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2023-03 – Extension of Moratorium on Subdivisions**

Town Attorney Jim Neu reviewed the Ordinance and the reason for the proposed length of the moratorium.

*Motion #5* by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Maxwell, to adopt Ordinance 2023-03 extending the temporary moratorium on the acceptance of applications for major residential subdivisions and large residential developments.

A roll call vote was requested.



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

**No:**

**Absent:**

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Dave Walker, 588 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street;* raised concerns about the discussion on sewer rates and the sewer transfer to Clifton sanitation being held as a work session instead of during the regular meeting or as a town hall meeting held in the Community Center to invite more citizens. Mr. Walker also raised concerns about no proposed sewer rates being published in the packet and the lack of reference to the 2008 studies on the same topic.

*Rick Fox, 211 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street;* spoke in support of the sewer transfer project and stated that as a resident, he understands the necessity for sewer rate increases.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion #6* by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm.


A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

**WORK SESSION**

A work session of the Board of Trustees to discuss the sewer connection to Clifton Sanitation and the sewer rate study began at 6:42 pm with Trustees present: Thea Chase, Bill Carlson, Jamie Somerville, Nicole Maxwell, Stan Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner, and Mayor Greg Mikolai. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Attorney Jim Neu, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development Director Brian Rusche, Parks, Facilities, & Events Director Troy Ward, and Finance Director Gregg Mueller.

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Greg Mikolai  
Mayor

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Keli Frasier  
Town Clerk

