



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 12, 2022**

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, Nicole Maxwell, Stan Harbaugh, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. Trustees Thea Chase and Bill Carlson were absent. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development Director (CDD) Brian Rusche, Finance Director Travis Boyd, Police Chief Jesse Stanford, and Fire Chief Charles Balke.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to approve the agenda as amended to remove the recess to visit the gymnasium.

A voice vote was requested
Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATIONS

Members of the Mesa County Department of Human Services executive staff gave a brief presentation of the services they offer to Mesa County residents.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson introduced CDD Rusche, who updated the Board on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan update, Fire Chief Balke, who gave an update on the progression of the Rivers Edge Fire Authority, and Police Chief Stanford, who informed the Board of the status of the NOLA cameras that have been and will eventually be placed around Town.

Town Manager Hawkinson went on to ask the Board if they would like to continue broadcasting meetings on YouTube. After a lengthy discussion, the ***consensus of the Board is to cease broadcasting meetings on YouTube and to go back to broadcasting on Zoom.***

Mayor Mikolai inquired about the newly planted trees on Highway 6 that are dead/dying. Town Manager Hawkinson stated that all trees purchased for Highway 6 have a one-year warranty, and the cost to replace them will not fall on the Town.

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 – June 23, 2022 – July 7, 2022

- **Minutes**

Minutes from the June 28, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

Minutes from the July 5, 2022, Special Board Meeting

Motion #2 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, 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 Somerville

No:

Absent: Trustee Chase, Trustee Carlson

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Palisade Historic Gymnasium – Contract with Dare Case

Town Manager Hawkinson advised the Board that staff recommends tabling the discussion as cost numbers have not yet been received.

Motion #3 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to table the contract with Dare Case

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Chase, Trustee Carlson

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract with FCI Construction for Phase I of the Clinic Construction

Town Manager Hawkinson introduced Lance Kramer with FCI Construction to explain to the Board why they are being presented with a phased approach to the clinic construction.

Motion #4 by Trustee Maxwell, seconded by Trustee Somerville to direct the Town Manager to enter into a contract with FCI Construction for Phase I of the clinic construction in the amount of \$1.86 Million.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Chase, Trustee Carlson

Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-11 Fee Schedule Update

Town Clerk Frasier explained that fees being updated are for liquor licenses and for the Fire Department and that all information was listed in the staff report.

Motion #5 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Maxwell to approve Resolution 2022-11.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Chase, Trustee Carlson

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Casey Sumnicht, 229 W 1st Street, Palisade; expressed concerns about increased semi-truck traffic on W 1st Street and Peach Street. Mr. Sumnicht stated that he and others had witnessed semi-trucks parking on 1st Street or Peach Street, and with the engines still running, the drivers walked to the marijuana store. He asked that police officers increase patrol in the area and that the Town re-install the truck-route sign to help mitigate the safety hazard caused by these trucks.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Trustee Maxwell expressed concerns regarding:

- Day use campers parking along the [interstate] and other streets in Town, congesting traffic and public parking
- Adding local police presence overnight in Town
- Why the bike lanes on 1st Street are different widths on either side of the street.

Town Manager Hawkinson stated that she would bring a map explaining the bike lanes and information regarding Trustee Maxwell’s concerns to the next meeting.

Trustee Somerville announced that they received a very nice email about the Police Department and the increased visibility of the officers. He went on to agree that the semi-truck issue on 1st Street is getting worse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #6 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm.

A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

X 

 Greg Mikolai
 Mayor

X 

 Keli Frasier
 Town Clerk

