



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 9, 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: Thea Chase, Bill Carlson, Jamie Sommerville, Stan Harbaugh, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. Trustee Nicole Maxwell was 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 Events & Parks (EP) Director Troy Ward.

AGENDA ADOPTION

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

A voice vote was requested
Motion carried unanimously

Recessed to do a ribbon cutting for Hwy 6 at 6:01 pm, returned to session at 6:07 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

Trustee Harbaugh presented the President of the Grand Valley Interfaith Network, David Edwards, a Proclamation for Interfaith Awareness Week.

Kris Valdez and TJ Dlubac with Community Planning Strategies (CPS) updated the Board on the project of the Palisade Game Plan (Comprehensive Plan Update).

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson introduced Rebecca Loucks and explained that she was recently hired as a part-time employee to assist in planning Town run events as well as to act as a liaison to the Palisade Chamber of Commerce.

Finance Director Travis Boyd gave the Board of Trustees an update on the quarterly sales tax numbers. ***The consensus of the Board is to set the first 2023 Budget work session for Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 6:00 pm.***

Trustee Nicole Maxwell arrived at the meeting.

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 – July 8, 2022 – August 3, 2022
- **Minutes**
Minutes from the July 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

Motion #2 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Chase, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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.

Recessed to visit the old Palisade gymnasium at 6:46 pm, returned to session at 7:01 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Palisade Historic Gymnasium – Contract with Dare Case

Town Manager Hawkinson introduced Christopher Cutsforth with Dare Case Construction and Eric Mendell with Chamberlain Architects to discuss the status of the old Palisade gymnasium's south wall and the historic bleachers. Finance Director Boyd, Mr. Cutsforth, and Mr. Mendell presented the proposed options for opening up and creating access to the historic bleachers.

After a lengthy discussion amongst the Board, that consensus was to pause this discussion and move on to New Business item A. *Palisade Gym South Wall Change of Scope of Work due to Structural Integrity of Wall, Roof, and Foundation.*

Motion #3 by Trustee Maxwell, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to approve the change of scope of work and direct the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Dare Case Constructors for \$196,860.00 to rebuild the south wall of the old Palisade gymnasium to bring the structure up to required building codes.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Somerville

Motion carried.

A detailed discussion ensued among the Board that included the extensive cost of the bleachers, the possibility of letting a future Board decide to restore them, and the current Board's ability to do something positive for the residents and not just tourists.

Motion #4 by Trustee Chase, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to approve design option C that includes two interior staircases to access the gymnasium bleachers for the amount not to exceed \$358,000.00.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Carlson, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Chase, Trustee Harbaugh

No: Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Somerville, Mayor Mikolai

Absent:

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Palisade Gym South Wall Change of Scope of Work due to Structural Integrity of Wall, Roof, and Foundation

This item was discussed and voted on under Unfinished Business item A. *Palisade Historic Gymnasium Bleachers - Contract with DARE Case.*

Ordinance 2022-15 – Text Amendment to Liquor Code

Town Clerk Frasier explained that Ordinance 2022-15 amends the Town Liquor Code to require liquor license applicants to post public notice signs instead of requiring staff to do so.

Motion #5 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Chase to approve Ordinance 2022-15.

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.

Resolution 2022-12 - Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Mesa County Building Department

CDD Rusche stated that Resolution 2022-12 continues an agreement with the Mesa County Building Department to provide building inspections and building code compliance services after projects are approved by Town of Palisade planning clearances.

Motion #6 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner to approve Resolution 2022-12.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was offered.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor Pro-Tem Turner expressed interest in hiring an expert consultant to advise the Town on how to move forward with bringing broadband to the community. ***The consensus of the Board is to develop and publish an RFQ for a broadband consultant.***

Trustee Chase asked if Board members were going to be serving ice cream at the social on August 11, 2022. Town Manager Hawkinson stated that Mesa County requires everyone serving food items to have a food handlers card but that all of the Board is invited to attend and help out in other areas.

Trustee Harbaugh inquired about the status of the project to connect the Town sewer to the Clifton Sanitation District. Town Manager Hawkinson advised that there is a work session planned for October 11, 2022, to discuss the progress of the project.

Trustee Maxwell requested an update on the status of the Town Attorney updating the Municipal Code to include regulations regarding slanderous expressions during the public comment portion of Board meetings. After a brief discussion amongst the Board, the ***consensus is to have the Town Attorney attend a work session to give guidance and legal advice regarding public slander against staff.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

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Greg Mikolai
Mayor

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Keli Frasier
Town Clerk

