



IGNACIO TOWN BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, March 19, 2018 – 6:30 PM
570 Goddard Ave – Ignacio Town Hall

- I. **DISCUSSION with Julie Constan (Region 5 Traffic Engineer) and Kevin Curry (Program Engineer), representatives of Colorado Department of Transportation.** There was not a quorum present when the regular meeting was scheduled to start. Mayor Cox requested that the CDOT representatives give their presentation since this would not require any action on the part of the Board of Trustees. The representatives from CDOT assured the Board that Becker Street and Goddard Ave / Hwy 172 is a valid exception to the CRS standards and they will work with the Town to get a crosswalk in at this intersection this year, since there are funds budgeted for it. If the Town pays for the signs, CDOT will install them and then the signs become CDOT's to maintain for perpetuity. Ms. Constan stated that she will have more conversations with staff regarding implementation of this plan. CDOT is willing to talk about other crosswalks where the Town feels they are necessary; CDOT's concern is having so many crosswalks that drivers begin to ignore them. Mayor Cox mentioned the intersection at Lampert and Main (next to 7-2-11) where classes walk from the schools to the Town Park. Trustee Maez expressed her agreement with Mayor Cox. Trustee Atencio mentioned the crossing at Farmer's Fresh as well; this intersection already has a crosswalk. Mr. Garcia stated that, if there is consensus among the Board that a crosswalk is necessary at a particular location, then the staff will set about gathering the information and counts of pedestrians that are required to meet the CRS standards. Ms. Constan stated that they are open to having discussions with the school regarding the number of students that use the intersection at 7-2-11 to go to the Town Park. Trustee Atencio brought up the potholes on the South end of Goddard Ave / Hwy 172. Mr. Curry stated that roads are now rated based on drivability and average daily traffic. This section of road is still drivable and has been maintained by blading; maintenance will track this and make any necessary repairs. Mr. Atencio stated that he would prefer that CDOT give the maintenance to the Town because he believes we could do a better job; Ms. Constan stated there is a process to go through if that is what the Town truly desires to do. Mr. Atencio stated that his point is simply that the repairs need to be done and he believes it will never meet the criteria that the statutes dictate. Chief Phillips talked about accident statistics and stated that, due to the fact that if a Native American is involved in an accident those statistics are not reported to CDOT, the statistics are always skewed. Ms. Constan stated that CDOT has been working with The Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes to gather accident reports with redacted information (no specifically identifying personal information of the Tribal members involved). Mr. Atencio talked again about the potholes on Hwy 172, and Mr. Curry stated that he would talk to maintenance and ask what could be done. Mr. Curry brought up the issue of ramps and stated that there are about 1200 ADA ramps region-wide. These ramps are rated based on what is required to bring them up to Public Right Of Way Accessibility Guidelines standards. All work to date has been through cost-sharing with the communities involved; there is currently no funding available. There is an issue on the state ballot for a tax increase that will go specifically to those projects that are critical per these guidelines. Some funding may come from that. He is open to discussion about cost-sharing with Ignacio. Mr. Garcia will set an appointment with Julie re: next steps for the cross walk at Becker.
- II. **STAFF REPORTS:** Ignacio Police Department – Because there was not a quorum, Mayor Cox suggested that the staff begin their reports until such time as a quorum was achieved. Chief Phillips gave his report and responded to questions regarding the Tribe issuing non-Native

summons on the Reservation. The Tribe can write a non-Indian a ticket into Federal Court if both sides of the road are bound by Trust lands. They will not have the ability to write a ticket to a non-Indian inside the Town; they do have concurrent jurisdiction over Native Americans in the Town. They are moving their Court from a criminal court to a civil court; they do have civil jurisdiction over anyone living or moving within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation. This has to be approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs before it becomes final. Chief also clarified that the Tribe will not be raising the legal BAC limit to 1.5 as was previously thought; they are maintaining the .08 legal limit, but are requesting to remove the 1.5 per se charge, viewing it as a second charge for the same offense. The Court of Appeals for the Tribe used to be in Santa Fe; it is now in the state of Washington, so appealing a decision of the Tribal Court is becoming more difficult. Chief stated that there are still a lot of details to be worked out before the Tribe can begin to implement their plan; however, it is something that we need to be aware of. Chief also reported that he has met with the School Board, Chief Coriz of the SUPD, and the Fire Department regarding a drill to prepare for a major incident; the hope is to have the training completed and the drill done within the next 6 to 9 months.

III. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM by leading in the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Mayor Stella Cox, Mayor Pro Tem deKay (arrived at 7:15 PM), Trustee Atencio, Trustee Maez

Absent: Trustee Bartley, Trustee Box, Trustee Melton

Staff: Mark Garcia, Interim Town Manager; Diana Briar, Treasurer; Tuggy Dunton, Administrative Assistant; Dan Naiman, Community Development Administrator; Jeremy Schulz, Public Works Director.

Guests: Julie Constan, Kevin Curry, Ron Dunavant, Clark & Sharon Craig

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2018

B. Financial Records – Check Register for February 2018

Trustee Atencio moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Maez and passed by unanimous voice vote.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Colorado Department of Transportation – Presentation made at beginning of meeting before quorum was present.

B. Election Notice for Publication

Trustee Atencio moved to approve the Election Notice for Publication. Mayor Pro Tem deKay seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Police Department – given prior to quorum being present

B. Public Works – biggest project currently is the installation of 340 gas meters in town, which will begin on April 3. Irrigation improvement in beginning stages with Russell Engineering; if funding comes through for the water meter upgrades, it will be a busy summer. Advertising for a seasonal worker.

- C. Treasurer – still have two DOLA grants (gaming and capital improvement) from 2017 that we have not received funding on yet; email sent.
- D. Town Clerk – Licenses, election, and utility billing updates; shirt options; CML Annual Conference June 19-22, 2018 in Vail – early registration ends May 11. Mayor Cox encouraged attendance even though she will not be able to go this year.
- E. Community Development Administrator – Focus this year will be on annexations. He is working with Jeremy Cuthair regarding Community Gardens, trying to identify where things can be grown; need to find people to work the gardens; potentially the senior center. Meeting with CDOT to discuss crosswalk at Becker and replace CDOT way-finding signs with the Town way-finding sign designs. Mr. Atencio stated that he did not like that the Town can annex enclaves without the property owner’s permission; Mr. Naiman stated that the Planning Commission directed him to seek the permission of the property owner; if they do not want to be annexed, the Town will abide by their desires.
- F. Town Manager – Meeting with CDOT went well; hopefully resolution will come to all the issues that the Town has raised. Notice of election will be published and we are prepared for the election. Water grant meetings in Golden: they are favorable to the sales tax issue that might raise the necessary matching funds for this grant. Third draft of rate analysis is included with Mr. Garcia’s report; he will keep the Board apprised when the final draft is completed. Rate work with Tribe has come to halt; no response in the past two months. Expressed appreciation to the Mayor for being at the water grant meetings; Patrick Rondinelli, regional representative, stated that it was very meaningful to have an elected official there. Irrigation grant update: award letter for ½ of the funding; anticipate receiving the other half. Mr. Garcia asked if the Town charged residents for irrigation during the drought in 2002; no one could remember. Ms. Briar stated that the Town still has to pay for the irrigation rights even if there is no water. Mr. Garcia stated that we are still working on scheduling the dinner with the La Plata Board of County Commissioners; he will keep the Trustees updated.
- G. Attorney – None

IX. TRUSTEE REPORTS: Mayor will be gone most of May; are there trustees that want to attend the High School commencement? Mr. Atencio will also be gone in May. Mayor Pro Tem deKay expressed appreciation for the Board’s understanding of her being late to meetings the past couple of months. The rec center has now hired another person, so hopefully she will be able to make the meetings in a timely manner in the future. Mayor Cox stated that we received a thank-you note from the Aztec Schools; it will be placed in the Board Minutes book.

X. MISCELLANEOUS:

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 16, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Abel F. Atencio Community Center at 570 Goddard Avenue.