

**Regular Meeting
Town of Ignacio Board of Trustees
Wednesday, January 18, 2017**

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

Mayor Stella Cox, called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **Trustees Present:** Mayor Protem Alison deKay, Thomas Atencio, Lawrence Bartley, Edward Box, Sandra Maez and Dixie Melton. **Staff:** Mark Garcia, Interim Town Manager; Diana Briar, Town Treasurer; Dan Naiman, Community Development Coordinator; Jeremy Schulz, Public Works Director. **Audience:** Karen Iverson, Executive Director of Regional Housing Alliance, now known as The HomesFund and Carol from Pine River Times.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2016**
 - B. Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2016**
 - C. Financial Records – Check Register for December, 2016**
- The Board approved the Consent Agenda by consensus.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Regional Housing Alliance / HomesFund** – Karen Iverson shared what is happening with the transition from RHA to HomesFund. The Board has done a strategic analysis of the RHA organization and HomesFund, a nonprofit organization that provided the classes for first time home buyers and the Mortgage Assistance. The organization had become redundant with two Boards of Directors; funds were being split, so the organizations are being consolidated. There will be no change in staffing structure, reduced funding needs by 40% and by June, 2017, RHA will be phased out. The HomesFund has three-year commitments from other agencies but Ignacio elected to do a one year contract; the Town has committed \$1050 for HomesFund \$500 for RHA, already budgeted in 2017. After 2017, the Town can discuss further commitment to the HomesFund.
- B. Four Corners Motorcycle Rally Report:** Last week, a certified letter was sent to Mr. Valdez; he has not picked it up at the Post Office. (Copy in Board Packet) The MOU references Four Corners Motorcycle Rally, LLC with Johnny Valdez as owner. A discussion regarding forming a Committee to getting vendors for the rally, suggestions on how to reach Mr. Valdez and possible actions to collect the debt owed the Town. The certified letter will be returned in 15 days from day of delivery, if not picked up. Then Mr. Liberman will be directed to submit a letter outlining the agreement, Mr. Valdez's breach of the MOU and possible consequences.
- C. Dark Fiber Memorandum of Understanding between Southwest Colorado Council of Governments (SWCCOG) and the Town of Ignacio:** This item was continued from

previous meetings to discuss issues of concern with Miriam Gillow-Wiles, Executive Director. The agreement allows the COG to lease the Town's Dark Fiber Links to Internet Service Providers. Concerns from the Board included the rate of the service; 75% to the COG with 25% to the Town. Mr. Garcia reported all other communities signed the MOU, some for one year to see what happens. After a discussion to clarify the potential revenue, the ISP's dealing with the COG instead of several entities; the Board agreed to the terms for one year and will revisit the agreement at that time. Trustee Atencio suggested the Town research ISP's that might be able to provide the infrastructure and lease the fiber. **Trustee Melton moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the SWCCOG and the Town of Ignacio regarding leasing for SCAN infrastructure for one year. Trustee Maez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.** It was suggested to remove the automatic renewal phrase out; the agreement has a 90-day termination statement which will suffice and to track all agreements the Town is entered in.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution 01-2017 – Designate Legal Posting Places for 2017: Mayor Protem deKay moved to adopt Resolution 01-2017 designating legal posting places for 2017. Seconded by Trustee Box III. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

VI. STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Police Report: No Report.**
- B. Public Works:** In the annual survey of the water system, they found we have no written backflow cross control connections ordinance for commercial businesses and multifamily homes. The Ordinance will be on the agenda in February; further discussion followed regarding inspections, enforcement and fines.
- C. Treasurer:** DOLA Grants are underway for utility mapping and gas line replacement; county and city sales tax are up for 2016. Audit has been scheduled. Other questions were answered.
- D. Community Development Coordinator:** Three new businesses in Town, tractor and drones sales and counseling.
- E. Town Manager:** Grant work is ongoing; Branding Grant is kicking off next week, closed on slaughter house property, in final clean up phase, staff and departmental, Christmas party and bonuses were well appreciated. Self-evaluation will be discussed in Executive Session. All Departmental heads evaluations have been completed aside from Chief Phillips. Goals have been established. Sales Tax questions will also be discussed in the Executive Session. Manager will be attending the manager's training in Glenwood Springs. Board agreed by consensus. Received a reply from the Tribe (Darryl Owens) regarding the rate analysis. The letter states they are in agreement to mediation; the

manager/Board would like to see rate analysis. Wastewater flow meters and cost of installing the meters at the five locations were discussed at length.

VII. TRUSTEE REPORT: Mayor Cox addressed a letter regarding the appointment of a representative to the SUCAP Board. A letter will be prepared by Mr. Garcia submitting the re-appointment of Edward Box III. Mayor Protem attended a meeting with Communities that Care; they have money to spend on youth drug prevention, Ignacio was well represented.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS:

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) for discussion of a Personnel Matter and Negotiations: Mayor Protem deKay moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter and Negotiations . Trustee Maez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:22. The Executive Session was concluded at 9:44 and was held for the purpose previously stated and the Regular Meeting was open.

The Town Board appointed Mayor Protem deKay and Trustee Melton to work with staff on discussions with Representative Coram regarding the sales tax exemption legislation. The Board approved by consensus with Mayor Stella Cox abstaining.

The Board discussed the Town Manager's report and found the report satisfactory and agreed to work on 2017 objectives.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be February 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Abel F. Atencio Community Center at 540 Goddard Avenue.

Stella Cox, Mayor

Date

Attest: Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk