

**Regular Meeting
Town of Ignacio Board of Trustees
Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

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

Mayor Stella Cox, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Trustees Present:** Thomas Atencio, Lawrence Bartley, Edward Box, Mayor Protem Alison deKay and Sandra Maez. **Staff:** Mark Garcia, Interim Town Manager; Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk; Diana Briar, Town Treasurer; Kirk Phillips, Chief of Police; Dan Naiman, Community Development Administrator. **Audience:** Carol McWilliams, Pine River Times, Kate Jones from San Juan Basin Health, Larry and Cecilia Tucker, Kenneth Bray, Leona Martinez and Gina Schulz.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kate Jones, Coordinator of Communities That Care (San Juan Basin Health), promotes healthy youth development by reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors. Stakeholders from the county decide where to focus efforts; look at strengths, support the organizations and develop curriculum and policy for prevention, intervention and treatment.

Gina Schulz gave an update on Growing Partners of the Southwest. They received Live Well Colorado grant for Farmers' Market, which will be moving to Fridays and will include music, artisans and growers beginning in June. Community Gardens was discussed at length; the 9th Annual Homegrown Food Retreat will be held at the ELHI Community Center April 8, 2017 from 9 am to 3 pm. All are invited and a Board member was asked to give a welcome speech. This will be in the newsletter.

Dan Naiman, Community Development Administrator recognized Larry Tucker for his service on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment, acknowledging his efforts, energies, wisdom with decision making, dispute resolution and was given a Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Tucker thanked the Board for the experience and staff for their support. He also gave a blessing to the Board. The vacancy has been announced in the newsletter.

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2017

B. Financial Records – Check Register for February, 2017

Trustee Atencio addressed the shortfall in the Sewer Fund stating it will be \$20,000 in the red by the end of the year and suggested raising the rates, or look into the Town's own wastewater treatment plan. There has been no response from the Tribe to discuss the issue. **Trustee Atencio moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Box seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Colorado Mosquito Control Contract Discussion:** Mr. Garcia discussed the 2017 CMC contract with Jason Carruth; the same services will be provided for the same amount; \$8000 has been budgeted. The Board discussed last years' service, cost, hours, area of fogging, ramifications if the Town did not provide the service, and following the rains, do they intensify the spraying. Mr. Garcia will have answers for the next meeting.

VI. STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Police Chief:** IPD has been doing joint training with LPFD; several buildings were tagged (graffiti); a meet and greet with police officers was suggested by Mayor Cox. Chief Phillips stated IPD did one in October.
- B. Finance Officer:** Most revenue from La Plata County is being received through direct deposit, reducing the wait time from the past.
- C. Community Development Administrator:** Mr. Naiman spent a week in Denver at a Code Education Conference and discussed the 2015 Building Codes. Mr. Naiman stated it was the best he's ever attended. The Town is operating under the 2003 Building Code; he will present the Board with changes how the new code pertains to the Town and will eventually move to adopt the 2015 Building Code. Questions were answered regarding new businesses in town.
- D. Public Works Director:** Presentation on the GIS mapping next month was delayed until next month as Mr. Jeremy Schulz was home ill. Gas pipe replacement project restarted this week.
- E. Town Manager:** Mr. Garcia reported on the grants: Branding and Marketing - Kristin Cypher, Project Consultant has been in town this week meeting with other stakeholders and will meet with community members next week, gathering valuable information. A survey link will be available on their website soon. Three community meetings have been scheduled beginning April 11. Their project postcard went out in this month's utility bills. The Ignacio Branding Marketing Signage-Plan is to be completed in October. Mayor Cox suggested a Town flag; Trustee Atencio wanted the branding and marketing to be community driven. Capital Improvement Grant is ramping up.

Sam Mamet, CML Executive Director will be at Bayfield Town Hall April 18 to discuss Home Rule for those interested in guidance and questions. Possible election dates, drafting a charter and a charter commission were briefly discussed.

Mr. Garcia spoke with Raymond Baker regarding the utilities rates and the rate analysis; the RHA report showed the Town's plant improvement fees are highest in the area which drives development costs. It was suggested to bring Sam Mamet in on this. Sewer rates, tap fees and reviewing the contracts with the Tribe was discussed.

- VII. TRUSTEE REPORT:** Mayor Protem deKay moved to donate \$100 each to Jim and Lorna Bulwan and to Paul Whetten; seconded by Trustee Atencio. The motion passed by individual voice vote. Board members interested in attending the Annual CML conference must contact the office; deadline for early registration is May 12. Mayor Cox asked if any Trustee would be willing to sit on the podium for the IHS graduation commencement.
- VIII. MISCELLANEOUS:** Changing meeting time to 6:15 was briefly discussed.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m. The next regular meeting will be April 19, 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