

**Regular Meeting
Town of Ignacio Board of Trustees
Monday, May 15, 2017**

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

Mayor Protem Alison deKay, called the regular meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. **Trustees Present:** Thomas Atencio, Lawrence Bartley, Edward Box, Sandra Maez and Dixie Melton. Mayor Stella Cox arrived at 6:35 p.m. **Staff:** Mark Garcia, Interim Town Manager; Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk; Diana Briar, Town Treasurer; Dan Naiman, Community Development Administrator. **Audience:** Pat Senecal, Jason Carruth, Steve McAffrey, Joey Atencio, Peter Tregillus, Ada Wilmer, Chloe Velasquez, Lynn Blakesly and Lillian and Anita Mestas.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. PRESENTATION: Ada Wilmer, Chloe Velasquez and Lynn Blakesly were recognized for their work on Give Support/Get Support project, an awareness campaign on methamphetamine and opioid addiction. The SUIT was the applicant for the grant and SUCAP ran the program; in a 3 month study of Ignacio, the students did interviews of four community members, participated in a State competition, where they took Silver in the advocacy division; raising awareness, start to get better in the communities. Each was given a Sparks of Youth Award. They asked for a small donation to continue with their work; a letter requesting funds will be sent to the Board.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2017

B. Financial Records – Check Register for April, 2017

Trustee Melton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Maez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Colorado Mosquito Control Contract: Jason Carruth, rebranded CMC to Vector Disease Control International. **(6:55 Trustee Edward Box arrived).** Mr. Carruth, in response to the question regarding the service, stated there were only four complaints in 2016. Questions included: fogging, traps, spraying on a schedule vs. the number of mosquitos caught in the trap; locations of traps, mileage covered and number of spraying events, schedule, products used, feedback and calls. With the spraying based on complaints, more education was suggested in the newsletter. New locations for traps were requested. \$8000 is budgeted for 2017. **Trustee Maez moved to continue the CMC Contract for 2017. Trustee Melton seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.** Service will begin this week.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Transit Waste Contract Renewal: Steve McAffrey discussed renewal of Transit Waste Contract which is expiring in June. Last year at time of renewal, the Board had questions

regarding recycling and land fill dumping. Based on the cost, the Board opted not to include this in the service. Trustee Melton is a strong advocate of recycling, which was discussed briefly; Transit Waste is trying a pilot recycling program in Aztec, Mr. McAffrey will return in October to revisit the issue. **Trustee Atencio moved to renew the Transit Waste Contract for 4 years, with a \$.02 increase to \$9.26 per polycart and \$3.92 for the second. Seconded by Trustee Maez. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

- B. TP Lounge Liquor License Renewal: Trustee Atencio moved to approve the TP Lounge Liquor License Renewal. Trustee Box seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

VII. STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Police Chief:** Chief Phillips was not available; questions were answered by Mr. Garcia.
- B. Finance Officer:** Revenue received now is being reported for 2017. Started working on Personnel Policy; a work session will be set with the Board; changes include employee benefits, accrual maximums and evaluations. The policy will be available for the Board's review in June.
- C. Community Development Administrator:** Planning Commission finished their review of the Chapter III, section on parking requirements. Mr. Naiman would like the Boards' review of each section, and when the entire chapter is complete, the municipal code change will be presented for the Board's approval. The Olguns signed utility easements on Rock Creek Complex. Chapter 9, Business Section, requires a business owner to provide proof of insurance; no clarification of this requirement in the Ordinance; proof of insurance is not a statutory requirement and no there is no liability to the Town if the business owner does not have insurance. Following a brief discussion, the Board felt the insurance should only be required of those doing business in the Town's right of way. The change in the municipal code will be presented to the Board for approval.
- D. Public Works Director:** Two sewer lines were hit during the gas line replacement and repaired by the contractor. Mr. Schulz was in water class all week. There were also two gas line hits in the 800 Block of Browning, which were capped, abandoned and/or repaired; an annual leak survey is done. Questions were raised regarding the sewer issue with three users on one connection on Goddard and how the Town has resolved this issue. The property owner is operating under temporary services; the cost to separate the sewer taps will be substantial, as well as connection to the main line will require a cut into the State Highway. After a brief discussion, the Board advised staff to come up with a resolution and not delay in getting the property owner to comply with municipal code and utility requirements; no deadlines were set for the separation to be complete.

- E. **Town Manager:** Raymond Baker meeting canceled; Tribal Chairman agreed to a joint meeting with the Board; Town will host. Dates need to be discussed. Audit report in June, presentation and call-in.

Home Rule: Handouts to the Board included flyers from other entities, memo and potential schedule for an election, formation of committees, and sample charters. It will take a full year to get through this process. Charter commission is elected by the registered electors of the Town; the Board can fill vacancies by appointment. Board members cannot sit on the commission, as it is an elected position. Mayor Cox expressed her concern that it's hard to get people engaged or to apply for the charter commission, which takes nine members; there are not volunteers to serve on current boards and commissions. Trustee Melton stated this same concern at the previous Board meeting. Citizens that did have interest did not reside in the Town. Two citizens sitting in the audience were asked if they understood what Home Rule was, answered no and that it sounds 'Colorado-ish.' Trustee Melton stated that they were learning too. Mayor Protem deKay stated she would do what Mark says we should do, 'cause she really didn't know.

Mr. Garcia stated this was the Board's number one priority in their visioning and strategy session that the Board should look at. He was in Pagosa Springs when they adopted Home Rule, stating it gives the entity more local control, does not create an avenue for increasing taxes on citizens, gives you the opportunity to structure your form of government and gives you more representation. It depends what you want in your charter. He stated the lack of interest by citizens should not deter the Board from moving forward; the costs are minimal, \$1000 per election, (two would be required). The local control could change the dealing with issues with the Tribe as we develop our own charter. We could get help from CIRSA and their counsel in drafting the Charter.

Trustee Atencio, initially an advocate for Home Rule is questioning if the citizens of Ignacio really want it, or is it being driven by the Board. He said we've all expressed our concerns that we may not get the interest from citizens to run for the charter commission, and that he had mixed feelings if the Board should continue with this, Trustee Melton agreed. Mayor Cox stated the first she's heard of Home Rule was when citizens brought it to their attention in discussing other issues, mainly from citizens out of Town. Mayor Protem deKay asked what the motivation is behind those citizens to want Home Rule and Trustee Atencio asked, is there any motivation, and that they wanted to serve on Planning Commission. Trustee Melton would like to send notice out in the newsletter, hold a public meeting on Home Rule, to see if there is interest from the community. She stated this will be a lot of work for an individual serving on the charter commission and personally, she felt it would be a struggle to find people to serve. She thought Home Rule is a good concept but the Board needs to have the citizens and the businesses behind them willing to help with the development of a Home Rule Charter. Mr. Garcia will prepare a neutral flyer for the newsletter, a notice in the newspaper and see what kind of response we get for the June 19 meeting. Mr.

Garcia will pitch the meeting at the June Chamber of Commerce meeting. The Presentation on Home Rule will be done before the June 19 meeting.

- VIII. TRUSTEE REPORT:** Mayor Protem deKay will represent the Board at the IHS Graduation.
- IX. MISCELLANEOUS:** Mayor Protem moved to donate \$100 to the San Ignatius Fiesta. Trustee Maez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m. The next regular meeting will be June 19, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Abel F. Atencio Community Center at 540 Goddard Avenue.

Stella Cox, Mayor

Date

Attest: Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk