

# PITKIN TOWN MEETING

September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7pm

At the Newcomb Community Center

## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Rachel New called the meeting to order at 7:09pm. Trustees Cory Nasso, John Rowan, Brad Wick, Suzy Metzler and Lois Sharpton were present. Attorney Jim McDonald was present. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.
2. **Public comments:** At this agenda time, non-agenda scheduled citizens may present issues of Town concern to the Council on topics that are not to be discussed later in the meeting. No council discussion or action will take place until a later date; unless an emergency situation is deemed to exist by the Town Attorney. Each speaker has a time limit of 3 minutes to facilitate efficiency in the conduct of the meeting and to allow an equal opportunity for everyone wishing to speak.
3. **Town Attorney Report: No Report**
4. **For Council Action\*\*:**
  - 9-1 Approve meeting minutes: August 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, August 22<sup>nd</sup> special meeting

**Motion to approve both sets of minutes per review of Town Clerk on the motion made by Trustee Brad Wick. Seconded by Trustee Cory Nasso. Motion carried 5-0.**

- 9-2 Discuss and vote to fill vacant trustee seat (candidates: Eddy Balch, Rand Makowski)

Rand Makowski and Eddy Balch are both candidates to fill the vacant seat. Mayor New asked if Rand Makowski would like to speak.

Rand Makowski stated that there were some things put on Facebook that were terrible. He states that he went through a nasty divorce and his “ex-wife’s lawyer went after him for almost everything.” He states he does inspections when he is called and he thinks it’s wrong that somebody would post “that kind of stuff” on the internet.

The following votes were cast:

Cory Nasso – Eddy Balch

Rachel New – Eddy Balch

John Rowan – Eddy Balch

Suzy Metzler – Rand Makowski

Brad Wick – Rand Makowski

Lois Sharpton – Rand Makowski

Attorney McDonald stated that due to the tie vote, the Board must order a special election. The Board will meet to schedule an election between November 12 and December 12, 2019.

Public comments: James Sharpton

- 7-5 Discuss and vote on amendments to Attorney contract with executive session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) - personnel matters

Attorney McDonald has agreed to remove the indemnity clause from his proposed contract. Clerk Sara Gibb will discuss information received from CIRSA with Attorney McDonald.

- 9-3 Discuss and vote to accept PHCA winter contract proposal and proceed with developing a rental agreement.

There was discussion about the cost of renting the Newcomb Center for the winter.

Trustee Lois Sharpton would like someone with construction experience to review the bid from Historicorps. She would like numbers for Town Hall before committing to an agreement with PHCA.

Mayor New asked what other options the Town has for a meeting location. It is now September and the Town Hall is not ADA accessible. There is no plan in place to update access to the Town Hall.

Trustee Brad Wick stated that he thinks some are wrestling with the idea of renting vs. making an investment into Town Hall.

**Motion to proceed with PHCA in renting the building for next year [2020] with an equal monetary investment in Town Hall to make it compliant in order to hold meetings there in the following year [2021] made by Trustee Brad Wick. Seconded by Trustee John Rowan. Motion carried 4-1. Trustee Suzy Metzler cast a “nay” vote.**

Trustee Wick clarified that the intent of the motion is to invest in improving the Town’s assets and making the Town Hall a usable asset.

Public comments: Chris Nasso, Marie Rossmiller, Gayla Gibb, Ramon Reed, Cyndi Wick

9-4 Discuss and vote to allow advertising of cemetery plaques on Town website.

Cemetery Board member Jerra Garetson read a notice from the Cemetery Board (attached). The Cemetery Board will be selling plaques for a remembrance wall and would like permission from the Town Board to advertise on the Town website.

**Motion to approve the request from the cemetery Board to allow advertising of Cemetery plaques on the Town website made by Trustee Suzy Metzler. Seconded by Trustee Brad Wick. Motion carried 5-0.**

Public comments: Cyndi Wick, Marc Rossmiller, Rand Makowski

9-5 Discuss and vote on Pitkin Citizen of the Year for 2018

Clerk Sara Gibb stated that she has not had access to email since Friday of last week and does not know if nominations were sent by email. One nomination was received in writing from Trustee Suzy Metzler.

Trustees Cory Nasso, Lois Sharpton, and Suzy Metzler would like to table this item to allow more time for nominations to be submitted.

9-6 Approve September 2019 Disbursements and review Treasurer's Report. Discuss and vote to reallocate funds within the General Fund to pay for election expenses.

Motion to reallocate \$950 from Public Works to Election Expenses and \$450 from Accounting to Election Expenses made by Trustee John Rowan. Seconded Trustee Lois Sharpton. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to approve September 2019 disbursements made by Trustee Cory Nasso. Seconded by Trustee John Rowan. Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Brad Wick abstained.

## 5. Updates/Planning:

- Review and discuss 2020 Budget

Trustee Lois Sharpton named the top three items that the Town should cover: Fire Department/EMS, Plowing, Town Clerk (administration), meeting location

Trustee Cory Nasso's top three: Snow plowing, streets, Fire Department

Trustee Suzy Metzler's top three: Snow plowing/streets, Town Hall

Trustee Lois Sharpton's suggestions were for the Mayor and Trustees to take no pay. This would cover the cost of a meeting place. Trustee Cory Nasso agrees with the Trustees taking no pay. She stated that legal fees are the biggest expense. Trustee Sharpton stated that in order to increase Town's revenue, a business license requirement should be implemented.

Lengthy budget discussion took place.

Mayor New will reach out to the individuals improving the roads in Quartz Creek Properties and ask for an estimate to perform maintenance on Town's roads.

The next opportunity for a mill levy increase is the April 2020 election. There was discussion about a mill levy increase, which included the timeline for developing a proposal to present to constituents. **The Board would like the mill levy increase to be included on the October agenda.**

Public comments: Ramon Reed, Jesse Garetson, Chris Nasso, Gayla Gibb, Mark Hughes, Linda Hughes

- Set work sessions and discuss future agenda items

**Special meeting 9/11/2019 at 7:45 to set an election date**

## 6. Reports:

- Town Mayor – Please remember the election tomorrow
- Town Clerk – Polling place election is tomorrow, 7am-7pm at the Newcomb Community Center. Watcher certification forms will be available after the meeting. Questions may be directed to the Town Clerk.
- Building Inspector/Sanitarian – Rand Makowski – One final completed by Rand and one final completed by Asst. Inspector Tom Gibb.
- Fire Department – Rand Makowski

Please see written report (attached)

- Zoning Board – James Sharpton

- Cemetery – James Sharpton
- Environmental Health – Cyndi Wick stated that she would use her own funds to invoice. Town Clerk Sara Gibb reported that she very recently purchased 3 boxes of envelopes and
- Streets – vacant – No plans to open this section of platted alley. Clerk should respond that the Board has, “Taken this request under advisement. Please await a response” There was discussion about tracked vehicles on State street.
- Ditches – John Rowan
- Town Hall – Juliet Serrato
- Parks and Rec – Sara Lamar

Marie Rossmiller made a public comment.

## 5. **Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:31pm**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held **Monday, October 14th** at 7:00PM at the Newcomb Community Center. Council meetings are scheduled to adjourn at 9:00PM. At the council’s discretion agenda item(s) not addressed by this time will be tabled until the next regular meeting. Approved minutes, ordinances, resolutions, agendas, and other Town of Pitkin public notices can be found at <https://www.colorado.gov/pitkin>.

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