

Town of Stratton Board of Trustees Meeting
918 Colorado Ave.
April 9, 2020

Town of Stratton Board of Trustees meeting was held on April 9, 2020 at the Stratton Activity Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor, Richard Mann. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. In attendance Trustees: Keenan Huppert, Sonia Huppert, and Ben Weber, and Mayor: Richard Mann, Trustees present via Zoom: Matt Brachtenbach, Arlan Tanner, and Dallas Vaughn. No trustees were absent.

Town Employees present were: Town Clerk Melanee Johnson and Asst. Town Clerk Kati Huppert and maintenance staff Wayne Herrick and Lonnie Spurlin.

Guests present: Nicki Lueck and Staci Brachtenbach participated via Zoom

BUILDING PERMITS

N/A

EMPLOYEE REPORTS

Wayne Herrick reported that it has been a pretty uneventful month, but that he has spent a lot of time boating and fixing clogs because people are flushing stuff they are not supposed to.

Lonnie Spurlin reported that he and Wayne Herrick fixed a leak on a water main on 2nd Street and Wyoming Avenue.

Melanee Johnson reported that she had submitted the grant to DOLA and they said it looked good and would be letting her know if the Town was approved or not. Melanee also submitted the request to the library funds and that money had been received by the Town and has to be spent by May 1, 2020. The deadline may be extended due to COVID-19, but at this time is still May 1, 2020. Janice Salmans came in for a few hours to put books away and do some paperwork, she disinfected before she left. There were two people on the water shutoff list, one paid in full and the other one will be making payments.

Pautler's signed the lease and there were no issues with the lease. There have been a few houses in Stratton sell and a couple of them will have the meter moved out of the house. Melanee has one more election training to wrap everything up. Melanee received the paperwork from Stan Kimble for the sale of the Community Building to the Senior Citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA AND BILLS PAYABLE

Keenan Huppert made a motion, seconded by Arlan Tanner, to approve the Consent Agenda containing minutes from the March 12, 2020 meeting and the Emergency Meeting March, 17, 2020, bills payable and financial reports from March 11, 2020 thru April 7, 2020 and the Employee reports. All approved, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Sale of Community Building to the Senior Citizens:

Ordinance 67-B

Arlan Tanner made a motion, seconded by Keenan Huppert, to approve Ordinance 67-B, Approving the Sale of Certain Nongovernmental Real Property for a Certain Consideration in Accordance with an Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Real Property. Matt Brachtenbach-yes, Keenan Huppert-yes, Sonia Huppert-yes, Arlan Tanner-yes, Dallas Vaughn-yes, Ben Weber-yes. All approved, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Swear in New Board Members:

Richard Mann thanked the Town of Stratton for allowing him to serve to all of these years and he looks forward to what the new Board has in store. Melanee Johnson told Richard Mann that the Town will have a reception for him this summer sometime once the COVID-19 pandemic is over. At 7:17pm Melanee Johnson swore Nicki Lueck and Sonia Huppert onto the Town Board each for 4 year terms. Dallas Vaughn then stepped down.

Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem:

Matt Brachtenbach made a motion, seconded by Arlan Tanner, to appoint Sonia Huppert as Mayor Pro-Tem for this meeting only. All approved, motion passed.

Appoint Board Members:

Melanee Johnson reported that she had to go through and confirm everyone who was appointed and elected that they were registered voters in the State of Colorado. There was an issue, Keenan Huppert is not registered voter in the State of Colorado, and so he cannot be reappointed tonight. Arlan asked if Casey Pace were present to be appointed and Casey Pace was not present. Sonia asked Arlan if he was saying that he didn't want to wait for Keenan Huppert to get registered and just wanted to appoint someone else. Arlan replied no that's not what he was saying, we would need to appoint two people and one as Mayor so that would free up the other position. Arlan Tanner made a motion, seconded by Matt Brachtenbach, to appoint Ben Weber to a council position. All approved, motion passed. Melanee Johnson swore Ben Weber onto Town Council for a 2 year term at 7:32pm.

Resolution for Electronic Meeting Participation

Resolution 2020-05

Arlan made a motion, seconded by Ben Weber, to approve Resolution 2020-05. All approved motion passed.

Resolution to Appoint Town Clerk

Resolution 2020-06

Ben Weber made a motion, seconded by Matt Brachtenbach, to approve Resolution 2020-06 and appoint Melanee Johnson as Town Clerk/Treasurer. All approved, motion passed.

Resolution to Appoint Town Attorney

Resolution 2020-07

Arlan Tanner made a motion, seconded by Ben Weber, to approve Resolution 2020-07 and appoint Stan Kimble as Town Attorney. All approved, motion passed.

Resolution to Appoint Municipal Judge

Resolution 2020-08

Melanee Johnson said that the Town has not used municipal court or the judge since we do not have a Town Marshal anymore and asked Stan Kimble if we still need a judge or not. Stan Kimble said yes a judge needs to be appointed the meeting after an election. Arlan Tanner made a motion, seconded by Matt Brachtenbach, to approve Resolution 2020-08. All approved, motion passed.

Schedule Board Retreat:

Topic was tabled until further notice.

Members on signature card to sign checks:

Melanee Johnson expressed that another board member will need to be added to the signature card to sign checks since Richard is no longer on it and there needs to be three. Melanee Johnson and Arlan Tanner are the people on the signature card now. Arlan Tanner asked if Sonia Huppert was still ok with being Mayor, Sonia said yes as long as they help her, Arlan said he thinks Sonia should be one of the signers then. Arlan then asked if Matt Brachtenbach, Ben Weber, or Nicki Lueck wanted to be a signer. Matt Brachtenbach said he can be a signer because he is pretty flexible. Arlan Tanner made a motion, seconded by Ben Weber, to approve Melanee Johnson, Sonia Huppert, and Matt Brachtenbach as authorized signers on all of the Town of Stratton bank accounts. All approved, motion passed.

Cancel April 23rd Meeting:

Ben Weber made a motion, seconded by Arlan Tanner, to cancel the April 23rd meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All approved, motion passed.

Board Briefing and Updating for New Members

COVID-19 Staffing

Closures

Request for Added Agenda Items or Work Session Topics

Work Session Topic

Topic was tabled until further notice.

New Board Retreat w/ Budget & Project Info

Work Session Topic

Topic was tabled until further notice.

Street Mapping & Planning w/ Jim McCormick

Pool Updates

Matt Brachtenbach asked if there was a date the Pool was going to open and that Staci Brachtenbach could take an online class to get her certification for the chemicals. Sonia Huppert said to take it month by month until COVID-19 passes. Staci Brachtenbach came at 8:01pm via Zoom and asked what would be the latest they would open to make it worth being open. Staci said it takes a lot of work to open the pool, but that it would only take two weeks to get ready. Lifeguard certifications would be another issue and the Town could save costs with chemicals if they don't need to be ordered. Staci stated that draining the pool to winterize and draining the pool to use and then winterize is different with different costs. Matt said hopefully by May 1st we would have a better idea on what is going on with COVID-19. Matt also went ahead and told Staci to get her chemical certification done. Staci will be in contact with Melanee Johnson for payment for the classes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Matt Brachtenbach made a motion, seconded by Ben Weber, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. All approved, motion passed.

Sonia Huppert (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Melanee Johnson (Town Clerk)