

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

Town of Stratton Board of Trustees meeting was held on January 9, 2020 at the Stratton Activity Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor, Richard Mann. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. In attendance Trustees: Matt Brachtenbach, Keenan Huppert, Sonia Huppert, Arlan Tanner and Dallas Vaughn, Mayor: Richard Mann. No trustees were absent.

Town Employees present were: Town Clerk Melanee Johnson, Assistant Clerk Kati Huppert, Maintenance staff Lonnie Spurlin, Wayne Herrick, Library staff Sherry Monroe and Margie Borden. Library staff member Janice Salmans and Attorney Stan Kimble were absent.

Guests present: Dawn Drescher, Amber Davis Dempsey, Jeanie Hornung, Russell Corliss, Rhonda Crouse, Terrill Bartels, and Marylin Gray, and Karen Fehrenbach

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permit was brought before the board by Russell Corliss for the Stratton Apartments and it was approved. Russell Corliss then left the meeting.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS

Melanee Johnson reported that the Public Alert System has been set up and that there will be a test message going out early next week and that letters will be sent out letting the residents know to sign up for the program. The family members of Scott Pottorff have expressed many thanks to the Town for letting them use the building for the services. Melanee has another election training next week and the Petitions are due January 27, 2020.

Wayne Herrick reported that there has been no snow removal so far in 2020. The part for the street sweeper came in so it will be fixed. There was a leak on Arkansas on the customer's side. There were no water shut offs in December. The Christmas decorations were taken down and put away. The town is on track for the backflow preventers.

Lonnie Spurlin reported that Wayne talked to Co-Op about their backflow preventer. Lonnie has also had complaints that people need to stop putting things in alleys and parking in the alleys because the trash truck is not able to get through. Melanee Johnson said that she will get a letter sent out about the alleys and parking. Richard Mann stated that citations will be issued if people do not comply.

CONSENT AGENDA AND BILLS PAYABLE

Dallas Vaughn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda containing minutes from the December 12, 2019 meeting as amended, bills payable and financial reports from December 10, 2019 thru January 7, 2020 and the Employee reports and Keenan Huppert seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

GUEST COMMENTS

All guests were listed on the Agenda this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

EPAWA: Terrill Bartels, Dawn Drescher, and Amber Davis Dempsey were present to talk about getting a feral cat clinic started in Stratton. There was a list of supplies handed out that they would need/donated. There were suggestions given to advertise for donations and the Town will have a donation box set up at the Town Hall and Amber Davis Dempsey will have a donation box set up at Noes to Toes. There were also suggestions to hold a house cat clinic first to make money then have a feral cat clinic, look into grants/ non-profits, and asking people to sponsor a cat. The Town will not be donating money at this time, but will provide the Activity Center for the clinic. EPAWA is hoping to get a clinic scheduled this fall. Terrill Bartels invited the Board to attend a planning meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 3:00pm at Mexico #2 in Burlington, CO. Terrill Bartels and Dawn Drescher then left the meeting.

SCB Sale to Senior Citizens:

Marylin Gray was present to tell the Board that the senior citizens were approved for 2 Cooper-Clark grants. Marylin Gray told the board what the grants were to be used for and the Board told her that the building was not going to be given to them and that they would need to go into an Executive Session to discuss a sale price. Topic was then tabled at 8:05pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Stratton after Prom Committee:

Jeanie Hornung, Rhonda Crouse, and Amber Dempsey were present for The Stratton after Prom Committee and asked if the Town would let them use the whole Activity Center (north and south rooms and kitchen) for the after prom party. A motion was made by Dallas Vaughn and seconded by Arlan Tanner to donate the whole Activity Center to the after prom committee on May 8th and 9th 2020. They must pay the damage deposit. All approved, motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Keenan Huppert and seconded by Dallas Vaughn to go into Executive Session at 8:10pm for Property Matters Allowed under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4) (a). Trustees only present in session. Brachtenbach-yes, K. Huppert-yes, S. Huppert-yes, Tanner-yes, Vaughn-yes, motion passed. The Town staff was invited into Executive session at 8:29pm to discuss the Stratton Community Building inventory. Executive Session ended at 8:35pm with no action or motions made during session.

SCB Sale to Senior Citizens:

A motion was made by Dallas Vaughn and seconded by Sonia Huppert that the Stratton Community Building will be offered only to the Stratton Senior Citizens one-time only for \$15,000. The building will be sold as is, prior to the seniors taking possession of the building, the Town will make repairs allowed by our insurance from the July 2019 hail storm and we will remove the antique projector from the building. The senior citizens have 35 days to accept or decline. All approved, motion passed.

A motion was made by Dallas Vaughn and seconded by Arlan Tanner that the Senior Citizens will continue on a month to month rental at the end of current contract. All approved, motion passed.

Town of Vona:

No one from the Town of Vona was present.

Pautler Well Lease:

After reviewing the proposed lease, a lengthy discussion was held by the board. A request for numerous changes were made by multiple members including a shortened lease to less than five years, an increase in the dollar amount, to strike section B line (iii) and to add a termination clause. Trustee Dallas Vaughn will contact our Attorney Stan Kimble with proposed changes. This was tabled until next meeting.

Mandated Posting:

RESOLUTION 2020-01

A motion was made by Arlan Tanner and seconded by Sonia Huppert that the official posting location will be the Town Hall. All approved, motion passed.

Appoint Town Clerk as Designated Election Official:

RESOLUTION 2020-02

A motion was made by Arlan Tanner and seconded by Dallas Vaughn to appoint Melanee Johnson as the designated 2020 election official. All approved, motion passed.

Personal Policy & Handbook:

Melanee Johnson presented to the board that the Insurance Policy in the Personnel Policy & Handbook was different than what they had passed the previous meeting. A motion was made by Arlan Tanner and seconded by Keenan Huppert to update the Personnel Policy & Handbook to reflect the motion passed in the December 12, 2019 meeting that insurance will be for full time employees only with a tier program, payment to be determined by the board upon review of yearly premiums. The Town will no longer pay 100% for employees. Brachtenbach- yes, K. Huppert- yes, S. Huppert- yes, Tanner- yes, Vaughn- yes, motion passed.

Added Agenda Items:

Melanee Johnson presented to the board that she was instructed to increase the maintenance salary. This was not presented at the previous meeting and it needs to be board action. A motion was made by Dallas Vaughn and seconded by Keenan Huppert to ratify employee payment increase that was discussed at the December 12, 2019 meeting in executive session. All approved, motion passed.

Melanee Johnson presented to the board that account #2780 had requested an adjustment to their December 2019 bill because they had leaks and could not afford it and they are still trying to find the leak. Melanee Johnson said they did already make a payment on the balance. A motion was made by Keenan Huppert and seconded by Sonia Huppert to make a one-time adjustment of \$250.00 to the account balance. The maintenance crew was instructed to check the meter more often. All approved, motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Sonia Huppert made a motion and Dallas Vaughn seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 pm. All approved, motion passed.

Richard Mann (Mayor)

Melanee Johnson (Town Clerk)