

MINUTES

Silverton Board of Trustees, Silverton Town Hall – April 25, 2011

Call to Order and Roll Call – 7:30 PM

Call to Order – 7:30 PM:

Mayor: Terrence Kerwin
 Trustees present: Pat Swonger, Jim Lindaman, David Zanoni, Karla Safranski, John Schertz, Chris Tookey
 Staff: Jason Wells, Dave Michaelson, Brian Carlson
 Others: see “sign-in sheet”; ten in attendance

- I. Public Comment Regarding Consent Agenda or non-Agenda items
We ask that attendees kindly limit their comments to two minutes duration.
Please turn off cell phones during the meeting.

Rose Raab requested time to speak under New Business as item IVE.

Mr. Wells requested that consideration of Blair Street signs be added under Unfinished Business as item V.C.

Mr. Wells requested that consideration of a refuse fee waiver be added to the Administrator Report.

- II. Trustee Reports **
 - (1:52) Trustee Lindaman reviewed Finance Committee proceedings, noting approval of accounts payable and payroll.
 - (2:15) Trustee Tookey reviewed EMS Group meeting proceedings, noting that two EMS members have passed their EMT class. She added that “EMT Week” will occur during May.
 - (2:53) Trustee Swonger reviewed the Governor’s Economic Development meeting, held in Durango
 - (3:33) Trustee Safranski provided an update re MSI’s search for a field station, and stated that the group will likely rent Ms. Fjerstadt’s house in Silverton during the interim.
 - (4:21) Mr. Wells asked when the discussion of expenditures pertaining to the Iron Horse Bicycle Classic will take place on this agenda. It was decided to hold this discussion as part of item IV.B, Banner Placement.
- III. Consent Agenda* (5:01)
 - a. Approval of March 28 and April 11, 2011 Minutes
 - b. Approval of Accounts Payable
 - c. Approval of Payroll

Trustee Swonger motioned to approve the consent agenda; Trustee Tookey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

- IV. New Business
 - a. (5:36) Blair Street Closure for June 19th “Taste of Silverton”

Ms. Raab requested a street closure on June 19th from 3pm to 9pm on Blair Street, between 12th and 13th Streets to accommodate the Taste of Silverton event. Mr. Wells noted that this event is held during the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, and suggested that advertising to that audience might help to attract more attendees.

Trustee Schertz motioned to approve the street closure; Trustee Swonger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via show-of-hands vote.

b. (8:04) Banner Placement for Iron Horse Bicycle Classic**

Trustee Safranski reviewed the recent Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, which was convened to discuss this year's Iron Horse Bicycle Classic. She requested a budget to assist the event with extra preparations, as this is their 40th anniversary event.

Trustee Safranski motioned to authorize expenditures not-to-exceed \$1,000 from the General Fund/Recreation Programs line item for a banner and other supplies, plus \$600 from the un-spent 2011 Snowscape budget for Ms. Srebacic's assistance in event-organization, plus \$300 from the Refuse Fund for refuse containers and transport. Trustee Swonger seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Safranski provided additional details about plans for the event, to be held in Memorial Park. She noted that the IHBC donates to the Town each year. She suggested that this year's donation be used to offset the expenditures listed above, and that any surplus go towards other priorities such as fireworks or the School lift tickets.

Trustee Lindaman asked why Ms. Srebacic's assistance is needed. Trustee Safranski replied that food vendors are needed in Memorial Park, and that Ms. Srebacic will assist in organizing local food service providers, as well as needed licensing.

Mr. Wells observed that the previous Events Coordinator had a discretionary budget, and that the current "Recreation Programs" line item was approved without consideration of who is to determine when and how these funds are approved for expenditure. He stated that this should be clarified for the 2012 budget. Trustee Lindaman stated that his preference is for the Board to have this spending discretion.

The motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

(34:00) Trustee Safranski stated that she is working to secure approval from San Miguel Power Association for use of one of their poles for banner placement, and that the owner of the The Grand Imperial Hotel has authorized the use of his building to affix a banner. Trustee Swonger offered the use of his bucket-truck.

Trustee Tookey motioned to conditionally approve a banner across Greene Street for the Iron Horse Bicycle Classic, with the exact placement to be determined; Trustee Schertz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via show-of-hands vote.

c. (28:48) Weathertop Wovens Sign Request **28:44

Gary Davis of Weathertop Wovens requested approval to place a sign or banner on the fenced area in front of the POW building notifying pedestrians that businesses north of the fire-site are open for business. He further suggested an informational sign regarding stabilization and restoration efforts and funding.

Mayor Kerwin observed that a pedestrian walkway is needed at the fire site. Trustee Zanoni asked whether this is the responsibility of the business owners.

Kate Harvey of Silverton Brewing stated that her insurance underwriter has inquired about a pedestrian walkway and coordinated signage, and suggested that related expenses can be added to the insurance claim.

d. (33:15) Volunteer/Work-Group re Dog Waste Clean-up**

Mr. Michaelson provided an overview of the "First Annual Poop Fest", which is a volunteer clean-up effort targeting dog waste. This will take place on Friday, May 13th. Mr. Esper will run a free display ad in the Standard. ZE Supply will donate gloves and bags. Mr. Maisel will donate use of his front loader. Ms. Eggett suggested an earlier start-time for business owners who will be unable to volunteer their time during store hours.

(39:40) **Extra Item** Ms. Raab brought up the problem of loose dogs in town, and stated that her family and their dogs were recently attacked by off-leash dogs. She observed that the Town currently shows licenses for 45 dogs in 33 households, whereas last year at this time there were 65 licenses in 50 households. She stated that the dog involved in the recent attack is not licensed. She observed that enforcement is selective, and that Mr. Raab was recently cited while two other dogs not belonging to the Raabs were off-leash in the immediate vicinity during the citation. She further stated that she has not approached the Sheriff's Department for fear of retribution.

Trustee Zaroni observed that a Sheriff's Deputy has a dog that is constantly off-leash, and that the Deputy refuses to comply with the Town Code. He reminded the Board that the Town pays for 50% of the Sheriff's budget, and suggested drafting a letter to the Sheriff's Department regarding lack of enforcement and selective enforcement.

Trustee Schertz stated that despite having dog licenses for his animals and a six-foot fence, an off-leash dog has impregnated his dog, resulting in a litter of puppies.

Mr. Wells will draft a letter to the Sheriff's Department.

v. Unfinished Business

a. (45:26) Silverton Vistas Re-plat

Mr. Michaleson provided background on the re-plat. He stated that the re-plat was approved by the Planning Commission last week, but that it is yet unsigned pending the correction of non-substantive errors. He stated that the errors have been corrected, and that the Planning Commission representatives will sign the re-plat tomorrow.

Trustee Tookey motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the re-plat once it has been signed by the Planning Commission representatives; Trustee Safranski seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Swonger stated that the detailed map was provided tonight, and that he feels he has not had sufficient time to review the information in order to make an informed vote.

The motion passed 6-0 via roll-call vote, with Trustee Zaroni abstaining.

b. (53:10) Consideration of School Lift-Ticket Pricing and Cost-Sharing

Mr. Wells stated that there is no agreement, by legal definition, and that the proposal under consideration is simply to accept the underwriting of the School lift-ticket program by Mr. Wrublik and Mr. Alsup. He favors an "expression of understanding".

Mayor Kerwin stated that there must be an accounting of donations received in order to enable funds to roll-over to subsequent years if donations exceed actual costs.

Trustee Zaroni inquired about advertising on ski-lift poles. He suggested re-starting this program.

Mr. Wells suggested occasional advertising to solicit donations and advertising opportunities on the ski poles.

Trustee Safranski asked whether a report on the ski operations can be produced. This will be prepared for the next Board meeting.

(59:08) **EXTRA ITEM** Ms. Bryant presented Blais Street sign and banner designs for approval, as well as hitching posts to be placed on Blair Street.

After much discussion, this item will be re-visited during the next Board meeting. Ms. Bryant and Mr. Michaelson will plot all proposed sign and banner locations on a map for Board consideration.

Trustee Swonger motioned to approve the hitching post placement, conditional upon approval of specifications by Mr. Archuleta; Trustee Safranski seconded. The motion passed unanimously via show-of-hands vote.

vi. Administrator Report** (1:21:28)

a. Meetings

Mr. Wells introduced Anne Morgenthaler, who will work as an intern for the Town of Silverton.

Mr. Wells discussed a joint meeting regarding Molas Lake water rights and needed work prior to final approval of the dam.

He further stated that Silverton will host the next quarterly Region 9 meeting, at the suggestion of Anthony Edwards.

He stated that the CIRSA audit will take place on Wednesday, April 27.

b. Grants 01:27:52

Mr. Michaelson stated that the State will award \$10,000 per building for emergency stabilization, and noted that the grant does not allow for payment for damages covered by private insurance. Mr. Wells suggested asking the State Historic Fund if they have a pre-fabricated informational sign regarding emergency stabilization funds.

c. Websites

- i. Molas Campground
- ii. Municipal Site

Both websites are scheduled for a “soft launch” prior to the next Board meeting.

d. Other

- i. Town Hall Boiler Claim

Ray’s Cooling and Heating is researching a quote for a new boiler from Burns Supply.

- ii. Refuse Services 1:32:08

Mr. Wells provided an update, stating that Bruin and Silverton Trash are near to an agreement for purchase of equipment, and that the Town Attorney is drafting a contract and awaiting final numbers from Bruin. He suggested scheduling a special meeting to approve the Refuse contract, as it will likely be prepared prior to the next Board meeting.

EXTRA ITEM: Mr. Wells stated that Mark Garvin is organizing a volunteer clean-up effort this coming weekend, and is requesting a waiver of any transfer-station fees. Mr. Michaelson will contact Mr. Garvin to possibly coordinate these efforts with the dog-waste clean-up efforts.

EXTRA ITEM: Trustee Zaroni requested a more pro-active, rather than a; complaint-based approach to Code Enforcement.

VII. Department Reports

- a. Public Works
- b. San Juan County Sheriff

VIII. Adjourn 9:16

*The following items on the Board of Trustees Agenda are considered routine by the Town Administrator and shall be approved or adopted by motion and majority vote of the Board of Trustees unless the Mayor or a Trustee specifically requests during “Approval of Agenda” that such item be considered under the regular business of the Board. In such event, the item shall be removed from the “Consent Agenda” and Board action taken separately on said item in the order appearing on the Agenda. Those items so approved under the heading “Consent Agenda” will appear in the Board minutes in their proper order.

**There are no written materials to accompany this agenda item

Brian Carlson, Clerk/Treasurer

Terrence M. Kerwin, Mayor