

MINUTES

Silverton Board of Trustees, Silverton Town Hall – July 11, 2011

Call to Order and Roll Call – 7:30pm

Call to Order – 7:30 PM:

Mayor: Terrence Kerwin
Trustees present: Jim Lindaman, David Zaroni, John Schertz, Chris Tookey, Pat Swonger, Karla Safranski
Staff: Jason Wells, Dave Michaelson, Brian Carlson, Keith Thompson, Gilbert Archuleta
Others: Approximately twenty in attendance; please see sign-in sheet

I. Public Comment Regarding Agenda and non-Agenda Items

Mr. Carlson requested the addition of agenda items (executive session, liquor license public hearing), and noted that July 4th campsite figures have been revised.

Ms. Raab requested an opportunity to discuss ATVs during “new business”.

II. Appointments

- a. (2:25) Marcie Bidwell, Mountain Studies Institute – Presentation on Latest Efforts Toward Completion of Town Trail System

Ms. Bidwell provided an update regarding the trails project, and introduced members of the Southwest Conservation Corps, who are in town for two weeks to work on the project. She stated that volunteers are still needed, and that the first public meeting of the summer will be held tomorrow at 5pm.

- b. (9:59) David Singer, Silverton Restoration Consulting – Status of State Historical Fund Grant to Complete Historic Property Surveys (materials distributed separately)

David Singer, Julie Singer, and Beverly Rich provided a background to the survey project. Mr. Singer offered to travel to Denver to meet with State Historic Fund representatives on behalf of the Town, and requested Board permission to do so. He explained that survey forms have been started for every property, though they are in different stages of completion. He further explained that he was expecting an extension for this project, which was denied owing to Town Staff’s failure to execute and return the extension request. He emphasized that completion of this project will aid in the Town’s obtaining of the Certified Local Government status.

Mr. Wells described how the Federal and State grants for this project act as reciprocal match for one-another, and that, assuming Federal approval of the most recently submitted reimbursement request, the Town’s exposure is approximately \$9,000.

Trustee Lindaman emphasized that no taxpayer funding should be used for this exposure/shortfall.

Trustee Schertz motioned to allow Mr. Singer to meet with State Historic Fund representatives in Denver on the Town’s behalf; Trustee Tookey seconded. DISCUSSION: Mr. Wells stated his preference to attend this meeting. Trustee Safranski asked whether Mr. Singer has anything new to present to the State in light of their repeated assertions as to the finality of their calculations. Mr. Singer replied that he did have new information for them to consider. **Trustee Schertz amended his motion to include Mr. Wells in the scheduled meeting on August 2nd, and further moved that Mr. Singer provide written materials in advance, as requested by State Historic Fund representatives. Trustee Tookey seconded. The motion passed unanimously via show-of-hands vote.**

III. (33:54) Trustee Reports**

Trustee Lindaman reviewed Finance Committee proceedings, noting approval of payroll and accounts payable. He also reviewed preliminary discussions regarding the 2012 budget, noting that initial Committee recommendation is

to freeze salaries and to enact a 10% across-the-board cuts elsewhere, in anticipation of reduced property tax revenues. Mr. Wells stated that the first full-Board budget workshop will take place in August.

Trustee Safranski noted that the permanent banner location on Greene Street is now in place, and thanked everyone involved in this effort, including Trustee Swonger, who donated use of his bucket-truck.

Trustee Swonger noted that the PUC review will be broadcast via internet at 11am this Wednesday.

- IV. (40:37) Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of June 27, 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.

- V. (41:20) Public Hearing
 - a. Liquor License: Silverton Inn of the Rockies / Alma House

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

- VI. New Business
 - a. (43:38) 4th of July Camping – Recap

Mr. Thompson summarized the campground operations. Mr. Wells detailed Mr. Thompson's pay structure. Mr. Carlson noted that net profit to the Town is approximately \$1,550. Mayor Kerwin observed that the campground efforts have resulted in a safer and more orderly holiday than in previous years, and commended Mr. Thompson for his efforts.

- b. Ratification of Mayor's Signature on BLM Land Lease Extension

Mr. Wells noted that final transfer of this land to the Town is expected by the end of 2011.

Trustee Swonger motioned to allow the Mayor to sign the lease-extension; Trustee Safranski seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

- c. (51:04) ATVs

Ms. Raab reviewed a meeting that she and others in Silverton attended in Lake City, hosted by the Gunnison BLM office. Ms. Renowden noted that there are no signs at the South end of Town notifying visitors of prohibitions on ATV operation in Town. Trustee Safranski asked about the status of the ATV working group / committee. Mr. Wells stated that this committee has not yet been established. Mayor Kerwin suggested himself, the Silverton Lakes Campground owners, a Sheriff's representative, and a Chamber representative. This committee membership will be discussed at the July 25, 2011 Board meeting.

- VII. Unfinished Business**
 - a. (59:35) Discussion on Fire Department Reorganization Effort (Archuleta, Wells)

Mr. Wells reviewed a recent meeting with the Fire Department and DoLA representative Ken Charles. He stated that an independent, non-government entity is the shared objective. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for this Thursday, but the Fire Department requested more time to research this model. Mr. Archuleta noted that there are fifty such departments in Colorado, and that they will try to have their proposal in place during the budget season. Mr. Wells emphasized the need to ensure adequate liability coverage, as an independent Fire Department will not be protected by government immunity statutes.

VIII. (1:02:40) Administrator's Report**

a. Code Revision Status

The next code book revision meeting will be held on Thursday at 5:30pm, at Town Hall.

b. Grease Collection Options

Mr. Carlson provided an update of discussions with Titan Grease Services. Trustee Safranski commended Bruin Waste Management on their operation of the transfer station.

c. Anvil Mountain Engineering

Mr. Wells stated that he has met with Joanne Fagin and Engineer Mountain, and that Ms. Fagin is close to signing-off on the infrastructure plans. Trustee Safranski asked whether infrastructure would be in place this year. Mr. Wells stated that this is still the intent, though the timing will be close.

d. Town Hall Furnace Replacement

e. Meetings

- i. Past – J. Fagan, EPA (Lackawanna Mill grant), D. Singer (Silverton Restoration Consulting), Jeff Emmons (CDPHE), Colorado Interactive (Website), MSI (trails), COG
- ii. Upcoming – SW Basin Roundtable, Mid-State Consultants (fiber loop status), Fire Department, COG (Special Telecom meeting), Larry Cardamone (CIRSA), SJDA, Region 9 EDD

f. Other

Mr. Wells reviewed a meeting with a State inspector regarding the transfer station. An operational plan is needed for the transfer station, and this inspector is working on an exemption for disposal for the existing tire stock-pile.

Trustee Safranski asked about the status of the sign code. Trustee Tookey noted that it was on the most recent Planning Commission agenda, and will be before the Town Board in August.

Mr. Wells reviewed the status of the Town's municipal website, noting that Keith Thompson will assume more responsibility for this project during Mr. Michaelson's absence.

EMS Director Kyle Messich provided a recap of the July 4th weekend, noting one fatality, but an otherwise quite event.

IX. Executive Session - To Discuss Personnel Matters

Trustee Tookey motioned to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters; Trustee Zanoni seconded, and the motion passed 6-1, with Trustee Lindaman opposed.

The Board re-entered regular session at 9:16pm.

X. Adjourn – 9:17pm

*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