

MINUTES

Silverton Board of Trustees, Silverton Town Hall – September 26, 2011

Call to Order and Roll Call – 7:30pm

Call to Order – 7:33 PM:

Mayor Pro-Tem: Terry Kerwin
Trustees present: Jim Lindaman, David Zaroni, John Schertz, Pat Swonger, Karla Safranski, Chris Tookey
Staff: Jason Wells, Brian Carlson, Gilbert Archuleta
Others: Gary Davis, John Poole, Eric Haskell, Whitney Gaskill

I. (0:25) Public Comment Regarding Agenda and non-Agenda Items
none

II. (0:28) Appointments
a. Eric Haskell – MSI Trails Update

Mr. Haskell provided an update to the Trails Project, noting that one hundred feet of retaining wall was completed this past Sunday by thirteen volunteers. Ms. Gaskill provided details of work done with Silverton School students, including restoration work at the Lackawana wetlands, as well as completion of a trail segment begun last year by the Southwest Conservation Corps. She further noted that Mr. Wells and Marcie Bidwell will meet with GOCO representatives next week to put another volunteer group in place for Summer 2012.

Trustee Safranski commended MSI on their collaboration with the Silverton School.

Mr. Wells noted that Senator Ellen Roberts is actively addressing the PUC regulation regarding railroad pedestrian crossings, noting that a seasonal, narrow-gauge railway should have less stringent requirements than that of a commuter train.

III. (4:30) Trustee Reports**

Trustee Lindaman reviewed Finance Committee proceedings, noting approval of accounts payable and payroll. He noted that the General Fund preliminary 2012 budget is nearly \$25,000 in deficit.

Trustee Swonger reviewed a meeting with CML Director Sam Mamet on Friday, as well as a regional Operation Link-up meeting held earlier this afternoon at Town Hall. This meeting was attended by numerous regional and national government representatives, as well as telecommunications industry representatives.

Trustee Safranski reviewed a “main street” meeting held in Durango, and noted that Silverton compares favorably with other Towns in the region in terms of economic development, historic preservation, planning, and community events. She further suggested that the Town Board join with the San Juan County Commissioners in protesting the increasing conflict between Shepherders and recreational users of the San Juan County backcountry. She also discussed the EPA field-trip pertaining to Superfund designation, and asked that the Board maintain an open-mind, further noting that zinc levels have increased since the discontinuation of water treatment efforts.

Trustee Tookey reviewed the CML Region 9 meeting held in Pagosa Springs, noting that sales tax revenues in the area are largely flat. She further noted that new OHV legislation is proceeding at the state level, and that individual towns seem opposed to legislation that fails to consider each town’s peculiar circumstances regarding OHV use. She further noted that CML will expand its webinar offerings, and that CML wishes to

receive written updates from Silverton regarding any special initiatives, such as the OHV staging area and the regional Link-up/telecommunications conference.

IV. (16:00) Consent Agenda*

- a. Approval of September 12, 2011 Minutes
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable
- c. Approval of Payroll
- d. Liquor License Renewal – Wyman Hotel
- e. Liquor License Renewal – American Legion / Miners Tavern

Trustee Tookey motioned to approve the consent agenda; Trustee Swonger seconded. DISCUSSION: Trustee Tookey commended Miner’s Tavern for their efforts in reducing altercations and in training their staff. Trustee Zanoni asked whether all establishments are required to ensure TIPS training for their staff. Trustee Tookey replied that they are not required. **The motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.**

V. New Business

- a. (17:45) Contract Renewal – Silverton Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Center Lease and Operation

Trustee Swonger motioned to approve the contract, noting revisions to the signatory line and the discrepancy between numeric and parenthetically worded contract amounts; Trustee Tookey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

- b. (21:10) Discussion on San Miguel Power’s Planned Installation of “Smart Meters” on Silverton Homes
Mr. Wells provided background information, stating that his primary intent was to ensure Board awareness of the issue prior to installation of the meters in question. Trustee Swonger stated that he had done independent research on the matter, and sees no cause for concern.

- c. (24:38) Resolution 2011-05 – Adopting Standards for the Placement of Town-Sponsored or Approved Banners over Greene Street

Mayer Kerwin noted that the group will continue to meet and to refine the Resolution, and that such revisions are easily made as this is in resolution rather than ordinance format.

Trustee Swonger motioned to approve Resolution 2011-05; Trustee Safranski seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via show-of-hands vote.

- d. (28:00) Consideration of RFP to Manage/Upload Content to New Municipal Website

Trustee Tookey noted that she has viewed the Ignacio website, and finds it to be informative and easy to use.

Trustee Tookey motioned to approve the RFP regarding the Silverton Municipal Website; Trustee Zanoni seconded, and the motion passed 6-1 via roll-call vote, with Trustee Swonger opposed.

VI. Administrator’s Report

- a. (34:00) Budget Progress**

Mr. Wells and Mr. Carlson discussed the agenda for the Budget Workshop, to be held on Wednesday, September 28th.

- b. (37:37) Town Hall Boiler Replacement Status**

Mr. Carlson informed the Board that the insurance settlement payment of \$43,680 was received today, and that additional payment is forthcoming for the in-kind excavation work to be performed by Public Works staff.

c. (39:10) Meetings**

Mr. Wells stated that he will provide meeting summaries upon request by the Board, so as to limit discussion of otherwise routine meetings he attends.

- i. Past: ICMA Conference; Region 9 Economic Development District; Silverton Telecommunications Summit
 - ii. Upcoming: Fire Department; Code Revision; Lynn Padgett (Molas website); Blair Street Merchants; West Slope Town & City Managers
- d. (46:24) Executive Session
- i. Update on History Colorado Survey Grant/Negotiations with Silverton Restoration Consulting
 - ii. Discussion on Expiring Town Administrator Employment Contract

Trustee Tookey motioned to enter executive session to discuss matters subject to negotiation; Trustee Swonger seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via show-of-hands vote.

Trustee Tookey motioned to enter executive session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel; Trustee Schertz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via show-of-hands vote.

The Board entered executive session at 8:21pm.

The Board re-entered regular session at 9:11pm.

Trustee Schertz motioned to deny Mr. Singer's settlement offer regarding the State Historic Fund grant; Trustee Tookey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously via show-of-hands vote.

VII. Adjourn – 9:13pm.

*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