

**TOWN OF SILVERTON  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 11, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, which was properly posted, was called to order by Mayor Chris Tookey @ 7:36 PM at the Silverton Town Hall.

Mayor	Christine M. Tookey
Trustees:	Malcolm MacDougall, Tiffany deKay, Karla Safranski, Peter Maisel, David Zanoni. Larry Gallegos
Staff	Michelle Hamilton, Sara Mordecai
Administrator	Bill Gardner
Others:	Please see sign-in sheet

- I. **Staff and/or Board Revisions to Agenda:** Town Clerk, Michelle Hamilton removed the Middleton Motorsports Contract and the minutes from 12/14 from the Consent Agenda and moved the Axis Healthcare Request from appointments to the Consent Agenda.
- II. **Public comment regarding agenda items:** Wes Berg, Silverton resident, stated that he telecommutes and is frustrated when doing work because of the internet connection. He said he is hoping for decent internet access in the near future. He requested that the Town provide updates regarding fiber to the community. Mayor Pro Tem Maisel responded that he has been working with fiber but the situation is fluid. Administrator Gardner commented that it is a working situation. Anthony Edwards announced that the town has been working on receiving quotes from IP providers. He said that there is a technical slice that needs to be provided. He also referred any fiber questions or bids to the Town Clerk. Mayor Tookey introduced the new Deputy Clerk to the Board of Trustees and citizens in the audience. Deputy Clerk, Sara Mordecai gave a brief synopsis of her background.
- III **Appointments:** Mel Russek- Iron Horse Bicycle Race. Ms. Russek, along with Iron Horse President, Gage Sippy, gave the Board of Trustees a brief of the 2015 event. Mr. Sippy said that the entire event turned out well, and it was an epic ride largely due to social media. He complimented the great traffic control and acknowledged the first successful Wounded Warrior train. He also said that they made a small donation to the Town. There were four thousand riders total and all fifty states were represented. All fifty states will be represented in 2016 also. He mentioned that they are looking for additional outside funding to help the event.

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Administrator Gardner thanked Ms. Russek and Mr. Sippy and stated for the record that they have his full support for future Iron Horse events. He mentioned that former Senator and Representative, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, made a large donation to the San Juan Historical Society based on his experience at the 2015 Iron Horse/Memorial Day event.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

**Trustee MacDougall motioned and Trustee Zanoni seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with the changes made at the start of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.**

**V. Administrator's Report:** Administrator Gardner began by recognizing the exemplary work of Bob Nevins, City/County Planning Director, who recently resigned. Mr. Gardner then said that they are advertising for a new Planning Director with several agencies including: APA, CML, and CCCI. The closing date for applications is February 1<sup>st</sup>. He said that a committee is being formed to keep abreast of planning goals. Next he acknowledged that December was hectic, busy, and work intensive for staff. He said that the new staff barely started on Jan 4th. He expects that Darlene will continue to work with Blair, to train in her in the Events Coordinator position. He then mentioned that Neptune associates, from the Town's meter reading software, came to evaluate the Town's billing structure. He reported the need to have a utility rate study to evaluate the enterprise funds and look forward into the future. Next he briefed the Board on the work being done to find a housing solution. He talked about the Anvil Mountain study and the future potential that the area holds. He mentioned the interest from private developers, particularly at Anvil Mountain, although they would not be interested in developing an apartment building, which the Town and County are willing to accept the burden of. Trustee Gallegos asked when an annexation would be appropriate. Anthony Edwards replied that once the land has been platted and the Town and County are in agreeance. Mr. Gardner then announced that they are negotiating with Region 9, to evolve and move forward with a new economic development group. He also spoke about the marathon meeting that he and staff had with Silverton's Regional DOLA Representative, Ken Charles, to create an overall six month comprehensive plan. He talked about the plan to reach out to La Plata's Regional Housing Authority for assistance on a housing plan. He also confirmed that they have developed a list of priorities over the next six months to repair and reinforce the water and sewer infrastructure. He explained that staff will be seeking an administrative planning grant for the engineering portion, and then competing for two tier one grants in the April cycle for construction dollars. He also acknowledged the roughly six thousand dollars in IT grant money that the Town currently has for upgrading technology.

**VI. Trustee Reports:** Trustee Safranski requested that staff follow up with County officials and plan on having more joint meetings, possibly quarterly. She requested January 28<sup>th</sup>. Town Clerk Hamilton responded that she would collaborate with the County Administrator.

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Mayor Tookey gave a recap of the most recent SWCCOG meeting which she attended by telephone. She also announced that EMS is now fully staffed with paramedics, and Jim Donovan, San Juan County Emergency Manager, has joined the ambulance board. She said they are trying to encourage EMS and Search and Rescue to work in conjunction.

**VII. EPA Update:** Mayor Pro Tem Maisel stated that he is hoping that the appointed officials for the EPA cooperative agreement can get together soon for discussion and updates. Anthony Edwards mentioned the upcoming Wednesday meeting at 2:00p.m. that the county Commissioners have planned. Mayor Pro Tem Maisel said that he has been working with commissioners, looking at boundaries and scrutinizing what the EPA has proposed as a designated area. Administrator Gardner announced that he would like to offer praise to Anthony Edwards for his generous dedication and contribution to the community. He said that Mr. Edwards has been an asset for both advice and communication for the entire community. Mr. Gardner then discussed what details have been broached during the EPA cooperative agreement discussions, such as naming the site and site boundaries. He then gave praise to Mayor Pro tem Maisel and Commissioner Fetchenhier. He gave an outline of the cycles and timelines associated with legislation and finance. He stressed the importance of the March deadline for a letter to the Governor requesting Superfund status. He explained what impacts they anticipate the future will have on the overall community.

**X. New Business**

**1. Appoint a Town Representative to the Chamber of Commerce Board.**

Administrator Gardner explained that the former Town Representative, Darlene Watson, resigned, so a new representative must be appointed to the Chamber Board. He said that from a policy perspective, he feels that the person should either be the Events Coordinator or a Trustee. Trustee MacDougall pointed out that the current Events Coordinator, Blair Runion, has already been serving on the Chamber Board. He felt that she would be the best fit for continuity, marketing and events.

**Trustee MacDougall motioned and Trustee deKay seconded to appoint Blair Runion to the Chamber of Commerce Board on behalf of the Town. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote**

**2. Appoint John Sites to be the Town seat on the Southwest Basin Roundtable.**

**Trustee MacDougall motioned and Trustee Gallegos seconded to appoint John Sites as the Town seat on the Southwest Basin Roundtable. The motion passed unanimously with roll call vote.**

**3. Remove Darlene Watson from Citizen State Bank accounts and add Sara Mordecai as info only to Citizen State Bank accounts.**

**Trustee MacDougall motioned and Trustee Gallegos seconded to remove Darlene Watson and add Sara Mordecai as info only to the Citizen State Bank accounts. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.**


- 4. Authorize Treasurer to pay credit card bill online.** Clerk/Treasurer, Michelle Hamilton, explained the difficulty of managing the credit card balance with such a low limit and the ability to pay it only at regular board meetings. She requested that the Board allow her to pay the bill online, to avoid embarrassing situations where elected officials or staff are facing a declined card.

**Trustee Gallegos motioned and Trustee MacDougall seconded to authorize the Treasurer to pay the credit card bill online and include the payment in the monthly accounts payable reporting. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.**

**IV. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Adjourned 9:14 PM**

  
**Michelle Hamilton**  
Clerk/Treasurer

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**Christine M. Tookey**  
Mayor