

**TOWN OF SILVERTON
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, which was properly posted, was called to order by Mayor Chris Tookey @ 6:05 PM at the Silverton Town Hall.

Mayor Christine M. Tookey

Trustees: Malcolm MacDougall, Tiffany deKay, Karla Safranski, Peter Maisel, David Zanoni, Larry Gallegos.

Administrator: Bill Gardner

Staff: Sara Mordecai, Blair Runion

Others: Please see sign-in sheet

Staff and/or Board Revisions to Agenda: Deputy Clerk Sara Mordecai asked that the Flurry and Flames report under unfinished business be moved to appointments due to time constraints of the chamber director.

II. Public comment regarding agenda items: None

III Appointments:

Blair Runion gave a synopsis of new duties as P.I.O added to her current role. She stated that she is the new public point person. She will be publishing a weekly column in the Silverton Standard to offer information to the community about goings on, not only for the EPA but other items topics as well. In addition Blair will be creating and managing a new "Town of Silverton" Facebook page. Michelle Hamilton and John Sites will have access to the account.

After Blair's presentation David Zanoni expressed concern about Town staff working on compiling documentation from the Gold King Mine Spill and preceding EPA involvement and ongoing process. He stated that it is the County's responsibility to manage the records because it is a county issue. Bill addressed the notices of lawsuit we have received and the advice by our legal representation to keep the records as well as the current process that has been put in place and asked Sara to elaborate as she and Michelle have been tasked with the responsibility. Sara shared the current position and plans that have been developed. It is our understanding that due to the legal possibilities ahead it is in the best interest of the Town to maintain their own records to protect ourselves. The Town clerk is the custodian of records and this falls into the category. We have emptied a large file cabinet in the safe for current hard copies and will keep

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digital copies moving forward. We would be happy to present an SOP for compilation to the board soon. David expressed that we need to track time used in this manner and bill the county. If the board agrees then fine. Carla mentioned a need for historical reference and wanted us to talk to the historical society. Malcom said this is not just a county issue it is a community issue and can see no problem with our staff keeping the records. Larry stated that digital files do not take up much time or space. Tiffany stated that the maps should be housed at the county. David said that this is not just about the filing but the retrieving and it could end up being an issue in the future. Karla reminded the board that there is a process for requesting records and a fee tied to that.

Darlene Watson presented the Town with a check for \$3200.00 and said that Flurry & Flames Lantern Festival was a very successful event. People came from all over the region and beyond to participate in this event. She is very excited to move forward and partner with Skijoring in the future. She is going to be working on developing a non-profit to house this event. In the future the donation will go to various community groups who apply based on developed criteria. Several people came and cleaned up the next day to lessen the impact on Kendall Mountain Ski area. Darlene also acknowledged Malcom and his crew for cleaning up anything missed. Big thanks all around!

IV. Consent Agenda:

Trustee Zaroni wanted to talk about a discrepancy that he noticed in the YTD Financial Statement for 2015. He asked all Trustees to pull out specific pages where the sewer and water financials are itemized. The water and sewer income do not mirror each other and that highlights an issue in the system. The rate study completed in 2008 was noted and also the fact that we never implemented the third increase. We are in need of another study to see where we are. He referenced a conversation with Michelle earlier in the day and acknowledged that she has been advocating for a rate study. He alleged that the Town staff issues rate breaks when people come into the office and complain about their bill, and that we should not be giving breaks that should be up to the board. Trustee Zaroni also referenced the change from drip list to 3,000 gallon allowance. He believes that this is not enough and that is one reason that people may complain. Trustee Gallegos asks if this is a common practice. Mayor Pro Tem Meisel asked if we should go back to the drip. Trustee Zaroni said he thinks so. Trustee Safranski expressed that the staff needs to be given some discretion. Trustee MacDougall passed the question, is this a budget issue? Mayor Tookey recommended that we pull The YTD Financial Statement for 2015 and set up a work session with Michelle to go through with a fine toothed comb. Bill Gardener stated that it is important for the staff to have some discretion and he will look into how much they are using. Trustee Zaroni said let the girls downstairs know it's not their job to give money away.

Trustee MacDougall noted a mistake in the minutes from 1/25, the entire vote from consent agenda was not noted. Pull them from current consent agenda to be fixed.

Trustee MacDougall motioned and Trustee Gallegos seconded to approve the Consent Agenda with two revisions. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

V. Department Reports:

Administrator Gardner let the board know about his invitation and participation a public policy forum being held by The Colorado Forum regarding leaking mine remediation across Colorado. This will be held in on March 3rd in Denver. He spoke to the new responsibilities that Blair has taken on as the Town's new public information officer. In addition, he noted that the county is holding their planning commission meeting on land use issues and vacation rentals in the county.

VI. Trustee Reports:

Trustee Safranski said that as an outgoing board member she would like the board to consider changing the regular meeting start time to 6:00. A 7:30 start time pushes everything very late. Mayor Tookey replied that it may be etched in stone.

VII. EPA Update: None

IX. New Business

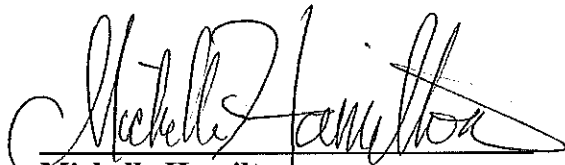
A. Housing / Planning commission

Mayor Tookey referenced that Trustee deKay brought up housing. There is a protocol, Willy is working on it and looking through things that I have and looking at info. We have set up a work session. Trustee deKay asked, can I take this project and look at it? Mayor Tookey replied that it all has to go to commission or me. Trustee Zaroni asked, Can't Tiff take info to the commission? It was confirmed that people can address the commission. Trustee MacDougall agrees that we should throw a few ideas down. The board discussed a few ideas that should be presented at the work session and agreed that that would be a good starting point to prepare.

Administrator Gardner informed the board that the work session is set for 6:00 on March 7th. He, staff and Trustee deKay will build an agenda.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourned 7:07 PM



Michelle Hamilton
Clerk/Treasurer



Christine M. Tookey
Mayor