

Town of Silverton
Regular Meeting
December 5, 2016

**TOWN OF SILVERTON
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING December 5, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees, which was properly posted, was called to order by Mayor Tookey @ 6:35 PM at the Silverton Town Hall.

Mayor: Christine M. Tookey
Trustees: Tiffany deKay, Barbara Renowden, Pete Maisel, Jess Wegert, Malcom MacDougall and Larry Gallegos.

Staff: Michelle Hamilton, Sara Mordecai

Administrator: Bill Gardner

Others: Please see sign-in sheet

I. Staff and/or Board Revisions to Agenda:

Mayor Tookey added the Silverton Whiteout event application to the agenda.

II. Event Applications

a. Snow Scape - Town of Silverton

Sara Mordecai informed the Board that there will not be night skiing this year. The tram certification and insurance liability are factors in cancelling it.

Trustee MacDougall motioned and Trustee Gallegos seconded to approve the event application for Snow Scape. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

b. Silverton Dog Sled Race

Michelle Hamilton explained the event. Trustee Wegert asked about camping. The application was tabled until the January meeting.

c. Silverton Whiteout

Sarah Teshler introduced herself along with John Bailey. Sarah says that it is in the 3rd year. She mentioned that one change is closing the block of Greene to Reese on 12th street. They would like a large tent in the street. She said the Grand Imperial will pull a special event liquor license. She gave a description of the route, explaining that they would like to mix it up this year. The event would be on the fourth of Feb. They also want to pull a fireworks permit and shoot them off themselves.

Trustee MacDougall motioned and Trustee Gallegos seconded to approve the event application for Silverton Whiteout, which does not include a liquor permit or fireworks permit. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

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III. Approval of Ski passes for Silverton kids

Trustee MacDougall mentioned that the actual cost to the Town is zero. The loss of revenue does not outweigh the benefit to our children.

Trustee MacDougall motioned and Trustee Renowden seconded to approve ski passes for all registered Silverton students K-12. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

IV. Contracts for Discussion

Bill Gardner prepared a memo regarding each of the contracts. He met with each of the proposed vendors.

a. Molas Winter Operating – Middleton Motorsports, Jim Lokey

Administrator Gardner states that Mr. Mesich has turned in a thoughtful proposal for use of the facility of Molas Lake Park. He has offered a 6% contribution of total revenue to the Town. Mr. Gardner recommends that we only make one-year contracts for 2017. He stated that staff needs to review what our potential business plans are at both Molas and Kendall. Jim Lokey introduced himself. He was there representing Middleton Motorsports and Silverton Snowmobile Club. They work well together and they are excited to get going this winter. Trustee MacDougall asked if anyone with a snowmobile can come and use their machines. Jim Lokey explained that they present the trail system to USFS, BLM, and CSA. They illustrate all of the different multi-uses. Yes, any private citizen can ride their machine on the trails without ever contacting a vendor. Molas is a family use area. Trustee Renowden asked if 6% is fair. Trustee Gallegos replied that San Juan Back Country paid 5% the first few years and then 10% last year and thinks 6% is fair.

Per the Boards direction Jeff Robins will revise the contract to reflect a one year contract.

b. Kendall Ski Shop – San Juan Backcountry (Trustee Gallegos Steps down from the Board)

Administrator Gardner started by saying that San Juan Backcountry has done a great service to the Town. That being said, he feels that we have to change the storage availability for their equipment upstairs. The reason I recommend that change, is because it limits the usage of the second floor. We could utilize that space as an additional venue for meetings/classes/weddings, etc. Trustee Renowden said she would like to see the facility. Trustee Maisel noted that they have talked about this before but when they looked at the false wall, etc. it seemed to work. He commented that he is good with leaving his stuff in the building. Trustee MacDougall commented that the equipment rental business is vital to Kendall operations. The move of equipment is too large of an undertaking to require a move twice a year. The timing of contract review was discussed and there was consensus that it should be handled in a more timely manner for business owners to plan accordingly. Trustee Maisel said he thinks we need to make it easier for vendors to do business. The contracts need to be reviewed and negotiated much earlier so that that we are business friendly. Discussion around revenue streams from winter usage vs. summer (wedding season) and optimal use of the upstairs space at Kendall ensued. Trustee Gallegos mentioned that San Juan Backcountry did offer 50k last year to put up a new building for a ski hut but it was denied by John Sites. Administrator Gardner requested a consensus from the Board minus Trustee Renowden. He went on to say that the problem we have is staff wants to do an evaluation of the business plans which may take a long time. Trustee MacDougall said he doesn't see anything coming together fast enough to make a difference in 2017. Board consensus is to leave the contract as is for one more year.

c. Molas Campground Management – Doug Wall

Administrator Gardner gave an introduction. He supports bringing Doug and Patricia back. He stated that staff is moving the reservation system to site specific which will streamline reservations and make it much easier for the management. They are asking for an additional \$3,000 to manage reservations starting in January. Secondly

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they are asking for a flat fee of \$12,000 instead of a bonus. He noted that they are managing something that goes way beyond what the Board envisioned five years ago.

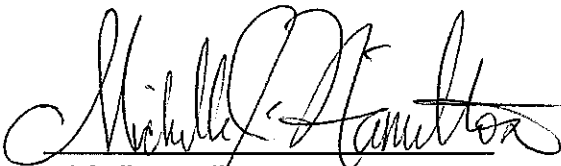
Doug and Patricia – we spent a lot of time going back and forth for a proposal and we have put together some numbers. We are asking for an additional \$3,000 for management which will be absorbed by us hiring a part time employee. We are so busy, we are a mini visitor center. We spend our time engaging the public, planning their vacations, giving them information, etc. We want to say that John and his team have done a great job. Maintenance and improvements were done as we asked. The reservation system is a tremendous improvement. Revenues have been increased \$70k over the two years.

Trustee Maisel - What are you asking bottom line? Doug and Patricia responded \$34,500. Trustee MacDougall said I think the compensation looks good and I am happy that we have good employees up there. Trustee Renowden inquired whether or not they have asked DeAnne to give them a kiosk for brochures. Patricia answered yes. Trustee Maisel asked if they would like to see more law enforcement presence. Doug responded that our Sheriff has been good about making a presence but we never see CPW.

Trustee Maisel mentioned that there is a Molas master plan that was never completed. Mayor Tookey reminded the Board that the third phase of the plan was never implemented. Board consensus approved their proposal.

Mayor Tookey - All contracts will be on the consent agenda. Trustee Renowden asked staff to send the Board a new budget with latest corrections. Michelle Hamilton replied that she would.

V. Adjourn @ 8:34



Michelle Hamilton
Town Clerk/Treasurer



Christine M. Tookey
Mayor