

Town of Marble  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
March 5th, 2020

A. Call to order & roll call of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Mayor Ryan Vinciguerra called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Present: Ryan Vinciguerra, Tim Hunter, Larry Good and Emma Bielski. Absent: Charlie Manus (arrived at 7:40 p.m. Also present: Ron Leach, Town Administrator and Terry Langley, minutes.

B. Approve previous minutes – Emma Bielski made a motion to approve the Feb. 6 minutes. Larry Good seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Mayor's comments – none.

D. Administrator Report

a. Current bills payable March 5, 2020, Ron – The bills are listed on page 10 of the packet. The payment to the Colorado River district is for the matching grant. Ryan asked about the deposits going into the money market and Ron explained that these are automatic payments from the State of Colorado. Larry Good made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Tim Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Other – Ron reported that the total balance of \$353,903 in March 2019 is just below what we have today. This means the budget is holding steady, but large projects need to be looked at carefully. Emma said that the budget could be worked for big projects if needed.

E. Land Use Issues

a. Building permit application for Beamon residence, Jeff Peterson & Chris Cox – Jeff said that they are not applying yet, but are just presenting the proposed project. The property is at 16 Carbonate and will be a single-family home. They will be meeting setbacks, septic and other requirements. Tim asked about the existing well location in relation to the electric box.

b. Carbondale Fire District Station building permit conditions, Ron – Ron said that the plans are not totally complete at this point. He just wants the board to know that the town will need to hire a building inspector because the town does not have anyone qualified to inspect a commercial building. The town will pay the fees and the fire department will reimburse the town. Ron estimates cost of \$6,000.00. The board had previously discussed waiving permit fees required by the town, but Ron feels that a hard cost like this should be passed on to the fire department. The board agreed to waive in-house fees but to bill for permit fees the town has to pay out. With the project happening this summer, and the need for space for equipment and materials, they may need space outside of their lease. The board needs to begin to think about how they will accommodate the needs of the building project. Mark Chain said the fire department and the general contractor are aware of and are working on these issues. Several alternatives were suggested and discussed. These included asking workers to carpool, entering on West Park Street, utilizing the basketball court for the construction trailer, parking below the campground. leasing the paid parking spots to the general contractor, using the old skating rink for parking and talking to the quarry about using some of their space. Ron suggests having a construction

management plan in place before a building permit is approved. Ron said that the equipment in the existing building has to come out and he requested using the town building for temporary storage.

c. Non-Conforming lot OWTS discussion, Larry – Larry Good wanted to initiate discussion regarding the fact that the town passed lot size restrictions in 1998 and OWTS guidelines several years later. The Lawrence variance request pointed out the need to take another look at the town’s responsibility regarding safety and preservation of resources in regard to septic systems. He feels the board owes the town some more clarity regarding town codes and regulations. He would like to identify what circumstances would allow a variance. He would like to reevaluate some of the ordinances to ensure that they reflect the direction the town wants to move. Tim agreed that there needs to be clarity, particularly in regard to old systems that will eventually need upgrading or repair. Emma suggested some professional development training regarding best practices for small towns. Ryan said there are some things that have been adopted by the town but not enforced and these should be included in any review. These include a three-year inspection and the transfer of ownership inspections. The board was asked about process regarding other things, such as removing trees. Tim said there is on town of right of ways but not on private property. Vince Savage said that there used to be a requirement that any tree bigger than 6” in diameter required a permit to remove. He said that he was just in another town with great density, but they have a central sewer system and that would absolve land owners from not being able to use their property. Tim said they did a feasibility study for municipal sewer in the mid-1980s and it was cost prohibitive. He said that an expanded water system would mean that septic systems would not be affected by well locations. Citizens encouraged the board to reexamine the ordinances. Emma asked that Ron look into training opportunities and report back next month.

#### F. Old Business

a. Jail House restoration project status report, Emma – Emma reported that the jailhouse was nominated as a historical structure in 2016 with both the state and county. They are one historical designation and one grant in. She is working on a competitive grant for just over \$100,000. The town will be responsible for a 25% match. She needs letters of support, particularly from the town and she would like it to include that the town pledges \$5,000 (which was budgeted) toward the project to reflect the town’s commitment to the project. They discovered that they have one of the best preserved and intact cell blocks in the country. She said this is probably a two-summer building project. The competitive grant application gets accepted 30 days after submittal and the grant is awarded 30 days after that. There is also an opportunity to get the cost of writing the grant covered.

b. Road Improvement plan discussion, Emma - Emma said a comprehensive plan needs to be in place before the snow melts so that the town is ready to go as soon as possible. She would like to see a discussion in April. Ryan said that there are several places that need attention and he would like to see a schedule developed. This would include dust mitigation, grading and crowning, culverts and ditches. Mike Yellico suggested talking to CPW and/or the county about dust mitigation and filling in the pot holes for the Beaver Lake parking lot. Emma suggested lane marking on CR 3 through town. Ryan will bring a proposal to the April meeting.

c. Park Committee Report – Amber – The committee is Amber McMahill, Mike Yellico, Brent Compton, Marja Johnson O’Connor, Alex Menard and Andrew Mile. They worked on committee structure, ideas for funding sources (grants) and projects. She presented a list of projects that they think can accomplish this summer, including upgrading the stage in the park, building a storage shed, weed mitigation in the

park and right of ways and on town property, MarbleFest (Aug 15/16), Emma said that they had an insurance/liability assessment and she asked that the park committee look at taking on safety issues/signage in the park. Longer term projects include land acquisition and possibly partnering with the symposium, work with the AVLTT for a master plan for Thompson Park, complete the disc golf course, identify a water source for the lower park, explore winter recreation options. They are not asking for any funds, but are asking for permission to further explore the projects. Tim Hunter will serve as the town representative on the committee. Emma asked, in light of the jail restoration project, that they look at relocating the horseshoe pit in Thompson Park. Mike asked that the town work with them to relocate the first two disc golf holes for the fire station construction.

d. Lead King Loop Committee report, Corinne & Ron – Corinne Truesdale presented a slide show to the LKL committee in January and she showed that to the council. This included an overview of the historical and contemporary uses and users of the loop, geographic influences, environmental factors, and economic/tourism factors. Her next steps will include identifying capabilities of the town, surveying tourists and residents and data collection on the loop. Emma asked how the work would be transitioned when Corinne graduates in August. Corinne said there was a possibility for Marble continue to work with Western State and other students.

e. Consider approval of letter to Chris Lawrence regarding denial of OWTS appeal, Ron – Charlie Manus made a motion to approve the letter as written. Tim Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The letter will be mailed tomorrow.

#### G. New Business

a. Other – Madeline Wiener made a presentation about the Marble Symposium which began 32 years ago. They average 35-45 students for each of three sessions per year. They are self-sufficient. They have received a complaint concerning noise and dust and this person has filed in injunction. They are close to settling this lawsuit and this may include buying the land in question which has been appraised at \$360,000. The land includes some historical structures from the finish mill. Emma said that there are land acquisition grants available for historical lands.

b. Tim would like to survey town residents concerning what projects they would like to see the board working on.

c. Chris Cox asked about the tourism web site and who is in charge as there is a picture of the Crystal Mill that he would like removed.

I. Adjourn – Larry Good made a motion to adjourn. Emma Bielski seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Langley