

Minutes of the Town of Marble
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
September 6, 2018

A. Call to order & roll call of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ryan Vinciguerra at 7:03 p.m. Present: Ryan Vinciguerra, Larry Good, Max Gibbons and Tim Hunter. Also present: Ron Leach, Town Administrator.

B. Approve previous minutes – Max Gibbons made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2018 meeting. Tim Hunter seconded and the motion passed with Larry Good abstaining.

C. Mayor's Comments

a. Mike Yellico resignation letter, Ryan – Ryan read Mike's resignation letter and thanked him for his years serving the town.

b. Discussion of Plan B town well relocation options, Paul Rutledge – Ryan reported that this is in response to a need for "Plan B" in the event of a contamination of the current well. Paul Rutledge began by looking at the map of existing wells and some of the septic systems as well as available land owned by the Town of Marble. He discussed well depths and production and said that current Marble Water Company (MWC) wells produce from 25-45 gallons per minute (gpm). Discussion of who was paying for this project and whether the town was working with the MWC followed. Ryan explained that the town is paying for the project and Ron said it was in response to a request for a Plan B. His purpose for putting this on the agenda was to take the pulse of the board as they begin work on next year's budget. Ron said that the MWC stated in their newsletter that they were in support of the project but that they could not help to pay for it. Discussion of cost effectiveness followed of a new well and managing possible contamination followed. Paul Rutledge suggested that filtration technology might address any slight contamination and that monitoring of the supply would be valuable as well in terms of protecting the existing supply and accurately tracking water quality. It was reported that monitoring results showed levels well below any that would be a cause for concern. Alternate funding sources such as grants and low or no-interest loans were suggested. Ryan asked if this was something the board wished to continue to work on and all agreed that it was.

c. Interview candidates and public Q/A of applicants for board vacancy, Ryan – Ryan reported that there were two citizens interested in filling the vacancy and he asked that they speak to tell about themselves and their interest. Emma Bielski and Charlie Manus spoke about their qualifications, priorities and goals in terms of serving. Ryan said that the board was tasked with filling this position and he suggests holding a special meeting to do this.

d. Discussion of Martha Roberts complaint letter regarding Mike Yellico, Ryan – Martha reported that Mike's dogs are still barking. Ryan said that while the board is willing to mediate, he would like to see this resolved outside of the town meetings. Because this is currently under litigation, the board felt it was not appropriate for it to be discussed at this meeting.

D. Clerk Report

a. Discussion of current fire restriction status, Ron – Rob Goodwin, Carbondale Fire District fire chief, said that they hold a weekly conference call with the Gunnison side (Tuesdays) and another with multiple agencies on this side (Wednesdays) concerning fuel moistures and fire dangers. The season is calming down and have moved from Stage II to Stage I restrictions. All are moving to no restrictions at midnight. Ron thanked Rob for his work with Gunnison County to keep the valley in Stage II. Larry Good moved that all fire restrictions be lifted within the town. Discussion of lifting restrictions versus stepping down to Stage I followed. Max Gibbons seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. Continued discussion of Adopting Paid Parking Plan, Ryan – Ryan asked if the board would support pursuing this plan. Larry asked if Mark Chain had reviewed this and Mark said he feels that it needs some fine tuning and would be a work in progress, in particular in terms of fines and enforcement. The board agreed that they want to move forward on this.

c. Kay Williams had previously asked for time to address the board and she spoke to preserving the beauty and peace of this valley as well as to giving and earning the respect of residents. More than 6800 vehicles have gone into Crystal this year. She asks that the town council take responsible action to end the ever-increasing OHV traffic. She feels that this is the time to address ATV use rather than talking about increasing parking for trailers and considering business licenses for out-of-town ATV companies.

d. Consider business license application for Aspen Adrenaline ATV Rental operations in Marble, Ron – see below

e. Consider business license application for AZATV Rental operations in Marble, Ron

The permit requests were considered together. Due to the lack of a Forest Service Permit and the desire to limit the parking, noise and damage caused by ATV traffic, no licenses will be issued at this time.

f. Current bills payable 9/6/18, Ron – Bills are listed on page 20 and 21 of the packet and there are six additional bills including Alpine Bank (\$121.41), Marble Water Company (\$260.00), Holy Cross Energy (\$302.03), Mark Chain Consulting (\$612.00), Marble HUB (\$2,126.60) and Sopris Engineering (\$150.00). Max Gibbons made a motion to pay the bills. Larry Good seconded. Hank Van Schaack pointed out that there was no payroll included in the packet. Ron said he did not know why and he read the payroll numbers. Charlie Manus: \$728.00, Jim Aarts: \$1250.00, Ron Leach: \$3200.00, Jennifer Cutright: \$260.00. Hank asked if the budget had been amended with the state to include the increase in salaries. Ron said that exceeding the total expenditures in the budget determined the need for a supplemental budget so it is not needed at this time. The motion passed unanimously.

g. Discussion of 2019 draft budget, Ron – Ron explained that this is a first draft and is based on Ron's best guess to date. He would like to work with the board over the next three months to cut some projected expenses or raise projected revenues in order to balance this

budget. Hank asked if there would be work to alleviate the estimated \$50,000 deficit. Hank asked about the fact that this year's payment for severance tax and mineral lease distributions did not show any change and thought the town would have received that payment by now. Ron said that it arrived yesterday and numbers were much smaller than last year. Hank said that this amount was \$4800.00 and he feels that next year's budget should reflect the smaller amount. Ron said that property valuations from Gunnison County went up \$30,000 but he does not have tax amounts yet. Campground revenues have increased this year and is a good, sustainable revenue stream. He would like a serious discussion concerning the court system and costs soon. Tim suggests adding it to the agenda of the special meeting.

E. Current Land Use Issues - none

F. Old Business

a. Up-date on jail restoration project, Emma – Emma reported that we are in the final stages of submitting the draft Historical Structural Assessment (HSA) to determine what needs to be done and what it will cost. At that time some funds will be released and once the HSA is approved we will be cleared for more grant applications. Additionally she has begun the process for the mill site and restoration and preservation of the walls and pillars. This may require a 10 year strategic plan. Tim asked about covering these in plastic to protect from winter's moisture and further deterioration. Jim Aarts has begun doing this for the church foundation in the campground and Tim is willing to work with Jim on this. Connie Manus reported that Kevin Green has the original stone from the document house and is willing to donate that back for restoration. The town agreed that they want to move forward with the restoration.

b. Consider business plan for mill site restoration project, Emma – covered above.

c. Marble Fest recap & summary, Richard – Richard was not in attendance but several spoke to the success of the Fest.

d. Consider setback variance request for construction of storage shed, Ron – Ron is asking to encroach on the setback in the rear of his property. There has to be a public hearing scheduled with at least 30 days' notice and he is requesting a date in mid-October. He has met all other requirements. Larry Good made a motion to hold a special meeting for previously mentioned items and a public hearing for Ron's setback variance application on October 11. Tim Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

e. Ron said that the previous motion for the ordinance to rescind the fire restrictions needed some additional language. This should include the language that this is Ordinance #6 of 2018 and the fire restrictions imposed by Ordinances 2018-2 and 2018-5 are hereby rescinded. Larry Good made the motion, Tim Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

f. Discussion of weed committee formation, Alex – Alex is serving as the advisory board and is presenting a noxious weed plan as required by the Noxious Weed Act. The plan

needs to be approved and posted along with the state noxious weed list and the state plan. The next step would be to begin weed removal on town property and he would suggest beginning with the thistles at the Mill Site. Thompson Park is another problem area but is the responsibility of AVL. Tom Williams reported that they had sprayed the weeds at the water tank. Alex is asking for the plan to be approved or amended at next month's meeting and to begin implementation next spring. Once the town has dealt with their property, they can require private property owners to deal with weeds on their property. He is working with the county, AVL and the forest service to take care of their property. Funds are available to help with weed mitigation.

G. New Business

a. Larry Good publicly apologized for the question he asked Charlie earlier and Charlie accepted that apology.

b. Amber reported that there are volunteer opportunities for the upcoming Lead King Loop. She also said that the Gunnison Public Land Initiative is a conservation group trying to get more land designated as wilderness and special management areas. They are willing to come and talk to any small groups interested in getting more information.

c. Carol asked if there were still plans for budgeted road improvements this year. Ron said that there is still time to do this and the identified priority is in front of Charlie Manus's. Carol said that dredging of Carbonate Creek under the bridge needs to be done. Tim said that this involved working with the Corps of Engineers and may not happen this year. He thinks 4th street needs to be finished because of school usage and feels that the road plan needs to get back on track. Connie Manus said that the area between the school and the Seidlengers tends to pool and drainage there needs attention.

d. A citizen expressed gratitude for the work the board and Ron does for the town.

e. Max announced his resignation due to the anonymous letters and threats he has received. This is not what he expected when he ran for office. Amber expressed her disappointment in the recent letters members of the board had received.

H. Adjourn - Tim Hunter moved to adjourn. Larry Good seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Langley