

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

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 7:05 p.m. Present: Ryan Vinciguerra, Tim Hunter, Larry Good and Emma Bielski. Also present: Ron Leach, Town Administrator and Terry Langley, minutes. Attending by phone (executive session): Kendall Burgemeister, town attorney.

B. Approve previous minutes – Emma Bielski made a motion to approve the minutes of the Oct. 1, 2020 meeting. Tim Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Josh Vogt, Oath of Office, Ryan – Josh took the oath of office and was seated as a trustee.

D. Executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice regarding Lawrence pit privy and Case No. 20CV30012. Ryan made a motion to enter into executive session as stated above. Larry Good seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 8:10 p.m. and the board went back into regular session. Kendall certified that the executive session did constitute exclusively attorney client privileged conversation.

E. Mayor's comments

a. Review sales tax election results, Ryan – Ryan reported that the sales tax initiative passed.

F. Land Use Issues (discussion of a. & b. were moved to below G.b. so that Ron could attend by phone.)

a. Update on GOCO grant & property purchase, Ron – Ryan reported that they spent hours negotiating with the seller and they got the dates to align with the needed due diligence dates. The town is under contract. Ron reported that the appraisal is scheduled for Dec. 4. GOCO will then have three weeks to review and award the money for a Dec. 29 closing.

b. Update on Visionary Broadband grant, Ron – The grant was awarded to Visionary Broadband and they intend to begin putting the system in the Spring. They are working on a lease agreement between the town, the fire department and Visionary for a communications tower to be placed next to the fire station. This will be a 40' tower with Visionary's transmitter and fire department antennas. Ron hopes that the town will have broadband in about a year. There is a 20% match required and Visionary is working on getting those funds and expects to get some help with that from the town and private donors.

c. Discussion regarding Marble Water Company correspondence regarding fire hydrant omission – Tom and John Williams wrote a letter with information regarding the fire hydrant omission, explaining that the MWC fees were not the only consideration in the fire department omitting the fire hydrant.

d. Up date on jail preservation grant, Emma – Emma reported that they did not get the grant. The application did make it to the final cut but due to Covid's impact on the State Historic Fund funding (which comes from gaming revenues) they did not have the funds to award the grant. They will meet

with Emma and explain any weaknesses and why other applications were awarded grants. The grant will be resubmitted in April with groundbreaking targeted for August. Donations for the needed matching funds are already coming in.

G. Old Business

a. Update from Marble Charter School, school year 2020, Karly – Karly reported that they are in the second week of in-door classes and things are going well. Covid precautions are in place. They have a counselor coming in to help with social and emotional issues surrounding Covid. There have been no cases. All products and equipment have to be reviewed and approved by the Gunnison County Dept. of Health and that process is underway. They are using the lox machines that the town, the school and Slow Groovin' supplied.

b. Parks committee report, Amber – Amber reported on the progress on the projects proposed by the PC in May. Mike Yellico took down some trees and hauled them out. He said that the stage is still to be repaired. Mike got metal roofing and has a few supplies he needs to make repairs and finish the roof. His understanding was that Mario would either take his materials back or he would be reimbursed for the materials he used for the stage. That question needs to be answered before further work is done. The Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers provided work on the established trails with help from the students from Marble Charter School. The Marble Chamber donated funds for the project. Tim suggested waiting on trails and entrance work until the property acquisition is complete. Mike got the material for the storage shed and a location needs to be decided upon. He suggested using the small marble building (the old outhouse) rather than building a new shed. Emma would like to see more town participation with decisions regarding the park. Tim is the board representative. Amber reported that they have not had meetings due to difficulty of getting together but they will try to have monthly meetings and hope to have one on Nov. 14. Emma would like to see a shared vision developed for the park. Amber will let the board know when the committee is meeting and what they will be discussing. The committee met with Aspen Valley Land Trust and AVLTL is working on a grant for improvement of several of their properties, including Thompson Park. Emma spoke to collaboration on things such as the AVLTL and the Jailhouse grant requests to help with communication and to avoid conflicts.

c. Other – Larry asked if there had been any short-term rental applications submitted and Ron said there have not. Larry suggested doing some outreach information guidance in the spring. This will be discussed further.

H. New Business

a. Community collaboration, Emma – This was covered in the parks report discussion.

b. Master plan discussion, Emma – The five-year master plan was written in 2000 and is outdated. Emma wants to develop a shared vision with citizens of the town. She would like funds included in the budget to begin this process. Ryan spoke to reaching out to citizens for their input. This could address many issues facing the town and would allow for collaboration with many projects.

c. Other

I. Administrator Report

a. Current bills payable November 5, 2020, Ron – All bills are listed in the packet. Larry Good made a motion to pay the bills. Josh Vogt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Public Hearing re: adoption of Ordinance # 4-2020 approving 2020 supplemental budget, Ron – This covers the supplemental budget for the purchase of the land. Emma Bielski made a motion to approve adoption of Ordinance #4-2020. Tim Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Discussion of 2021 budget – Mike Yellico suggested a paid town employee for 25 hours a week, \$25 per hour for four months. This would include mowing, cleaning bathrooms, minor repairs, park cleaning, etc. Cost would be \$10,000 per year. Ryan suggested dividing the job because Charlie Manus is already cleaning the bathrooms. Camp ground host, parking liaison and park worker could all be paid positions. Emma felt that nailing down specific duties would need to be done first. Tim feels that the system they are using now is working and that the town needs to be conservative in terms of expenses at this time. Amber spoke to hiring someone local.

Emma spoke to the need for a master plan that would include some of these ideas. Mike said that the plan process needs to get started in 2021 because it can take several years to develop a master plan. Ryan said there are several items that need to be addressed sooner than a master plan can be developed.

Larry asked about the line item for grant writing. Emma said that she is currently working on the jail house grant and, additionally, there will be a need for matching funds (fund raising). She reminded the board that the town pledged \$5,000 for that for 2020 that was not spent. Ryan suggests increasing the grant writing to \$5,000.

Tim would like to see the street maintenance amount increased. Amber spoke to increasing the street budget as an example of the positive impact of the sales tax increase. Larry said that the street should remain the same. He spoke to the need for budgeting for legal services. Mike suggested cutting the road maintenance completely for one year.

Amber suggested a fund of some sort for the school.

d. Set public hearing for 2021 budget, 12/3/2020 – Larry Good made a motion to set the public hearing as stated. Tim Hunter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Adjourn – Tim Hunter made a motion to adjourn. Josh Vogt seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Langley