

Town of Marble  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
February 7th, 2019

A. Call to order & roll call of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Ryan Vinciguerra. Present: Ryan Vinciguerra, Tim Hunter and Emma Bielski. Absent: Larry Good and Charlie Manus. Also present: Ron Leach, Town Administrator and Terry Langley, minutes.

B. Approve previous minutes – Emma Bielski made a motion to approve the minutes. Tim Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Mayor's Comments – Ryan suggested reviving a quarterly community newsletter with information from the town council, school, HUB, church and community to foster increased communication.

D. Clerk Report

a. Lead King Loop Committee up-date, Ron – The group has been working to document the impacts of the increased use of the loop. Exploring solutions has begun. Suggestions include sharing the cost of an enforcement officer/ranger. Richard Wells asked if this would include enforcement in the town. Ron explained that that is a separate issue. Tim Hunter asked if there would be cost sharing with road maintenance in the event of disasters such as rock slides, flooding or avalanche damage and there has not. Ryan talked about how a permit might work in regards to enforcement. He emphasized that this work is preliminary. Richard Wells asked what the town would get for any money contributed since the loop is not in town. Ryan said that the hope is that parking fees would pay for enforcement in the town. Ron explained that the government shut down has impacted getting that parking plan approved from the SBA. Ryan would like to have a plan in place if the approval comes through. Ryan asked about daily patrol and Deputy Scott Leon said that there were no current plans to increase patrols, but there is talk about adding another deputy.

c. Discussion with Gunnison County Sheriff John Gallowich, Re. patrol plans for Marble 2019 – Sheriff Gallowich was unable to attend this month.

d. Discussion with Colorado Department of Parks & Wildlife Officer John Groves Re. Beaver Lake. (This discussion came after the bills payable.) John reported that use of Beaver Lake is getting away from the intended mission of fishing and wildlife habitat and becoming more of a party spot. They will be signage posted stating no swimming and no leaving boats overnight which are current rules that have not been enforced. Parking has become a problem for those who want to use the lake properly. Additional regulations are a possibility. With last summer's call on the water, they discovered that the outlet pipe has silted in and fixing that will require lowering the lake level. Tim asked if there was a possibility of a mutual water augmentation plan and John said it would require checking with their water division but that their water rights are generally wildlife related. They have declined to provide the requested letter of support for the paddle board business. Mike Yellico asked what the possible permitting of Lead King Loop would do to hunting. John said this was a concern and that he was part of

the LKL conversations. Mike asked that this be taken into consideration as planning progresses. Alex Menard asked about the weed management plan at the lake. John said that last year's spraying was put on hold due to the Lake Christine Fire but that he will probably be spraying this summer. Richard asked about fireworks at the lake and John said that they were illegal on state land. Emma asked about getting trash service at the lake. John said that the last time they had cans, they were over used by town people so they went to a pack in/pack out program. She suggested adding picking up fishing line to the sign. Tim asked if there could be pet waste stations installed. John said that it is a possibility and that having dogs off leash at the lake is illegal. Bart Weller had an additional comment about the weeds and toad flax around the lake. He said that the Department of Agriculture has a weevil that only eats toad flax. Alex said that pulling the weeds were also effective techniques for mitigation.

e. Current bills payable 2/7/2019, Ron – Ron presented the bills as listed on page 8 of the packet. Two additional bills that have come in are: one from Holy Cross Electric for \$23.41 and one from Daly Property Management (snow plowing) for \$7,830.00. Total bills to be paid this month are \$19,229.52. Emma Bielski made a motion to pay the bills as listed. Tim Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

f. Consider approval of letter of support for Holy Cross fiber project, Bart Weller – Bart presented a revised draft letter. He gave an update on the broadband issue. Pitkin County included Marble and the upper Crystal River valley in their strategic plan for broadband and his contact there is Kara Silvernagle, Pitkin County broadband coordinator. A federal grant through Department of Agriculture Rural Development called the Reconnect Grant has been announced to help rural communities get or improve broadband and \$600 million has been allocated (three phases as \$200 million per phase. Additionally, Holy Cross Electric is considering putting fiber on their poles and would consider providing fiber capacity for their customer base. The purpose of the letter is to let Holy Cross know that Marble and the upper Crystal River Valley are interested in that project. If approved, Marble would be one of the first areas to get fiber capacity. Third, Pitkin County is embarking on a three-year plan to provide fixed wireless capacity in areas as far away as Thomasville, down to Glenwood Springs and Carbondale and up the Crystal including a secondary tower in Redstone in 2021. These are three separate plans that will improve coverage in the area. Tim asked about the liaison with Holy Cross. Bart said he is willing to do this and that Bob Farmer is the Vice President of IT at Holy Cross. Tim asked if CenturyLink had any interest in participating and Bart said that we are too small to interest them. Emma said she feels that the town should write the letter, rather than Bart. Bart explained that Pitkin County would be writing and managing the grant. Ryan suggests getting a letter from the school as well. Ron will work with Bart on further revisions to the letter.

#### E. Current Land Use Issues

a. Discussion of Slow Groovin' right of way agreement, Ron – Ryan removed himself from the discussion. Ron said there had been discussion over the past two years of leasing some of right of way to Slow Groovin' LLC, including 12' of right of way on the west side of First Street, 12-15' on the east side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and part of the right of way on the south side of Main Street as shown on the survey. The proposed terms of the lease are \$2000 per year. Uses in front of the restaurant would be for a waiting area with no full meals served: drinks/appetizers only. No additional seating would be added to the current seating areas. SG insurance would cover insurance. There would be a fence built on west side

to separate the waiting area from the street. A finalized lease would be presented for approval in March. Tim had a question concerning the Main Street portion and Neal O'Connor explained what the survey showed. He emphasized the need for a fence along the front area to keep people from standing in the street. This would be a five-year lease and Slow Grooving will pay the town's attorney fees for drawing up the lease. Ron asked if the council had any questions concerning Steve Lucht's 17-page letter concerning the lease. Tim said that he had received and read the letter. He had also examined the lease documents, paying close attention to the insurance aspects and he is happy with the lease. Neal explained that the town property was included in SG's insurance beginning when discussion of leasing the property began. Emma expresses support for the lease and asked for help with keeping cars from stopping in the middle of the road in front of the restaurant.

b. Discussion of Fire District plans for fire station expansion, Ron – Ron explained that the Fire District is proposing expanding to the west about 30' the full length of the station, doubling the size. A training/community room will be available for use by the town. Improvements will include the kitchen, handicap restrooms, and AV equipment, tables and chairs. Equipment improvements would also be included. Richard asked about ownership of the property and Ron explained that the town leases the property to the fire department on a 99-year lease and that the town would have to approve the expansion.

c. Other – Tim asked that neighbors “adopt” and dig out the hydrants near them.

#### F. Old Business

a. Discussion of jailhouse funding, Emma – Emma got the final historical structural assessment yesterday. The estimate to do the work was higher than anticipated: \$100,000 for the first phase, \$25000 for the second and \$18000 for the third. The grant she hopes to pursue is a matching funds grant and she recommends going for the Oct 3. deadline to allow time to solicit donations and other funds. The deadline to apply for the funds previously granted is Feb. 15 and is for reimbursement for payment to the architect. AVL T is excited about working with the town on a beautification project. Tim thanked Emma for all of her work on the project. Emma Bielski moved that payment to the architect be made. Tim Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion of Dark Sky Initiative, Alex – Alex presented the steps for getting a dark sky community designation. Ron said the letter of support and ordinance could be presented at the March meeting. Emma, Ryan and Tim expressed support for the designation.

c. Other – Richard said dates of Aug 10 & 11 have been set for MarbleFest.

#### G. New Business - none

H. Adjourn – Emma Bielski moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tim Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Langley