

Town of Marble
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
October 2, 2025

- A. Call to order & roll call of the regular October meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Marble – Mayor Ryan Vinciguerra called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
Present: Amy Rusby, Amber McMahill, Larry Good and Ryan Vinciguerra. Absent: Dustin Wilkey. Also present: Ron Leach, Town Administrator and Terry Langley, minutes.
- B. Mayor's Comments – We made it through another season and things went very smoothly from the town's perspective.
- C. Consent Agenda – Larry Good made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Amy Rusby seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Approval of September 4, 2025 minutes
 - b. Approval of Current Bills, October 2nd, 2025 Ron had two additional bills: one to Redi Services for portable toilets for \$825, and one to Marble Water Company for campground water taps for \$620. A check to be removed was for \$1000 deposit refund as the bride who used the park in July only wanted \$500 refunded and the remainder donated. Ryan asked that it go into the park fund.
- D. Treasurer Report, Amy
 - a. Account balances 10/2/2025 – \$446,550.82 – Angus asked how that compared to this time last year and Ron will get that number. We are up about \$14,000 from last month.
 - b. Year to date, budget vs actual – With 75% of fiscal year gone, we have collected 70% of budgeted income and expenses are at 69%.

Ron explained that almost half of the total balance is in a C-Safe an account that governments can put money into. They had an electronic problem and were off line for a month. There are two governmental funds that we can use: C-Safe and Colotrust and they pay similar interest amounts. Ron and Amy have discussed splitting the funds between the two funds. Larry suggested putting some into a bank due to the lack of FDIC insurance. Amy said the year-to-date interest with C-Safe has been \$8,000. A discussion of options followed, including CDs. Dave Hamra said that this would mean more involvement and work for the town and he recommended a set it and forget it approach is probably best. Amy

explained that government entities are limited where they can put their funds. Ryan suggested waiting to make any decisions or changes until the new year.

E. Administrator Report

- a. 2026 Preliminary Budget presentation, Ron – This has been updated since the September presentation. Ron added two expenditures that had been requested: \$5000 for grant writing and \$7,000 for earth day/fire mitigation. There are several options for fire mitigation that include having a chipper for more than one day and identifying/cutting trees in the park and in the right of ways that need to come down. Mariah Villalobos said she had contacted an arborist as part of the Marble mitigation group and that might be willing to get on board. She will be certified by the Fire Department to do home assessments next spring. Ryan suggested getting the chipper for a few days, possibly paying locals for use of their dump trailers, having a volunteer day for neighbor helping neighbor. Other changes included increasing the revenue from the paid parking program to \$12,000 and the camp ground revenues to \$55,000, and the sales tax number to \$174,000.

Ron had 3 goals – to be responsive to citizen requests and ideas, to be responsive to the board and to maintain a \$400,000 reserve. Larry asked if the reserve could be part of the budget in case some of the goals and projects take off. Ryan said the idea of adding \$5,000 to capital projects each year will build up funds. If funds in the reserve were needed or if there were unexpected expenses the board can do an amended budget. Larry asked what the number one capital project was and it was the town hall with Mill Site Park second. Amber said the list was reviewed as part of the 2025 budget process. Larry asked about MarbleFest and Ryan said the goal is for that to pay for its self. Larry asked about the Bell Tower maintenance. Ron said he and Dustin plan to do that, renting a lift. He hopes to get it done this year.

Larry asked about the Charter School and the Hub subsidies. We have given the Hub \$10,000 each year. Amber spoke to the value of the Hub and said that the Hub is not currently open, she has had to spend lots of time answering visitor questions. Ryan said the Charter School has requested funds last year. Angus asked if the town had a replacement for bookkeeper Ryan Kinney who is planning to move. Ron said there is not a current plan to find someone. Angus asked if a new bookkeeper would affect the budget. Larry asked about the municipal court line item and recommended not budgeting for that at this time. The board

agreed to cut this. Ron said that the lion's share of revenue comes from sales tax. He feels that the town should look at increasing sales tax next November. He said that the state legislature passed an act that allows special districts to collect sales tax. The Carbondale Fire Department has a ballot issue this November to raise sales tax 1.5% meaning there is going to be competition for sales tax: fire districts, school districts, water districts, etc. Larry said lodging with bed tax is 11.9%. This is an addition 4% on lodging. Ryan asked how special districts are created and Ron said it is done with a vote. Ryan asked if something like this could be created for the school. Ron said it could added as a mil levy dedicated to the school. Dave explained that Redstone has something like this for their water/sanitation district. Ryan spoke to small incremental increases. Larry suggested increasing the election budget to cover this.

- b. Master Plan priorities discussion, Amy – Amy wants to focus on the goals that came out of the Master Plan. Last month, Ryan asked each board member come with their three top goals. Larry: Marble Water Company (MWC) acquisition which could be a dangerous acquisition, considering such things as ongoing maintenance. The contract is up in 18 months and requires a Plan B. He feels we need to work with Dana Lavec, Kate Sawyer and other professionals. 2nd - fire mitigation and safety/fire hydrants in east Marble. He spoke to a water sprinkler system similar to one in Hayden ID. 3rd – park restoration and safety. Amber: land use code. (DOLA has staff that will revue a town's land use code and make recommendations.) She recommends waiting for the model work to be done. 2nd - Mill Site Park and historic preservation. 3rd - Water Company acquisition, working with DOLA and a third-party mediator. Amy: Water Company Acquisition, Revenue plan with professional consultant, Land Use/Business zoning. Ryan: looked at realistic and attainable goals. 1. Mixes use corridor/zoning plan review resolution. 2. MWC acquisition. Growth will be challenging but managing the current program is not as daunting. Worth the investment. 3. Park restoration along with a trail funded with grants. Larry said there are budget items that would figure into these priorities: legal expenses with both MWC and zoning, engineering services for MWC, grant writing, earth day/fire mitigation. He suggested the possibility of bottling water. He imagines a gel-based bottle that melts under hot water. Amber suggested a fill system for tanks. Ron suggested an executive session concerning the MWC. Amber suggested monthly work sessions addressing these along with the regular town meeting. Ryan would like to see a focused meeting for whichever topic would be covered. Ron will reach out to DOLA for possible dates for an executive session.

Angus suggested starting an excavation company for work on town projects and to hire out down valley. Ryan spoke to the town owning some of their own equipment with a storage facility. He spoke to some hurdles – conflict of interest/town being sued, etc.

F. Land Use

- a. Dual zoning/multi use for main corridor of Marble, Dustin – rolled over to November.
- b. Consider approval of Helm camping permit – Craig Helm owns a parcel in Filing 1. He would like to begin developing his lot and wants to stay on his property for longer than two weeks next summer while he works on it. Amber made a motion to approve the Helm camping permit. Larry Good seconded. Ryan asked if this was open ended or if it would expire. Ron will send the permit application back, asking that question. The motion is tabled pending getting the application back.

G. Old Business – Ryan asked if here had any more dialogue concerning the Hub building and there has not.

H. New Business – Larry suggested talking about staff for the town in the future.

I. Adjourn – Amy Rusby made a motion to adjourn. Larry Good seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Langley