

**TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 13, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 13, 2020. Mayor Richel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call

Present

Mayor Keith Richel
Mayor Pro-tem Kyle Knott
Trustee Justin Brintnall
Trustee Sam Flores
Trustee Andreia Poston
Trustee Jerry Seifert
Trustee Sam Walls

Present remotely were Town Administrator Jeff Layman, Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre, Community Development Director Janet Aluise, Town Treasurer Amie Tucker, Public Works/Utilities Director Trey Fonner, Chief of Police Mike Kite, Town Attorney Michael Sawyer and members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

- 1) Minutes of the June 22, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting
- 2) Renewal of Kum & Go Fermented Malt Beverage License
- 3) Renewal of Columbine Liquor Retail Liquor License

Administrator Layman stated that Russ Hatle had a correction to a statement that he made in the June 22 minutes and that Mr. Hatle asked that the following be reflected in the record: “Mr. Hatle stated that he would be recommending to the partners of Raley, Vista Opportunity Fund and to their Board that they accept the terms as outlined in the motion for the revenue sharing and that the town consider from the fees paid by the project contributing an additional \$200,000 to the overpass fund as seed money to use toward raising the money needed to build the overpass”. Administrator Layman stated that Mr. Hatle was concerned that it was being perceived that they would be contributing an additional \$200,000 and that wasn’t his intent.

Trustee Seifert made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the changes requested by Administrator Layman to the minutes. Mayor Pro-tem Knott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest – There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes – Administrator Layman asked that the Mountain Waste discussion be continued until the July 27 meeting to allow staff more time to review their proposal and that staff would like to discuss the call on water for the Ware & Hinds ditch and how it impacts the town.

Resolution No. 18, Series 2020, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO APPROVING A MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAN AND PLAT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE VILLAGE AT PAINTED PASTURES ANNEXATION, LOCATED SOUTH OF THE EXISTING PAINTED PASTURES SUBDIVISION AND EAST OF THE LYON COMMERCIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO (continuance requested by applicant)

Director Aluise explained that the applicants have submitted most of what was required of them but that staff couldn't get it all reviewed in time for packet. Staff asks that this item be continued until the July 27 meeting.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to continue the public hearing for Resolution No. 18, Series 2020, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO APPROVING A MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAN AND PLAT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE VILLAGE AT PAINTED PASTURES ANNEXATION, LOCATED SOUTH OF THE EXISTING PAINTED PASTURES SUBDIVISION AND EAST OF THE LYON COMMERCIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO until the July 27 meeting. Trustee Walls seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mountain Waste & Recycling Annual Rate Increase request – Mike Hinkley

Staff has asked that this item be continued until the July 27 meeting.

Trustee Seifert made a motion to continue the Mountain Waste & Recycling Annual Rate Increase request until the July 27 meeting. Mayor Pro-tem Knott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Water Plant status update

Director Fonner went over his memo outlining TTHM's in addition to other items that staff is looking at to help get the plant up to date. There was discussion about upgrading the electronics at the plant, how they would be paid for, if money could be used from the savings achieved from the bond, the addition of a sand filtration system and in what order the upgrades should be done in order to benefit the plant the most. Staff will keep the board updated.

Resolution No. 30, Series 2020, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT TO INCREASE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT FEES FROM THE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Director Aluise stated that staff was asked to bring this increase in tap fee discussion back for reconsideration. Staff provided a potential fee schedule and Director Aluise stated that the

future is looking good in terms of building permits that have been approved so far this year in light of COVID. There was discussion on how much the tap fees should be increased as well as how costs continue to rise to maintain our plants as just discussed.

Trustee Seifert made a motion to approve Resolution No. 30, Series 2020, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT TO INCREASE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT FEES FROM THE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO to \$6500 for each tap. Trustee Poston seconded the motion, and the motion carried with Mayor Pro-tem Knott voting nay.

Transportation Master Plan

Administrator Layman provided the board with a status of the transportation master plan and explained how it could assist the town with transportation improvements and annual maintenance. Administrator Layman stated that staff still feels that this is important in order help set a priority schedule in terms of taking care of our roads, but with what is going on with COVID and the uncertainty of our future revenues staff feels that we should wait to see how the year progresses before moving forward.

There was a consensus to table the Transportation Master Plan until a later date.

Silt Castle LLC v Town of Silt

Attorney Sawyer provided an update on this case stating that the courts have turned down Silt Castle's requests and that the case has been dropped. A Stipulation for Dismissal with Prejudice has been presented to the Board tonight for their approval. Mr. Sawyer added that Silt Castle would be responsible for paying for the transcription fee and that each side would pay their own attorney fees.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to approve the Stipulation for Dismissal with Prejudice. Trustee Walls seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ware and Hinds Ditch call discussion

Director Fonner explained how the irrigation system works in town, the tanks used to store the water, how water is transferred to the tanks and how water is supplied to each of the subdivisions as well as old town Silt. He added that currently there is not enough water to support all of the users on the Ware and Hinds ditch and that a senior call has been put in by the Ware and Hinds ditch company but that it could take up to a week to see the additional water in the ditch.

Mayor Richel cautioned residents that while we are low on water to reduce their watering times and use the irrigation water sparingly so as not to run the tanks dry as they are trying to fill.

Administrator and Staff reports

Trustee Seifert asked who owns the park next to Master Petroleum, stating that there is a broken rail in the fence. Staff will look into this.

Administrator Layman talked about the potential fire danger on the overgrown lots above Stoney Ridge ballfield saying that the town has mitigated their lots and that letters have been delivered to the homeowners asking them to trim up their lots per town code. He stated that staff had also met with CDoT on interim improvements on the overpass since the recent accident. CDoT has pledged to place additional signage and speed limit signs on the overpass in an effort to make it safer.

It was asked how many applications had been received for the open police officer position and Chief Kite stated that two people have tested and are moving onto the next phase. Mayor Richel asked if there was anything that the police department needs to help get officers to apply. Chief Kite explained that all agencies are having a hard time getting applicants right now. Mayor Pro-tem Knott suggested offering a sign on bonus or a retention bonus for our current officers. Administrator Layman stated that staff has been entertaining those same suggestions and that they would also be having discussions with our Human Resource company on is working for others. He added that the sub-committee would be talking about this in the next couple of months.

Mayor Richel asked if the County could spray for mosquitos before the next movie in the park night and Director Fonner stated that he would talk with them about their next spraying date.

Updates from Board / Board comments

Trustee Flores thanked the Administrator for addressing the potential fire danger on the lots above the ballfield. Trustee Walls asked that everyone be patient with the irrigation water. He also reminded everyone to keep an eye on their elderly neighbors with the extreme heat we have had lately. Trustee Seifert thanked staff for their work and asked people to conserve water where they can.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott agreed on the conservation of water and thanked staff for the water education. Mayor Richel stated that he has been approached by citizens and has seen it as well, employees driving town vehicles who are rolling through stop signs, not using their turn signals and texting while driving. He asked that department heads speak with their employees regarding this concern. Mayor Richel also commented about a recent Glenwood Springs City council meeting where their Mayor stated that he wants to send a letter to the Governor asking him to mandate that everyone in the State wear a mask. Mayor Richel stated that he has an issue with a Mayor from a neighboring town trying to dictate what we should do in Silt. He added that maybe we should send a letter to the Governor thanking him for giving Garfield County a variance and allowing us to do what we've done in our town. He also thanked the Board of County Commissioners for agreeing to contribute another \$500,000 so that the Western Slope could continue to be part of the rule making industry.

Mayor Richel adjourned for a break at 8:23 p.m. and reconvened at 8:28 p.m.

Executive Session

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to go into an executive session for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) – Richard Dally PC v. Town of Silt; for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiation, and instructing negotiators under Section 24-6-402(4)(e) – Golden Gate; and for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) – Town Administrator evaluation. Trustee Walls seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The board adjourned to executive session at 8:29 p.m.

At the end of executive session, Mayor Richel made the following statement: “The time is now 9:51 p.m., and the executive session has concluded. No formal action was taken in executive session. The participants in the executive session were: Keith Richel, Andreia Poston, Jerry Seifert, Kyle Knott, Sam Walls, Justin Brintnall, Sam Flores, Janet Aluise, Michael Churchill, Jeff Layman and Michael Sawyer. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record”. No objections were stated.

Trustee Seifert made a motion to approve the Town Administrator’s quarterly bonus of \$2000. Mayor Pro-tem Knott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Trustee Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees


Keith B. Richel
Mayor

