

**TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JUNE 28, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021. 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 Andreia Poston Trustee Jerry Seifert Vacancy
	Absent	Trustee Samuel Flores

Present remotely were Town Administrator Jeff Layman, Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre, Public Works Director Trey Fonner, Town Treasurer Amie Tucker, Police Chief Mike Kite and members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Public Comments – Resident John Lepkowski stated that he had submitted a letter to that Board and that he feels he is being ignored. He stated that he is concerned about the lack of enforcement on trees that overhang the sidewalks and roads. He suggested that everyone on the Board should spend a couple of hours a week going door to door as deputy code enforcement officers to talk to people and write tickets. He also suggested putting a diagram in the water bills showing the proper height for trees to be trimmed. Mr. Lepkowski stated that he is a licensed and insured contractor and that the Town should lower the bid for trees and that he should to be contacted when jobs come up in town so that he can bid them, adding that he has placed a bid before but did not get the job. He stated that he is not soliciting business by his comments tonight, he is just asking for a level playing field with the opportunity to bid on jobs. He also commented about the dead wood on the path from the stage up to Eagles View that has been there since last year.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the June 14, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting
2. **Resolution No. 17, Series 2021, A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE SERVICES OF SAM WALLS AS A TRUSTEE OF THE TOWN OF SILT**
3. Credit/Debit Card Service Fee Increase

Mayor Richel invited Sam Wall's family up to receive a formal copy of the resolution appreciating his services since he was unable to attend tonight. The Board thanked Sam again for his service adding that he was a great addition to the Board.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Poston seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest – There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes – Administrator Layman directed the Board’s attention to Mr. Lepkowski’s letter that is in the packet tonight. He stated that staff would be happy to address his concerns later on the agenda if they like. There was a consensus to address the letter tonight after the Bike Overpass update.

Town of Silt Land Listings Agreements – Joe Carpenter

Present tonight was realtor Joe Carpenter. Administrator Layman briefed the Board on the contracts that the Town has with Mr. Carpenter to sell the two town owned parcels whose listings are set to expire very soon. Mr. Layman recommended that the Town renew the listings with Mr. Carpenter.

Joe Carpenter addressed the annual review and went over the interest that he has seen on these two parcels. He proceeded to go over property sales in Silt over the last few years and the challenges of the property next to Kum & Go stating that only a small portion of the lot is usable and that the configuration of the lot makes it more difficult to build on. He is recommending that the listing price be decreased to \$149,000.

There was discussion on decreasing the price, and filling in more of the wetland to help increase the size of the building envelope to make it more functional. Staff will get more information to Mr. Carpenter regarding the wetlands surrounding this property. The Board discussed the other town owned parcel and stated that they are good with keeping the parcel in front of the Holiday Inn at the current asking price of \$220,000. Administrator Layman stated that staff has had some discussions with a developer in regards to the Main Street site.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to renew the listing for 1007 Highway 6 and lowering the price to \$149,000, to renew the listing at 1555 River Frontage Road, leaving it at \$220,000 and to retain Joe Carpenter as the realtor for an additional twelve months. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

I-70 and 9th Street Sewer Boring Project Bid Award

Director Fonner explained that the Town received a grant from Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District in 2020 in the amount \$300,000 to go towards the replacement of two wastewater collection mains at 9th Street and Main and the other by the underpass off of 16th Street. The Town received three bidders and Clayco Inc. came in with the lowest bid. Staff recommended awarding this bid to Clayco Inc. at a cost of either \$474,000 or 581,000 depending upon whether or not the project would need to be hand or machine bored. Director Fonner explained that if the project goes past September of this year, an extension would need to be requested for the necessary time required to complete the project.

Trustee Seifert made a motion to award the I-70 and 9th Street Boring Project to Clayco Inc. in the amount of either \$474,000 or \$581,000 depending upon the need. Mayor Pro-tem Knott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

I-70 Pedestrian/Bike Overpass Update

Director Fonner provided an update on this project and that staff has been working with Rocksol/KLJ who were hired to design the overpass. He stated that the first task was to determine the best location for the overpass, and after surveying the area four possible locations were chosen. A Project Concepts Comparison Memorandum was provided that goes over each of the alternatives. He stated that Rocksol/KLJ would create a website: www.silt170.com that people would be able to visit, review the layouts and provide feedback. Director Fonner stated that the proposed designs would incorporate the redesigning of a future interchange.

Director Fonner stated that engineering on the project wouldn't start until after a site has been chosen. Mayor Pro-tem Knott commented about the number of comments on social media regarding the overpass and associated concerns of traffic, pedestrians, semi-trucks, etc. adding that a majority of the town doesn't realize the amount of work that staff has been dedicating towards projects such as these. He asked if an overview of what staff has been doing could be put in the newsletter so that citizens know that this has been high on the Town's priority list. It was added that the Town doesn't even own the overpass but yet we are putting money aside and spending a large amount of staff time to address the needs of the Town.

Tree Code Enforcement discussion (added tonight based on public comment section)

Mayor Richel started by saying that most code enforcement issues happen on private property and to have a member of the Board go to someone's house and tell them to cut their trees could be a huge safety issue. He added that this Board has put many resources into the Police Department so that they can do their job. Chief Kite stated that he had received Mr. Lepkowski's letter and had driven the streets and issued a few warnings of which most have been taken care of. He stated that as for the height of the trees, he didn't have any concerns as long as people can get through without any problems. He added that they are dealing with code enforcement issues as requests come in, and that his department has been working with citizens who own the property above the stage to get the piles removed from their properties. Chief Kite stated that he found only one tree on Grand Avenue that is actually forcing people out into the street.

Mayor Richel thanked the Police Department for getting to what they can, when they can and that they work off of calls that come in regarding code enforcement issues. He added that we have a small department so they have to sometimes pick the items to enforce but that they would work with the citizens on those issues that are truly an issue. Citizens were encouraged to contact staff or the Police Department with any concerns.

John Lepkowski offered to help train people on how to trim their trees and suggested putting something in the water bills about keeping your trees trimmed along with a diagram.

May 2021 Financial Report

Treasurer Tucker went over the May 2021 financials and answered questions. She added that staff has been working on a financial policy that would be coming before the Board soon.

Administrator & Staff Comments

There were no Administrator or Staff Comments.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott commented about the new ADA ramps that are going in and if the Town had any plans for a sidewalk in between 5th and 6th Street on Main. Director Fonner stated that money has been dedicated towards that section of Main Street along with a grant that has been applied for that would fully fund the project. Pro-tem Knott also asked if there have been any comments from the new Silt Gourmet Grocery regarding the tent on 8th Street and if there have been any concerns voiced. Administrator Layman stated that he has not heard from either the store or Miner's Claim regarding any issues. Trustee Poston asked if copies of the Town's summer event schedule could be made available at the library as well as Town Hall. Staff will address this.

Updates from Board / Board comments

The Board thanked staff for their hard work and thanked Sam Walls for serving as a Trustee. Trustee Brintnall complimented staff on the bag of information that was delivered to all residents, adding that it contained good information. He asked that everyone work together to follow the watering schedule.

Mayor Pro-tem Knott reminded everyone to please slow down when driving through town. He reiterated the amount of time that the Board and staff has put into trying to figure out a new vehicular overpass and pedestrian overpass and the issues that come with them. He also commented about the amount of time and the conversations they have had regarding code enforcement. Mayor Richel also thanked Sam Walls adding that he will not only be missed as a Board member but a member of the community as well.


Adjournment

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees


Keith B. Richel
Mayor

