

**TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023. Mayor Richel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll call	Present	Mayor Keith Richel Mayor Pro-tem Kyle Knott Trustee Justin Brintnall Trustee Chris Classen Trustee Derek Hanrahan Trustee Jerry Seifert
	Absent	Trustee Samuel Flores

Also present were Town Administrator Jeff Layman, Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre, Town Treasurer Amie Tucker, Public Works Director Trey Fonner, Community Development Manager Nicole Centeno, 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 January 9, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting
2. **Resolution No. 6, Series 2023**, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,359.00, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$24,359.00, IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASING OF NEW EQUIPMENT FOR A NEW POLICE VEHICLE FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
3. **Resolution No. 7, Series 2023**, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$27,948,000.00, IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE AND ENGINEERING FOR A WATER TREATMENT FACILITY FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO OR
4. **Resolution No. 7, Series 2023**, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,000.00, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$400,000.00, IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW INFRASTRUCTURE IN

GRAND AVENUE PHASE ONE FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

5. **Resolution No. 4, Series 2023**, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER/WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND, DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF WITH PROCEEDS OF A FUTURE BORROWING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWN OF SILT; IDENTIFYING THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND THE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR SUCH PAYMENT; AND PROVIDING CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
6. Memorial Donation and Gift Policy – January 2023

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to approve items 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 on the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Seifert seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest – There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes – Mayor Richel suggested adding a rate discussion before the financial report.

Silt’s Conservation Value and Priorities with the Aspen Valley Land Trust (AVLT) – Erin Quinn

Erin Quinn was present to go over her presentation and explain the partnership between the Town of Silt and AVLT along with providing what they can offer the town. She proceeded to go over items such as their service area, what land trusts do, what a conservation easement is, the financial cost and benefits and regional and statewide conservation planning.

Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership’s “Flight and Free-Fall Capital of Colorado” Proposal – Evan Zislis

Administrator Layman stated that the Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership is a coalition of regional stakeholders dedicated to building community and regional prosperity throughout Western Garfield County. The Town of Silt participates in this partnership and among other things, CRVEDP is focused on cultivating an affordable and innovative economic landscapes ideal for good-paying jobs, entrepreneurial ecosystems and opportunities for upward mobility.

The partnership, through Evan Zislis of the Aspen Institute, has put forth a proposal to develop a concept of becoming the first “Flight and Free=Fall Capital of Colorado”, utilizing infrastructure that already exists. Mr. Zislis proceeded to go over his presentation and asked that the Board take a moment to complete the survey that was provided to them tonight.

Mayor Richel stated that he would not support anything that would eliminate the gas and oil industry from the area. Mr. Zislis stated that he is not proposing getting rid of anything and that

they are looking at what the future is for this region and how we can supplement it and take it into the next generation to ensure the future of our young professionals.

Ordinance No. 1, Series 2023 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO GRANTING A CABLE SYSTEM FRANCHISE TO COMCAST OF COLORADO *(staff requests a continuance to February 13, 2023)*

Mayor Pro-tem Knott made a motion to continue Ordinance No. 1, Series 2023 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO GRANTING A CABLE SYSTEM FRANCHISE TO COMCAST OF COLORADO until the February 13, 2023 meeting. Trustee Brintnall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rates Discussion

The Board discussed the rates schedule in relation to the potential rise in costs for water. Staff provided the current rates and the tiers for usage after the minimum amount has been exceeded. The Board also talked about the current price being charged for bulk water, rates charged to seniors, usage and charges for residential and commercial, EQR's, changing out old meters that aren't working properly and increasing the tier amounts for water.

Staff was asked to see how much loan money would be available starting at the current rate that is being paid by citizens and going up incrementally until the cap of \$168 per month. That amount is what each resident could pay based on an approximate loan amount of \$28 million.

Alan Ferguson was allowed to comment about who pays for and owns water meters in town.

December 2022 Financial Report

Treasurer Tucker went over the December 2022 financial report.

Administrator and Staff Comments

Administrator Layman reminded everyone of the upcoming work session on January 31 starting at the water plant and in ending in the Board room. He added that public tours are also being conducted at the water plant for those interested in attending.

Director Fonner stated that the Town has been moved to a Level 2 Distribution System as well as Collections due to our population.

Updates from Board / Board Comments

Trustee Hanrahan stated that he attended the first SSWM meeting that was held last week. Trustee Classen commented about the turnaround time for receiving P&Z minutes, raises for the P&Z and having a quarterly meeting with the P&Z. He also congratulated the two employees at the water plant who received their A licenses. Trustee Seifert commented on the

process regarding the water plant and encouraged everyone to stay focused. Mayor Richel thanked the public who joined the meeting tonight.

The Board adjourned for a brief recess at 8:37 p.m. and once reconvened determined that an executive session was not necessary.

Executive Session – No executive session was needed.

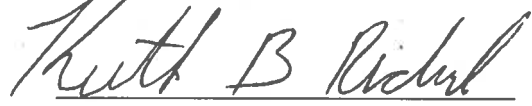
Adjournment

Trustee Brintnall made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-tem Knott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees


Keith B. Richel
Mayor

