

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

May 11, 2023

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Pat Medina called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. A verbal roll call was taken. Present were Patrick Webb, Custer McLeod, Tricia McFarland, John Marta and Sven Edstrom arrived at 6:28 p.m. Absent was Mayor Jim Wingfield.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR APRIL 20, 2023

John Marta moved to approve the minutes as presented, Trisha McFarland seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

LENORE CAMBRIA- NORTH FORK RECREATION DISTRICT

Lenore Cambria introduced the new administrator, Stephanie Bureau. She is looking to retire at the end of May. She thanked everyone for their support and said that it has been a pleasure to work with everyone. Patrick Webb thanked Lenore for all her hard work, and said it was easy to work with her. Stephanie Bureau said that she lives in Town and that she loves the pool and recreation district. She is excited to serve the community and work along with the Town.

3. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Town Clerk Ginger Redden read off all additional bills.

Patrick Webb moved to approve payment of all bills; John Marta seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

REQUEST FOR THE KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK-MEINERS, 410 DUKE HILL RD-
ELIZABETH MEINERS

Patricia Medina went over the rules for the Public Hearing process and told the Board that the Planning Commission recommended approval for this review.

John Marta stated that the Planning Commission had a big discussion, they agreed to the terms of one cow per acre. They have eight (8) cows on 13 fenced acres. He mentioned that they can't have more than thirteen (13). He stated that a lot of the Town is agricultural. Patrick Webb said that he lives close to the property and has had no issues with the cows. Custer McLeod stated he was approving of the cows.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Elizabeth Meiners made her presentation. She stated when she bought the farm so that she would be able to have cows by right. She apologized about not coming to the Board for permission first. She bought the property for her family. She has been getting a lot of support from her neighbors throughout this process.

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4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (cont.)
REQUEST FOR THE KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK-MEINERS, 410 DUKE HILL ROAD-
ELIZABETH MEINERS
PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment was opened at 6:39 p.m.

Julie Meiners, 410 Duke Hill Road, told the Board that she was the daughter of Elizabeth Meiners. Julie told the Board that she was excited to move to the Town with the prospect of living a farm life with her family.

The public comment was closed at 6:40 p.m.

BOARD DELIBERATION

Patrick Webb moved to allow animals on the property per ordinance of one (1) animal per acre, seconded by John Marta. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

John Marta commended the family for coming in and doing the right thing with the Town.

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN 221 CEDAR DRIVE AND 244 WEST MAIN
STREET-ASPENWHITE, LLC-MICHEAL HUMECKI
APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Micheal Humecki wants to adjust the boundaries twenty (20) feet to the South to accommodate a garage or project that is allowed by right of the properties zoning. He states that there are dormant utilities already on the property and can be reactivated at any time.

BOARD DELIBERATION

Patrick Webb asked why they are moving the boundary. Micheal Humecki stated that he is too close to the Railroad to build anything by it. He showed the Board a plat of where he would like to make the adjustments. John Marta said that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the boundary adjustment. John Marta stated that it is a no brainer to approve this since the power is already there.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public hearing opened at 6:46 p.m.

No Public Comment for or against.

Public hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

John Marta made a motion to approve the boundary adjustment between 221 Cedar Drive and 244 West Main Street. Custer McLeod seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

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5. OLD BUSINESS
HOTCHKISS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE/ONE DELTA COUNTY UPDATE-
KIM SHAY
Kim Shay was not present.

MARIJUANA RANKING SYSTEM DISCUSSION

Bo brought a concept system to the Board to propose a weighing system for the Marijuana Shop applications. The two (2) areas he was wanting Trustee feedback on was the drive-in or preferences on keeping the businesses local. Patrick Webb asked if they used this in Ridgway. Bo said that he wasn't around in Ridgway when they implemented Marijuana, so he hadn't used it in Ridgway, but it is used in Cedaredge. Pat Medina thinks is a good system if we get more than two (2) applications. Chief Green likes the form. He spoke with the marijuana enforcement representative. She informed him that all the power is in what the Trustees decide. Pat Medina said there are not many open places left for locations. Bo stated that the form does address the zoning issue. Patrick Webb was approving of this form as well as John Marta. Patrick Webb made a motion to approve the Marijuana ranking system form the way it was presented. Custer McLeod seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

FREE FLAG GIVEAWAY UPDATE

Patricia Medina mentioned the free flag give away on June 11th. Trisha McFarland stated that she had talked with the family that owns the Hotchkiss Short Stop. They are giving Bill Babbel permission to hand out his flag in front of the vacant building to the West of the Gas Station.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT
Patricia Medina stated that Mayor Jim Wingfield had hip surgery last Thursday and has been in every morning.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Green has been working on bringing in an SRO (School Resource Officer) and is looking to the Council for approval. The SRO will be doing other officer responsibilities and covering for absent officers when school is not in session. Caryn Gibson was very excited to hear the prospect of an SRO. Sven Edstrom talked with his daughter about the safety an SRO can bring and his child was excited at the idea as well. Sven approves of this and wants to push for transparency with both schools. Chief Green stated that he pushes his officers into the schools at least once a day to get the kids more comfortable with their presence. Patrick Webb questioned that the Police staff that the current staff in place is not big enough already to accomplish this. Chief Green said he doesn't have enough to cover both schools without pulling resources from

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7. MAYOR'S REPORT (cont.)
POLICE DEPARTMENT

elsewhere. John Marta and Trisha McFarland were both supportive, thinking that it will invoke more faith in being protected and bring comfort to parents.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mike wasn't present.

Patricia Medina addressed the rising water and sandbags. There are sandbags available at the Public Works that are self-fill. She asked the community to watch out for debris in flowing water and inform someone with the Town if it is building. Chief Green stated that Mike is watching the water at the bridges. He is prepared to have his guys help if need be. He has been following all meetings to stay up to date. Patricia Medina stated a Facebook post for volunteers would be a good idea. Public Works Taylor Schreiner passed his water Certification test. Membranes have been ordered from Scinor.

TOWN HALL UPGRADE UPDATE

Ginger Redden said paint is going up, electric work is being done to put in the cameras. She is hoping that the project will be done by mid June.

8. NEW BUSINESS
OPENING OF SEALED BIDS-2009 CROWN VICTORIA

Ginger Redden read the sealed bids.

Cameron Mason-Ryan Chamberland	\$4,101.51
Tim Caya	\$3,672.99
Ringwood Motors	\$1,780.00
Dolores Morris	\$2,000.00
Calebe Rice	\$5,500.00
Don Dybala	\$2,499.00

Sven Edstrom made the motion to accept the sealed bid from Caleb Rice for \$5,500.00. Custer McLeod seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all the Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

OUT OF TOWN WATER TAP REQUEST-WILLIAM MCKEE

William McKee is looking to get a water and sewer tap. Pat Medina asked why they didn't annex. William stated that it seemed like a lot of work. Ginger said that she had talked with Mike. Mike said that it wouldn't be an issue to approve this and be able to get both taps in. Trisha McFarland made a motion to approve the requested out of town water and sewer tap. Patrick Webb seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

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8. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

SPECIAL EVENTS LIQUOR LICENSE-JENNI NEIL-HOPE WEST

The event will be held on August 19th, 2023 for a cornhole tournament at the Hotchkiss Fairgrounds. Chief Green said that he has no issue with the application.

SPECIAL EVENTS LIQUOR LICENSE-JENNI NEIL-HOPE WEST (Cont.)

John Marta moved to approve the Special Events Liquor License for Hope West, seconded by Tricia McFarland. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

POSSIBLE TRASH PRICE INCREASE-DOUBLE J-RACHEL LEONARD

Rachel Leonard told the Board that the landfill increased their rates by 25%. She has been eating the cost, but she can't afford to do it any longer. If the gas stops fluctuating, then she stated she would take that charge away. John Marta thanked Rachel for the effort that was put into the Town Clean Up Day. Town Clerk Ginger Redden told the board that if this gets approved, this could be implemented in July. She also told the Board that another dump day would not be feasible in the fall, this dump day had used all credit the Town had at the landfill. She stated it would be a good idea to use vouchers next year.

INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS

Patricia Medina talked about a handout that was an article about how a lot of urban areas are doing away with their parking regulations.

MARIJUANA AUTHORITY MEETING

Ginger Redden told the Board that she would like to close the Town Hall on May 25th for a training meeting in Grand Junction for Marijuana Enforcement. The local Marijuana Enforcement agent will also be coming to the Town Hall on May 18th, if any of the Trustees would like to attend that meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley M. Rodarte, Deputy Town Clerk