

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

June 20, 2024

Rescheduled from June 13 Due to a Power Outage

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Wingfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A verbal roll call was taken. Present were Roger Christian, Randy Thalmann, Sven Edstrom, and Jim Jorgensen
Absent was Custer McLeod.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR MAY 9, 2024

Roger Christian moved to approve the minutes as presented, Pat Medina seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

MINUTES FOR MAY 21, 2024

Roger Christian moved to approve the minutes as presented, Sven Edstrom seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

RATIFICATION OF BILL PAYMENTS DUE TO MEETING RESCHEDULE

Pat Medina moved to ratify the payment of the bills due to the rescheduling of the June 13th meeting because of a Power Outage, seconded by Jim Jorgensen. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

4. NORTH FORK MINERS STUDENT COUNCIL-UPDATE ON HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

School is out, no Student Council Present.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. STAFF COMMENT

None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Wingfield went over the rules for the Public Hearing process and told the Board that the Planning Commission recommended approval for this request with the Variance.

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT-722 CEDAR DRIVE-KARL DERRAH

STAFF PRESENTATION

Mayor Wingfield explained the Boundary Adjustment.

Pat Medina said that the Planning Commission minutes explained it well.

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7. PUBLIC HEARINGS (cont.)
STAFF PRESENTATION (cont.)

Mayor Wingfield reiterated that the Planning Commission recommended approval. Pat Medina said that it is nice to see that there are no complaints of the Town breaking the rules for this request.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Karl Derrah told the Board that they just wanted to add another acre to their land. The septic system in the previous presentation was removed since it was not grandfathered in for the next owner. The new owner will have to come in and ask for permission if they choose to have a septic system.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Public Comment period was open and closed and 6:38 p.m. with no comments either for or against this Boundary Adjustment.

BOARD DELIBERATION

Jim Jorgensen moved to approve the Boundary Adjustment for the for 722 Cedar Drive for Karl and Heather Derrah, seconded by Pat Medina. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

8. OLD BUSINESS

STATUS ON THE UPDATE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE-INCLUDING CHAPTER 17

Attorney told the Board that there should be an Ordinance ready for a possible first reading at the meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2024.

BUILDING INSPECTOR APPLICATIONS DISCUSSION-INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mayor Wingfield told the Board that the current Building Inspector, Bruce Stanley, is retiring. Robert Reynolds was introduced and welcomed as the new Building Inspector for the Town of Hotchkiss.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wingfield told that Board that there is a memo in their packets. If they have an issue that they need dealt with, they should go directly to the Department Heads. The Town Staff is always busy, and the Town is the highest priority. If there is something small that a Board member feels needs to be addressed, they can set up a time to meet with the Department Head and go over it. Pat Medina reminded the Board to follow the Chain of Command just like in any other business.

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9. MAYOR'S REPORT (cont.)
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Chief Green was not present.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Marvin Jackson said that the Public Works crew is replacing pipe across Jack Hunt's property to the lower water tank. The project is about half done.

There was another water leak during Memorial Day Weekend.

A couple of new Water Meters have been installed and there are new aerators at the Sanitation Ponds.

Public Works is down a person right now since Adam Scheneman quit on Monday due to a Family Emergency.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

Jeffrey Rodarte has resigned from the Planning Commission. Letters to fill the seat will be accepted until July 8, 2024.

10. NEW BUSINESS

BRUIN WASTE MANAGEMENT RECYCLING OPTION-BOARD DISCUSSION

Rachel Leonard from Bruin Waste Management told the Board that they would like to offer recycling to the residents of Hotchkiss. The cost to the Town would be \$6.00 per residence and they would pick up the recycling on the first and third Wednesdays every month. There will be a separate rate structure for the commercial businesses in Town and Rachel can get the Town that information if there is interest. Bruin Waste Management will offer one bin and everything except glass can be placed in the bin to recycle.

Attorney Nerlin and Town Clerk Redden both told the Board that there would need to be a new contract negotiated as well as a way to charge for this service if there is enough interest.

After several minutes of discussion, it was decided that a poll would be taken of the Citizens in Town to see if there would be enough interest to warrant the Recycling Program. The question will be put on bills, the website, Facebook and a flyer will be put at the Clerk's window. The Clerk's will report back in July.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL-TACO HUT

Pat Medina moved to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Taco Hut, seconded by Randy Thalmann. A verbal vote was taken with all of the Trustees voting in favor, Motion passed.

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10. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)
PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH-LOREN KNOBBE-TRI COUNTY HEALTH NETWORK
Jim Jorgensen moved to approve the Proclamation declaring the month of June as Immigrant Heritage Month, seconded by Sven Edstrom. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

EMPLOYEE WAGE DISCUSSION-POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ANNUAL RAISES
Jim Jorgensen moved to approve the annual raises given to the employees for the year 2024, seconded by Sven Edstrom. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.
11. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger R. Redden, Town Clerk