

Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
August 13, 2024

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Smith calls the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Paige Smith
Mayor Pro-Tem John Valentine
Trustee Rick Stelter
Trustee Kathy Swartz
Trustee Bill Brunner
Trustee Walter Czech
Trustee Lucy Hunter

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Brunner makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Swartz, to postpone the hearing this evening in lieu of mediation.

Voting Yea: Trustee Swartz, Trustee Brunner

Voting Nay: Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Trustee Czech, Trustee Hunter

The motion fails.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Swartz, to move all agenda items, except for the Consent Agenda, to a Special Meeting on Thursday August 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

The motion carries unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Hunter, to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carries unanimously

Staff Reports

Moved to Special Meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Actions & Presentations

Public comments must be related to the agenda item, 3-minute time limit.

Agenda Item #1: Board Appointment of a Hearing Officer

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, to appoint Trustee Stelter as the Hearing Officer.

Voting Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Trustee Swartz, Trustee Hunter

Voting Nay: Trustee Brunner

The motion carries.

Agenda Item #2: Hearing for the Removal of Trustee William Brunner

Hearing Officer, Trustee Rick Stelter, reads the hearing script into the record.

Charging Officer, Mayor Paige Smith, gives her opening statements.

Hearing Officer, Trustee Stelter, calls for order due to outbursts from the public.

Respondent, Trustee Brunner, gives his opening statements.

The Charging Officer, Mayor Smith, begins the presentation of evidence.

Trustee Czech makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Hunter, to take a five-minute recess.

Voting Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Trustee Czech, Trustee Swartz and Trustee Hunter

The motion carries.

The meeting resumes at 8:26 PM.

The charging officer continues the presentation of evidence.

The Town Attorney is asked for his advice on procedure.

The Hearing Officer states there will be no further rebuttal on each exhibit but instead during the rebuttal period following the charging officer's presentation of evidence.

Trustee Brunner presents his rebuttal exhibits.

The Hearing Officer admonishes the public to restrict outbursts or be removed.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Swartz, to extend the meeting for an hour until 10:19 PM

Voting Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Trustee Czech, Trustee Swartz and Trustee Hunter

The motion carries.

Trustee Czech makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Hunter, to take a five-minute recess.

Voting Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Trustee Czech, Trustee Swartz and Trustee Hunter

The motion carries.

The meeting resumes at 9:26PM

Trustee Brunner continues presentation of evidence

Trustee Hunter calls point of order on timeline of script

Trustee Brunner calls Thomas Markle as a witness and he is sworn in.

Charging Officer cross examines Thomas Markle

Trustee Brunner calls Suzanne Watson as a witness and she is sworn in.

Charging Officer cross examines Suzanne Watson

Trustee Brunner calls Stefen Wynn as a witness and he is sworn in.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Swartz to extend the meeting to 11:15PM.

The motion carries unanimously.

Public Comment-

J. Holvoet, third street: comments on taps

T. Markle, Second St: comments against removal

M. Bachran, Box Elder: comments in favor of removal

P. McCarthy, Dorris: comments against removal

S. Watson, in town: comments against removal

S. Keenan, in town: comments against removal

D. Knutson, Vista Drive: comments about best decisions.

M. Pattison, Second St: comments against removal

F. Witowski: comments for removal

S. Patterson, Rio Grande: comments against removal

S. Brown, Oak Ave: comments about civility.

R. Beers, in town: comments against removal.

J. Brunner, Second St: comments against removal

F. Zimmer, German Creek Drive: comments in favor of removal

A. Foster, Main St: comments on emotional decisions

M. Talbot: comments against removal

Trustee Czech makes a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, to postpone the rest of the hearing until the Special Meeting on August 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Voting Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Trustee Czech, Trustee Swartz

Voting Nay: Trustee Hunter

Abstain: Trustee Brunner

The motion carries.

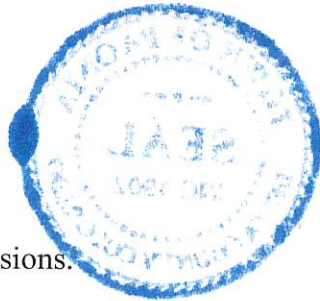
Agenda Item #3 Consideration of Approval of Contract with Professional Management Solutions

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Agenda Item #4 Sidewalk Fee Ballot Discussion and Decision

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Agenda Item #5: Consideration of Confirming the Reappointment of Town Administrator and Town Clerk to the 2024-2025 CML Public Policy Committee.



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Agenda Item #6 Review of DRAFT Procurement/Purchasing Policy - Consideration is needed from the Board of Trustees prior to the final adoption of the policy. Any edits or comments on the draft policy and manual are due on 8/21/2024 by 4PM.

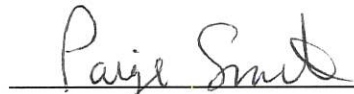
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Adjournment

The meeting adjourns at 10:59PM


Samira M Vetter, Town Clerk




Paige Smith, Mayor