

Minutes
Special Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
August 15, 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 Walter Czech

Trustee Lucy Hunter

Trustee William Brunner (arrives after Roll Call)

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine to approve the agenda.

The motion carries unanimously.

Actions & Presentations

Agenda Item #1: Hearing for the Removal of Trustee William Brunner

Trustee Stelter, Hearing Officer, takes charge of the hearing.

The Charging Officer, Mayor Smith, responds to public comment.

Trustee Brunner, the Respondent, responds to public comment.

Point of order is called over procedure.

Trustee Brunner continues his response.

The Board of Trustees begins their question phase of the hearing.

Trustee Swartz asks for clarification from the Town Attorney.

Trustee Hunter asks for clarification from the Town Attorney.

Trustee Stelter asks a question of Trustee Brunner

Trustee Swartz asks a question of Town Administrator Wynn

Trustee Brunner asks a question of Town Administrator Wynn

Charging Officer, Mayor Paige Smith, presents her closing argument.

Respondent, Trustee Bill Brunner, presents his closing argument.

The Town Attorney gives advice on the definitions of the charges, the guiding statutes and what information the Board can and cannot use during their deliberations and decision-making process.

Trustee Hunter asks a clarifying question about misconduct.

Trustee Swartz asks to discuss the voting process, requesting pauses and time to think between motion, second and action, due to the gravity of the decision before them.

The Charging Officer, Mayor Paige Smith, at the request of the Hearing Officer, Trustee Rick Stelter, re-reads the written charges aloud.

The Board begins their deliberations of the evidence presented.

Appearance of impropriety, violations of the Board Code of Conduct, censure vs removal, suggestions for moving forward, budget money for training, conflict resolution, trolling, Staff & Trustees & Community, evidence, bullying, working together as a team.

Trustee Czech makes a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine to remove Trustee Brunner for abuse of position and harassment.

Trustee Swartz asks the Board to reconsider removal.

Main motion:

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

Nay: Trustee Swartz

The motion carries.

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

The motion carries unanimously

The meeting resumes at 7:58PM

Agenda Item #2: August Town Administrator Report - to be presented during the meeting.

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Town Administrator Wynn presents his Administrators report.

Agenda Item # 3: Police Chief

Chief Laiminger presents his report.

Agenda Item #4: Consideration of Approval of Contract with Professional Management Solutions

Town Administrator Wynn presents the amendments to the contract and changes to the Scope of Work.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter to approve the amended contract with Professional Management Solutions.

The motion carries unanimously

Agenda Item #5: Sidewalk Fee Ballot Discussion and Decision

Town Administrator Wynn presents his staff report.

Clerk Vetter gives the Election Calendar timeline.

Public Comment:

D. Knutson: Comments on current restrictions to that fund

S. Watson: Comments about ADA research

M. Bachran: comments in favor of increase and lifting restrictions on the sidewalks it can be used on

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine to have the Town Clerk request an Intergovernmental Agreement with Delta County for the November Election.

The motion carries unanimously.

Agenda Item #6: Consideration of Confirming the Reappointment of Town Administrator and Town Clerk to the 2024-2025 CML Public Policy Committee.

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Czech to confirm the re-appointment of Town Administrator Wynn and Town Clerk Vetter to the 2024-2025 CML Policy Committee.

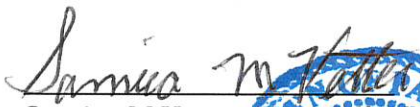
The motion carries unanimously.


Agenda Item #7: 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.

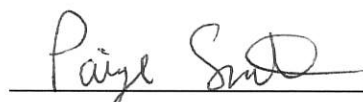
Town Administrator Wynn explains the draft policy.

Adjournment

The motion adjourns at 8:53 pm


Samira M Vetter, Town Clerk




Paige Smith, Mayor