

Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
August 08, 2023

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Bachran calls the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Mary Bachran
Mayor Pro-Tem Thomas Markle
Trustee Dave Knutson
Trustee Paige Smith
Trustee John Valentine
Trustee Rick Stelter
Trustee Morgan MacInnis

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Smith makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee MacInnis, to approve the agenda.

The motion carries unanimously.

Announcements

August 23 2023 at 4 pm - Joint Work Session with Board of Trustees and Planning Commission to review first draft of Master Plan.

Trustee Knutson announces the eco -flight out of Paonia Airport.

Mayor Pro-Tem Markle announces he is resigning his seat before the next regular meeting, due to the excellent management provided by Interim Town Administrator Leslie Klusmire and the current Twon Administrator Stefen Wynn, he feels better about the direction Town is going and asks that they look at the changes in the planet and start to prepare for the future of the North Fork Valley.

Mayor Bachran expresses her thanks to Mayor Pro-Tem Markle for his service.

Public Comment

Any topic not included on the agenda, 3-minute time limit.

S. Watson: comment on signage for marijuana shops and street trees and microclimates.

M. Nierenberger: comment on climate change and trees.

C. Patterson: comments on Trustee resignations.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee Knutson to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carries unanimously.

Staff Reports

First Street Fence Encroachment – Town Attorney Update

Town Attorney Cotten-Baez explains that the course of action the Board previously discussed is no longer an avenue available and the issue will now need to go to County Court. He advises that the cost should not change and suggests hiring a local attorney for practical reasons.

Town Administrator

Topics: parks, speed limits, parking and crosswalks, signage, Dorris Avenue sewer line, grant mapping, budget planning and timeline, budget process with staff. Town Administrator Wynn answers questions about the financial statements and budget amendments that are likely on the horizon.

Paonia Housing Needs Assessment and Housing Action Plan - Town Board Update

Trustee Smith gives an update on the Affordable Housing Task Force meeting.

Trustee Knutson comments about how impressed he was with the Public Session and the attention that Urban Rural Continuum paid to all the comments received.

Actions & Presentations

1. Resolution 12 - 2023 Clarifying North Fork Valley Airport Advisory Committee and Liaison

Town Administrator Wynn reports his meeting with Chairman Neal Schwieterman and their discussions about organizational needs to match the resolution that was passed.

Public Comment:

S. Watson: comments on the signs

A. Sargent: attempts to speak on the fence matter, procedural questions.

Point of order is called for it being the wrong time on the agenda for Public Comment. Trustee Stelter makes a motion, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Markle, for a five-minute recess.

Recess begins: 7:11 pm

Meeting Resumes: 7:16 pm

Discussion continues and it is announced that there is still a citizen seat open on the committee.

Trustee Smith asks for a tour of the airport for the Board of Trustees

Mayor Pro-Tem Markle makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee MacInnis to adopt Resolution 2023-12 Clarifying the North Fork Valley Airport Advisory Committee.

Motion carries unanimously.

2. Appointing Town Administrator as liaison to the North Fork Valley Airport Advisory Committee

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee Smith, to appoint Town Administrator Stefen Wynn as Town Liaison to the North Fork Valley Airport Advisory Committee.

The motion carries unanimously.

Mayor & Trustee Reports

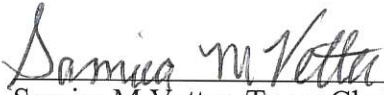
Mayor Bachran gives a verbal report including the following highlights: Tier 2 grant and State Revolving Loan has been submitted. SIPA grant was not needed so was not applied for, Mayor Bachran and Administrator Wynn are travelling to Rifle for SRF meeting, Proposition 123 application has been approved.

Trustee Knutson and Trustee Stelter report that the Parks committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, and they are reviewing the Paonia in Motion plan.


Trustee Knutson makes a statement to outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem Markle that he has always appreciated his dedication to the rights of public comment and insistence on transparency.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 7:24 pm.


Samira M Vetter, Town Clerk




Mary Bachran, Mayor

