

**TOWN OF PAONIA**



**Regular Town Board Meeting, May 26, 2022**

**Mayor Bachran  
Trustee Knutson  
Trustee Markle  
Trustee Smith  
Trustee Stelter  
Trustee Valentine**

**May 26, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes 6:00 pm**

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**Work Session:**

**Paonia in Motion - Presentation of Final Parks Recreation and Trails Master Plan**

Matt Farrar of Western Slope Consulting presented the final draft and appendices of the plan as described. The process began Oct 2020, and the final plan will be published in the upcoming weeks.

**Regular Meeting:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Knutson called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Paonia to order at 6:30 pm.

**Roll Call**

Front Office Assistant Candy Wuollet called the roll and those present were Mayor Bachran via Zoom, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Trustee Smith, Trustee Markle, and Trustee Weber.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Trustee Knutson requested to pole the Board to see who agreed with a 9:30pm hard stop for meetings moving forward. The direction given was to provide meeting critique at 9:15pm with a hard stop of the meeting at 9:30pm:

Trustee	Aye	Nay
Valentine	X	
Smith	X	
Weber	X	
Knutson	X	
Markle	X	
Stelter	X	

Motion made by Trustee Stelter, seconded by Trustee Markle to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Trustee Weber, seconded by Trustee Stelter place on the agenda for the next regular meeting the following Reducing legal expense. Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements:**

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Weber that Trustee Knutson chair the meeting tonight and a mayor Pro Tem be appointed at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recognition of Visitors & Guests**

Thomas Backhus requested the Board recognize two local Paonia High School graduates for the accomplishment of successfully completing the Naval Academy.

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Stelter to direct the Administrator to write a letter of recognition to Caden Meilner and Cyrus Malek-Madani.

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Motion made by Trustee Stelter, seconded by Trustee Weber to amend the motion, and add that the mayor sign it and it be sent into the newspaper. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

Regular Meeting Minutes:

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Liquor License Renewal- One Thirty-Three, dba West Elk Wine & Spirits

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Markle to have Corinne Ferguson as Clerk sign each of the current minutes and future minutes as she is the clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Trustee Weber, seconded by Trustee Stelter to approve the consent agenda with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

**Staff Reports**

Administrators Report

Public Works Report

Police Report

Finance Report

Provided by Administrator Ferguson.

**Unfinished Business**

**Resolution 07-2022 Appointment of Officers**

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Weber to split the Clerk/Administrator into two separate positions to be filled by two separate people. Motion fails four (4) Nay and three (3) Aye with Mayor Bachran voting in the tie.

Trustee	Aye	Nay
Knutson		X
Markle	X	
Stelter		X
Smith	X	
Valentine		X
Weber	X	
Mayor Bachran		X

Motion made by Trustee Weber, seconded by Trustee Smith that Resolution 07-2022 be amended to only approve the appointment of the Municipal Judge. Motion carried with five (5) Aye and one (1) Nay

Trustee	Aye	Nay
Knutson	X	
Markle	X	
Stelter	X	
Smith	X	
Valentine		X
Weber	X	

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Motion made by Trustee Knutson, seconded by Trustee Valentine to schedule an executive session for legal advice with Town Attorney regarding staff vs. officer appointments. Motion carried with five (5) Aye and one (1) Nay

Trustee	Aye	Nay
Knutson	X	
Markle	X	
Stelter	X	
Smith	X	
Valentine	X	
Weber		X

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Markle to take a five-minute break. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mayoral appointment to finance committee**

Motion made by Trustee Weber, seconded by Trustee Smith to table the mayoral appointment to the finance committee as it is superseded by consideration of committees under new business. Motion carried unanimously.

**Open Commission/Committee Seats-Letters of Interest**

Paonia Tree Board

Advisory Water Committee

Motion made by Trustee Weber, seconded by Trustee Stelter to table the open committee seats as it is superseded by consideration of committees under new business. Trustee Stelter withdrew his second, so motion failed due to no second.

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Stelter that we direct town staff to post a request for letters of interest for the Advisory Water Committee and Paonia Tree Board.

Motion by Trustee Weber, seconded by Trustee Markle to split the two separately. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Stelter that we direct town staff to post a request for letters of interest for the Advisory Water Committee.

Motion carried with five (5) Aye and one (1) Nay

Trustee	Aye	Nay
Knutson	X	
Markle	X	
Stelter	X	
Smith	X	
Valentine	X	
Weber		X

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Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Stelter that we direct town staff to post a request for Paonia Tree Board.

Motion carried with five (5) Aye and one (1) Nay

Trustee	Aye	Nay
Knutson	X	
Markle	X	
Stelter	X	
Smith	X	
Valentine	X	
Weber		X

**Residential Use of Classification and review procedures in C-1 & C-2**

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Weber to initiate a special review for the Kennedy Building and a special review for the Masonic Building to be prepared concurrently.

Discussion ensued.

Trustee Markle called for the question.

Motion to call the question carried with five (5) Aye and one (1) Nay

Trustee	Aye	Nay
Knutson		X
Markle	X	
Stelter	X	
Smith	X	
Valentine	X	
Weber	X	

Restating of the original motion:

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Weber to initiate a special review for the Kennedy Building and a special review for the Masonic Building to be prepared concurrently.

Motion carried with four (4) Aye and two (2) Nay

Trustee	Aye	Nay
Knutson		X
Markle	X	
Stelter	X	
Smith	X	
Valentine		X
Weber	X	

**New Business**

**Implementation of Board Committees**

Discussion ensued regarding history of trustee committees.

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Motion made by Trustee Weber, seconded by Trustee Smith that the Trustee committees be re-instituted as they were in 2002 with Finance/Water, Sewer, Trash/ Public Safety/ Streets/ Personnel/ Parks.

Motion carried with four (4) Aye and two (2) Nay

Trustee	Aye	Nay
Knutson		X
Markle	X	
Stelter	X	
Smith	X	
Valentine		X
Weber	X	

**Disbursements**

Motion made by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Weber to approve disbursements. Motion carried unanimously.

**How did we do?**

Trustee Markle wants to try a new seating arrangement.

Motion made by Trustee Weber, seconded by Trustee Stelter that we do a time analysis of our meetings using software recommended by Trustee Markle, at Town’s expense, in the amount of \$25.00 a month. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Markle thinks the pace was a little slow but likes how patient Trustee Knutson was.

Suzanne Watson liked Trustee Knutson demeanor as Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion made by Trustee Stelter, seconded by Trustee Smith to schedule a special meeting to address agenda items that were not addressed - to be coordinated by Administrator/Clerk Ferguson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Trustee Stelter, seconded by Trustee Smith to extend the meeting for the executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Trustee Weber, seconded by Trustee Smith to go into executive session with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C. R. S. 24-6-402-(4)(b). Motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session**

For a conference with Town attorney for the purpose of reviewing legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b): Specific to Eric Pace v. Town of Paonia.

Entered Executive Session at 9:29pm.

Resumed meeting at 9:48 pm.

Roll call for Executive session were Mayor Bachran, Trustee Stelter, Weber, Markle, Smith, Knutson, Valentine, Town Attorney Jeff Conklin virtually, and Administrator Corinne Ferguson.

Motion made by Trustee Stelter, seconded by Trustee Valentine to direct the Town Attorney to advise CIRSA that the Board agrees with the terms of the settlement. Motion carried unanimously.

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Trustee Stelter provided a brief explanation of the settlement agreement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

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Corinne Ferguson, Administrator/Clerk

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Mary Bachran, Mayor