

Minutes
Special Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
May 15, 2023

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Bachran calls the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Roll Call

PRESENT

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Trustee Stelter, Seconded by Trustee Knutson, to approve the agenda.

Motion carries unanimously.

Trustee Knutson makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee Stelter, to add appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem to the next regular meeting agenda including committee appointments.

Trustee Knutson explains that he feels some comments made at the last meeting did not reflect well on the Town and that the Board should also begin to look at a transition person for the role of Mayor Pro-Tem.

Trustee/ Mayor Pro-Tem Markle says he appreciates Trustee Knutson's position and input received from Interim Administrator Klusmire and says the recording of the meeting should show he was not denigrating anyone.

Mayor Bachran brings the conversation back to the specific motion.

Voting Aye: Trustee/ Mayor Pro-Tem Markle, Trustee Stelter, Trustee Valentine, Trustee Knutson, Trustee MacInnis

Voting Nay: Trustee Smith

The motion carries.

Interim Administrator Klusmire gives a summary of emails received from community member W. Brunner that contained orders to staff, accusations of crime against staff and other false claims. She encourages the Town to stand up for itself by speaking out against false information and to protect its staff from bullying and harassment.

Mayor Bachran reads a statement prepared by Town Attorney Nick Cotton-Baez, who was unable to attend the meeting, addressing misinformation and defending rules, law and procedures used by the Town.

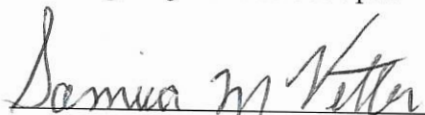
Trustee Stelter asks for a record to be made that he has received an attempted ex-parte communication from Mr. Brunner at his private email address. It has not been opened and will be deleted unopened. Trustee Stelter also states that he wants to be clear that his private email is just that, private, and Town business should always be sent to his Town email so that the Town has a record of any communications.

Voting Aye: Trustee Stelter, Trustee Smith, Trustee Valentine, Trustee Knutson and Trustee MacInnis.


Voting Nay: Trustee/ Mayor Pro-Tem Markle
The motion carries.

Adjournment

Meetings adjourns at 6:24 pm



Samira M Vetter, Town Clerk



Mary Bachran, Mayor

