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**TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION MEETING**

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804

Call to Order Mayor Alex Flores called the meeting to order at 7:32. Roll call for the Arriba Town Board was read and those answering were Troy McCue, Leigh Anna Andersen, Carolyn Steinsiek, and Bob Rush. Tom Rush arrived late. Jack Petty was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Leigh Anna Andersen.

Public Audience included Jody Schifferns, Marcella Flores, Doug and Dianne Reisman. Dianne Reisman said I know this is a bit unorthodox and I know you here on a completely different subject but the Town Board has left me no choice. I have a letter here and there are paper copies for every one of you, I want this to be read aloud in its entirety, on the record. Mayor Flores asked if the Board could do that at the regular meeting. Dianne Reisman so no I want this now because I'm leaving so that you can have your meeting, I'm not going to stay, so I want this read into the record, the audio record, and I want it distributed with the meeting minutes, and it's self-explanatory.

Approval of Agenda Trustee Troy McCue moved to approve the agenda as written, Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Sales Tax Clerk Hart said there was an email from Corey Hoffmann giving a general example of wording that could be on the ballot proposing a sales tax in Arriba. She said that Flagler and Seibert both have a 2% sales tax. She said she had Flagler's and Seibert's sales tax ordinance for the Board to review. The Board discussed what amount of sales tax revenue Flagler and Seibert get from online shopping. Clerk Hart said she didn't know but could find out.

Mayor Flores asked what would the sales tax revenue be used for in Arriba. Trustee Steinsiek said that she's heard that a few residents would want it to go into something other than the general fund, but she was concerned that if the Board makes it too narrow it ties their hands. She said Arriba has so many needs because we are a small town she would be very concerned to restrict the funds to just roads.

Trustee McCue said that Genoa is looking into passing a sales tax also. He said his thoughts on Arriba passing a sales tax is why not, because then if there is any growth and new business in Arriba there will be a little more revenue.

Trustee Bob Rush said there are only 2 ways to generate revenue in Arriba- that's utility rates and sales tax. He said utility rates nobody wants to pay any higher especially those on a fixed income. Trustee Steinsiek said that was definitely something the Town needs to make sure that

residents know. Mayor Flores agreed they need to know that it's either increase water and sewer or put in a sales tax because of increased costs for the Town.

Clerk Hart said that Greg Etl with Department of Local Affairs had told her that Arriba's water and sewer rates are on the low side. The Board said they realized that but compared to Flagler Arriba's rates are high, raising water and sewer rates any higher might dissuade people from moving here. Trustee Andersen suggested putting an article in the paper explaining why the Board is proposing a sales tax. Trustee McCue agreed saying that the Board doesn't want to make it difficult for the local businesses we simply want to capture online trade. There was discussion on age groups that do a lot of online shopping, and how online shopping is becoming a big deal. The Board discussed how sales tax works from Verizon or AT&T.

Trustee McCue said he agreed there needs to be some public campaigning explaining the reasons for a sales tax. There was discussion that if residents want their roads worked on there needs to be money and equipment to work on the roads. Trustee Bob Rush said Arriba is such a small town we don't need brand new equipment. The Board agreed that the Town could upgrade equipment maybe but doesn't need brand new equipment.

Trustee Steinsiek asked if the lawyer said the Town had to designate where it goes. Clerk Hart explained that Corey Hoffmann said the Town can designate it to go to general governmental purposes. Clerk Hart said she could send Corey Seibert's sales tax ordinance to see what he thinks of it. She said once an ordinance is written and the wording approved by Corey, the Board can then set a hearing and decide if a 2% sales tax is what the Town wants to go with. She said it will go to the ballot, but a hearing has to be held first. She said that in Seibert's ordinance there is a statement that basically says the ordinance is effective contingent upon voter approval. She said the town election will be April 2018, she noted that everyone's seat will be up for election except for Leigh Anna Andersen's. Clerk Hart said she would keep Sales Tax on the agenda and see how fast Corey can get an ordinance written up, and then see what sort of timeline there is for it.

Comments

Clerk Hart said she was thinking that June 7th or June 8th at 7:00pm would be the stakeholder meeting for the Source Water Protection Grant. She asked the Board which day works best. Mayor Flores said that June 8th would work best for him. The Board agreed that June 8th would be fine.

Clerk Hart asked the Board if they were going to address Reisman's letter or if the Board should hold off and discuss it at the regular meeting. Mayor Flores said that since it wasn't on the Agenda he felt the Board would be doing the Reisman's a disservice. Trustee Bob Rush said pull up the ordinance that goes with that. Trustee Tom Rush said that the Board already voted on it anyway.

Trustee Bob Rush said he's had several people in town talk to him in regards to the cleanup ordinance and if the Board would define in the Board's view what abandoned machinery is, what are abandoned cars -just come up with a definition for each category because there's been a gray

area where machinery is concerned and its up to this Board to decide it. Mayor Flores said this can be discussed at the regular meeting.

Adjournment Trustee Andersen moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Alex Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:

Mayor Alex Flores

Approved by the Board on:

**Town of Arriba
Board of Trustees Action Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2017
7:30pm**

Sign In Sheet

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April 25, 2017

Town of Arriba
Board of Trustees
Arriba Town Hall
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Dear Town of Arriba

Last August I had a brief conversation with Trustee McCue and his son Austin McCue. At that time I congratulated Austin on a job well done as I would to any young man working so hard at such a difficult chore. My being nice should not be misconstrued as my approval to repeat this.

Unless a new location is under consideration, I want to know will the Town of Arriba or Troy McCue be reimbursing us for the needed traps this year.

At no time was there any indication the McCues' planned to repeat this again in 2017.

As we asked last year, we ask again, move your cows away from the alley.

Further, I invite anyone to stop by **any warm** summer evening on their walks. Please join us for a cold refreshing drink on a warm summer evening in our back yard. While you sip your drink, your opinion on **Stinging** and other flies will change profoundly.

Sincerely,

Douglas M. Reisman

Starbar Trap N Toss Disposable Fly Trap

For standard fly control we used 4 standard traps twice a month at \$7:00 per trap:

- 2 inside our backyard fence area around the umbrella
- 2 inside along the inside of the alley fence

Spalding-Labs Biting Stable Fly Trap

For Biting fly control we used 4 Stable fly traps twice a month at \$11:00 per trap:

- 2 inside our backyard fence area around the umbrella
- 2 fence along the inside of the alley fence

These are put on a 30"-36" length of pipe or up to 1-1/4" wood post set in the ground. The USDA study found this trap caught between 2 and 3 times as many flies as the best two other biting Stable Fly Traps.

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April 25, 2017

Board of Trustees
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After listening to the recording from the town hall meeting of April 10, 2017, there are some things I wish to correct that were entered into the official town record.

To the board member claiming that I cornered her.... Wrong. I didn't even notice you until you approached me and said hello.

I made it abundantly clear to this board member how much of a challenge having steers across the alley from us was, and how costly it was purchasing traps to capture the biting flies. I was absolutely clear that I did not want a repeat.

This board member assured me she would vote no, if it came up again. As a matter of fact she did the opposite, while speaking of me in a most demeaning manner. Butter me up? Take me baked goodies? You made light of a serious situation.

The reason our 'good neighbors' yard wasn't infested with biting flies is because of the many traps we had in our yard. They are welcome.

Now for the really shady part of this whole issue:

The agenda for the April 10th meeting wasn't sent until April 6, 2017. A Friday. I couldn't get to my email until Sunday, preparing for the JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAY OF PESACH (Passover) on Monday. The board made a major decision, affecting me personally, without adequate notice, on a day it was not possible to attend.

The meeting minutes were not sent out in a timely manner so as to give me time to appeal.

Now, in fairness, I will say that maybe this isn't the case, and the board had no knowledge of this holy day. My question then becomes this. Why go to all the trouble of getting Austin out of the bath to answer questions at the meeting while excluding me altogether? Not one phone call was made, nobody stopped by, and we were home. You can't have it both ways.

Mr. McCue has other places to put the steers. We don't have anywhere else to liv

Sincerely,

Dianne Reisman