

**TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, October 14, 2024
Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804**

Call to Order Mayor Marilyn Lightsey called the meeting to order at 6:00. Trustees in attendance included Carolyn Steinsiek, Siobhan Steinsiek, Ben VanderWerf, Bob Rush, and Ashlee Smithburg. Troy McCue was absent. Employees in attendance included Josie Hart and Mike Becker.

Public Audience none.

Hospital Update Erica Saffer gave her report.

Approval of Agenda Trustee VanderWerf moved to approve the Agenda as written, Trustee Carolyn Steinsiek seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Carolyn Steinsiek moved to approve the minutes from the September 9 regular meeting as written. Trustee Rush seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Accounts Receivable and Payable

Trustee Smithburg moved to approve the receivables and payables for September. Trustee Carolyn Steinsiek seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Carolyn Steinsiek moved to approve the October bills for payment. Trustee VanderWerf seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Zoning – Master Plan The Board scheduled a work session for Thursday, November 14 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

Water Vault Clerk Hart said that the final documents with GMS need to be signed by the Mayor, this includes a draw on the EIAF grant funds to pay Glacier the final amount owed. She noted that the pressure switch issue has not been fixed, GMS is still working on this. The Town will most likely have to spend additional money to get this resolved.

Trustee VanderWerf moved to approve Mayor Lightsey signing the necessary documents from GMS. Trustee Carolyn Steinsiek seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Time Capsule Opening Celebration nothing new on this.

2025 Budget The Board reviewed the proposed 2025 Budget. Clerk Hart noted that she had added sales tax revenues, and that she had budgeted for a 2% cost of living increase for the employees. There was discussion on how much to budget for tree trimming. The Board agreed that James Goheen should submit a quote for the remaining trees that need to be trimmed, and possibly another quote for tree trimming in 2026. There was discussion on getting quotes from other tree trimming companies to compare. Clerk Hart noted that in James Goheen's initial quote he had listed the evergreen tree trimming as free, but since the Town did not commit to the full price/work to be done in one year he changed the quote to charge \$25 a piece for the evergreens. Clerk Hart noted that he had also increased the prices of some of the individual trees he trimmed. There was discussion on not having James trim the evergreens at all. The Board discussed the new wastewater permit regulations and how this affects the 2025 budget. The Board scheduled a Budget Hearing for Monday, November 11, at 5:30pm.

Wastewater Permit Regulations Clerk Hart explained that the wastewater permit has changed to include some additional testing, one test is \$2,000 each quarter, there will also be more paperwork. Clerk Hart said that Richard Hopp's fees might increase because of this. She said the proposed 2025 budget reflects these increased costs. Clerk Hart reported that there is a wastewater regulation that will be effective in 2029 that Richard Hopp says the Town will not be able to meet. At that point the Town will be in violation and the only option would be to build an evaporative pond. The Board discussed how there were many towns in Colorado facing the same issue. There was discussion on working on purchasing additional land now or waiting for when the Town is in violation and using grant money to purchase land at that time.

Maintenance Report Mike Becker says he has been winterizing everything, doing park maintenance, dealing with the same old issues at the wastewater facility, and working on the water vault shed.

Clerks Report Clerk Hart said that she received a message from Alicia Padilla requesting the Town buy a handicap sign for her. Clerk Hart was unsure where the sign would go, if it would be a handicap parking sign, or a wheelchair traffic sign. After discussion on this the Board agreed that she should check with the Attorney on how the Town should proceed with this.

Clerk Hart said she had received a request from Justin Myers Jr to put a 'Diagonal Parking' sign in front of his house on Main Street. She was unsure of his intentions with this. The Board agreed that Justin Myers Jr should attend the next Board meeting and discuss the issue with the Board.

Treasurer's Report good.

Trustees Report Trustee Carolyn Steinsiek said she had also received a phone call from Alicia Padilla regarding the handicap sign.

Trustee VanderWerf said that there are several street lights out on Lincoln Avenue. He said that there are still issues with semi-trucks going down Colorado Ave- he suggested some changes to the current signs- Mike Becker said he would get with Trustee VanderWerf to go over those suggested changes.

Trustee VanderWerf said he was approached by Allen Rand about the water deposit issue on Wes Rand's account and the account for Allen's house. Clerk Hart said she would look into this.

LCEDC Report none.

Mayor's Report Mayor Lightsey had nothing to report.

Adjournment Mayor Lightsey adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:

Mayor Marilyn Lightsey

Approved by the Board on: 11/11/2024