

## **Collbran Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 6, 2013**

**Regular Meeting**

**7:00 PM Collbran Town Hall**

The regular meeting of the Collbran Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Frank Jones. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PRESENT ON ROLL CALL:** Trustees: Stewart, Dorman, Satterfield, and Mayor Jones.

**ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Neu-Town Attorney, Jeff Phillips-Clerk-Treasurer, Adam Appelhanz-Town Marshal, Gene Stricklan, Tamara Entwistle, Kaleb Julius, Ernie Puccini, Jerry Kroeker, Kathy Kroeker, and Tim Wilkerson.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Trustee Stewart moved to approve the minutes from July 2 2013; seconded by Trustee Dorman.

**NON-ROLL CALL VOTE:** 3 Yes votes – Stewart, Dorman, and Jones. 0 No votes. Satterfield abstains.

**Motion passed.**

### **PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON AGENDA**

Gene Stricklan addressed the board about the mess left behind following the Cedar Crest Cemetery water line repair; he would like contractors to have a \$5,000,000 bond. Kaleb Julius tried to explain the misunderstanding; he also said he that had a \$6,000,000 bond. Mayor Jones would like Clerk-Treasurer Phillips to contact Lester Wheeler or David Blackman about clean-up.

### **NEW BUSINESS.**

#### **Discussion and possible decision about BOT appointment.**

Gene Stricklan addressed the board about his health; he felt that he can still serve as a trustee effectively if appointed. Trustee Satterfield expressed his support of the appointment of Gene Stricklan; as a citizen, Tamara Entwistle also supported the appointment. There were no other comments from the public.

**MOTION:** Trustee Satterfield moved to approve the appointment of Gene Stricklan as a trustee; seconded by Trustee Dorman.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 4 Yes votes - Dorman, Satterfield, Stewart, and Jones. 0 No votes.

**Motion passed.**

Gene Stricklan took the Oath of Office, performed by Mayor Jones; and was seated on the Board.

**Discussion about Trustee and Mayor stipends.**

Trustee Dorman initiated discussion; she mentioned how much work the mayor has to do for the town. Trustee Satterfield felt the focus needs to be on revenue for the town, not stipends. Tamara Entwistle believed that increasing stipend would create an incentive for board members to spend more time working.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**Consideration of possible dates for Fireworks.**

Trustee Stewart inquired if there are any events at the fairgrounds in the near future that can coincide with a fireworks display. Trustee Stricklan would like to continue to store fireworks; cost from January 2014 to July 4, 2014 would be no more than \$700. Mayor Jones mentioned how dry Plateau Valley has been the last two Summers (which is why the town has not had a fireworks display). Trustee Satterfield mentioned that Plateau Valley is sometimes still dry all the way through October. Mayor Jones suggested December 31, 2013 for the fireworks display.

Trustee Satterfield moved to conduct fireworks on December 31, 2013; the motion failed for lack of a second.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**Review of Grand Mesa Tavern and citizen complaints.**

Marshal Appelhanz discussed topic; he mentioned that he has received complaints from Collbran Cottages (across the street and just west of Grand Mesa Tavern). Trustee Satterfield mentioned that truck traffic in town is loud as well. Trustee Stewart felt that a few “bad apples” have created the situation; she believed that focusing on them would help solve things. Trustee Satterfield asked if focus of complaints were from night of street dance on Saturday, July 6, 2013. Marshal Appelhanz mentioned that complaints from Collbran Cottages have built up over a period of time. Kaleb Julius said that he has made steps to help prevent future problems from arising. Tamara Entwistle discussed her support of tavern.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**Discussion about free buildings from City of Grand Junction.**

Marshal Appelhanz informed the board that only the Quonset hut (42’x81’) and one large canopy (18’x110’) are still available if the town would like them. Trustee Dorman found out that the only cost is to move them to Collbran; most of it would be town employee hours spent on the project. There was a consensus that the Quonset hut is not worth taking. Trustee Satterfield inquired as to if it is worth the expense to take the large canopy; he wondered if it perhaps is cheaper to build ourselves. There was no objection in taking the large canopy as long as it was cost-effective.

**Decision on CCOERA loans.**

Marshal Appelhanz would like loans to be available from employees' retirement plan; he is not concerned with how restrictive the rules are in borrowing. Town Attorney Jim Neu mentioned that a resolution will be put together in the near future

**MOTION: Trustee Satterfield moved to approve employee borrowing of their CCOERA accounts as long it does not exceed the amount that they contributed; seconded by Trustee Dorman.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 yes votes – Satterfield, Stricklan, Stewart, Dorman, and Jones.**

**Motion passed.**

**Review of Mid Year Financial Report.**

Clerk-Treasurer Phillips relayed to board that there are no financial concerns on reports. Trustee Satterfield expressed concern about local businesses shutting down.

**Mayor and Committee Reports.**

**Staff Reports: Discussion on Retail Marijuana.**

Town Attorney Jim Neu addressed board; he mentioned that the town already has a moratorium through the end of the year. Marshal Appelhanz contributed to the conversation by discussing pros/cons. Trustee Stricklan mentioned that if he purchased medical marijuana, he would not have a problem going to Palisade if he had to. Trustee Stewart would be more comfortable allowing it as long as several other communities do also.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**Approve Expenditures.**

**MOTION: Trustee Stricklan moved to approve town expenditures from July 3, 2013 to August 6, 2013; seconded by Trustee Dorman.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 yes votes – Stricklan, Stewart, Dorman, Satterfield, and Jones.**

**Motion passed.**

**Closing Comments.**

Marshal Appelhanz mentioned that he was able to get a hold of a 1989 Dodge pickup truck with a lift gate for no cost from the military for our Public Works Department.

Mayor Jones recommended that the Trustees read through the CIRSA's Ethics, Liability & Best Practices for Elected Officials handbook that was included in their packets.

Marshal Appelhanz mentioned the ACT (Active Counterterrorism Training) that is coming to Plateau Valley School; it needs private funding. It is open for the public to attend.

Marshal Appelhanz talked about a certified CPR instructor that is in Mesa that could train the town staff.

**Adjournment.**

No motion for adjournment, but unanimous consent at 9pm.

**NON ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 yes votes, 0 no votes.**