

Collbran Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Special Meeting
5:45 PM Collbran Town Hall

The Regular Meeting of the Collbran Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:47pm by Mayor V. Sturm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the 5pm work session that preceded the special meeting.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Trustees Schowalter, P. Sturm, Evans, and Mayor V. Sturm.

ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator Farrar, Town Clerk/Treasurer Phillips, Marshal Appelhanz, Administrative Assistant Melonie Matarozzo, Tammy Clark, Tilda Evans, Todd Farrington, Kama Farrington, Bill Fletcher, Travis Long, David Wall, and Amy Gibson.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON COLLBRAN ARENA SOUND SYSTEM

Admin. Farrar explained that a month before staff was aware that they did not receive a GOCO grant, the Town spoke with Snob Productions about a sound system for the Collbran Arena and requested a low and high cost proposal. The quote they submitted was in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 range. He added that a second quote was received from Spectrum Sound Design with a price of about \$24,000. He explained to the audience that Spectrum Sound Design and Snob Productions gave presentations at a 5pm Work Session prior to the Special Meeting. Admin. Farrar noted that the sound system was not included in or identified as a priority in the Arena Master Plan. He referenced his memorandum to the Trustees that listed three options about how to proceed with the sound system: 1) do nothing, 2) fix the current system, or 3) purchase a new system. Mayor Sturm said that he did not want to buy a new system, but instead wanted the purchase incorporated in a resubmitted GOCO grant. He wanted to focus on the Downtown improvement project. Admin. Farrar noted that the Arena Advisory Committee (AAC) fundraiser on May 7 was intended to raise money for the sound system. He said that \$10,000 - \$15,000 was spent on the current sound system and this information was cooperated by AAC Chair Tammy Clark. Trustees Evans and Schowalter said they did not want to wait for a GOCO grant that might not come. Mayor Sturm asked why the Arena Master Plan Steering Committee did not prioritize or discuss the sound system. Ms. Clark said that some people believed that the sound system was part of the GOCO grant request. She mentioned how ineffective the current sound system is. She said that the speakers had not been taken down during the winter and water damaged the speakers. Travis, the representative from Spectrum Sound Design, said that his company fixed the speakers and installed electronic protection to prevent damage to the speakers. He noted that the speakers were designed for outdoor use and did not need to be taken down. Ms. Clark said that the speakers had been taken down once. Mayor Sturm said that Public Works told him that they had not taken the speakers down. He noted that many townspeople approached him about the Downtown improvement project, but not the Arena. Trustee Evans asked about Federal Mineral Lease District (FML) grants. Admin. Farrar said that last year's street project was an FML grant. Ms. Clark asked Admin. Farrar why he was not currently recommending purchasing a new sound system. He said that the lack of GOCO grant funding will delay arena improvements. A new sound system made sense with the improvements but not absent the grant funded construction. Ms. Clark said that she is concerned about losing momentum at the Arena without the grant funds and she believes that the new sound system would maintain the excitement about the project. Tilda Evans concurred with Ms. Clark's

sentiments. Admin. Asst. Matarozzo explained that the Arena averages one event per week in the summer. Admin. Farrar asked Travis Long of Spectrum Sound Design and David Wall of Snob Productions if the speakers could be repaired. They both agreed that the sound system could be repaired for between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Bill Fletcher, a local electrician, asked if the electrical part of the sound system is functioning properly. He said the speakers and microphones would not do any good if the motherboard has a problem. Todd Farrington asked about renting or leasing sound equipment. Admin. Farrar suggested that if the Town rented a system from each of the vendors for the key summer events they would be able to hear it function in a real-world setting. That would provide much better information for deciding which system to purchase. Admin. Farrar said that the Town should have a good sound system when the improvements are made to the Arena. He requested that Spectrum Sound Design and Snob Productions submit costs for renting their systems, and then each company could demonstrate their systems at arena events this year. There was discussion about purchasing at least one new microphone because the remote microphone frequencies that are currently in use are not compliant.

MOTION: Trustee Schowalter moved to request bids from Spectrum Sound Design and Snob Productions for leasing quotes for events at the Collbran Arena on July 2-4, 2016 and August 6, 2016; and approve the purchase of a new microphone at the Collbran Arena; and to request Spectrum Sound Design and Snob Productions to submit a nominal quote for the repair of the current sound system at the Collbran Arena. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Yes votes – P. Sturm, Evans, Schowalter, and V. Sturm. 0 No votes. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Trustee Evans moved to adjourn the Town of Collbran Board of Trustees Special Meeting of April 19, 2016; seconded by Trustee Schowalter.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Yes votes – Evans, Schowalter, P. Sturm, and V. Sturm. 0 No votes. Motion passed.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Approved

Attest