



Minutes
Town of Blue River
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
October 20, 2020
6:00 p.m.

The Trustees Meeting will be open to the public via the GoToMeeting link only. All citizens wishing to attend are asked to log into the virtual meeting. Please also refer to our website for information on participating in the virtual meeting <https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov/town-info/meetings/guidelines-for-public-participation-in-virtual-public-hearings>

I. REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 6:00 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tjCpc-itrT4uE9KTb_OlokpdQnNZGfu0gXWU

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

II. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Fossett called the regular meeting of the Town of Blue River Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Roll Call

Toby Babich, Mayor

Dan Cleary

Joel Dixon

Kelly Finley

Mark Fossett-Left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Ted Pilling

Ken Robertson-arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Also present Town Manager, Michelle Eddy; Town Attorney, Bob Widner.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- **MINUTES, September 15, 2020**

- **Approval of Bills-\$128,458.19**

Trustee Pilling moved and Trustee Finley seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS TO TRUSTEES

This is an opportunity for Citizens to bring comments and questions to the Board of Trustees not being addressed in the Regular Meeting Agenda. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.

- Citizen Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only)
 - Paul Semmer, Blue Grouse Trail questioned about Blue River Trail on Spruce Valley Ranch and trees have been cut across wetlands. Questioned permits.
 - Martie Semmer, Blue Grouse asked to comment on Noxious Weed resolution.
- Citizen Communications (letters & emails)

- Once communication from Timber Creek Estates was received and is included in the agenda.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Coley Campbell, Timberline Trash Request
 - Coley Campbell with Timberline Trash –Mr. Campbell was not present.
- Plat Amendment Lot 437-438
 - Manager Eddy noted the proposed plat amendment is a lot line adjustment to address the well placement. The lot line is adjusted equally between the properties that are owned by the same owner. The amendment was approved for recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission.
 - Trustee Dixon moved and Trustee Cleary seconded to approve the plat amendment for lots 437 & 438. Motion passed unanimously.
- Resolution 2020-06 Adoption of the Blue River Noxious Weed Plan
 - Manager Eddy noted the proposed plan was developed by the Citizen Advisory Committee and recommended for approval.
 - Martie Semmer, Blue Grouse asked to have the resolution postponed and finalized in November due to desire to have additional information included that are not currently included fully in the plan. Ms. Semmer read comments and points for changes.
 - Trustee Finley noted that Tori Aidala, Chair is a landscape architect. She stated this was reviewed over the span of several months.
 - Mayor Babich noted this is a living document and is a resolution.
 - Trustee Cleary asked to have Ms. Semmer submit her comments for review by the Committee. He stated that if approved he would recommend to have some additional points added.
 - Discussion to have comments submitted to have the Committee review to come back with any changes moving forward.
 - Attorney Widner noted that any changes made would be made via resolution. Attorney Widner also noted it is a plan not law.
 - Trustee Pilling recommended to include all of Ms. Semmer's comments in with the adopted document.
 - Trustee Robertson recommended to approve as is and then invite Tori to the next meeting.
 - Trustee Finley notes she could back to the committee with any proposed changes and have the committee attend or have Tori available for questions.
 - Trustee Cleary moved and Trustee Pilling seconded to continue vote until comments can be reviewed by the Committee. Mayor Babich, and Trustee Finley opposed.
- First Reading Ordinance 2020-17 FCPA Enforcement
 - Manager Eddy noted that due to changes in State Statute it is necessary to update the Town Code as it pertains to Fair Campaign Practices Act enforcement. Attorney Widner's office has prepared the ordinance in accordance with the new regulations.

- Trustee Cleary moved and Trustee Dixon seconded to approve Ordinance 2020-17 for publication. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2021 Town of Blue River Budget Discussion
 - Town Manager Eddy presented the 2021 Town of Blue River Budget.
 - There will be a public hearing and adoption of the budget November 17, 2020.
 - Discussion about Public Works increases. Noted that much is Town Park and signage.
 - Trustee Dixon asked about putting signs on trees to save money. Attorney Widner responded that it is required by standards of how they are displayed.
 - Trustee Cleary provided comments and feedback. Trustees Cleary recommended the Board review the Capital Improvement Plan and determine what the list should look like and allocate funding for design and needs discussion. Discussion that this may be done in house. He also remarked on Town Park, Court, Office Supplies, Health Benefits, Public Safety, phones, professional fees.
 - Discussion on the step salary increase. Trustee Cleary stated an issue with an increase during this year. It was noted that compensation packages was asked for review by the Trustees at the retreat. Trustee Cleary noted that given the year it is too big of a jump.
 - Trustee Robertson noted that it is important to remain competitive.
 - Trustee Pilling reviewed the definition of accrual. He also recommended establishing a compensation package committee in the future. Discussion this would require a professional firm. It was noted that information provided was driven from the data requested.
 - Mayor Babich commented on the staffing cost and the differences between for profit and town government. He noted an appreciation of the staff.
- Trailheads and Winter use discussion
 - Tabled until November.
- Resident Services general discussion
 - Tabled until November.
- Timber Creek Estates Speed limit increase request
 - Trustee Pilling asked to move the item up on the agenda.
 - Town Manager Eddy noted communication received from Timber Creek Estates concerning speed limits and speed humps. A staff report was included noting the conditions for a speed change and speed humps. At this time, the neighborhood does not qualify for the change.
 - Trustee Pilling noted it wasn't a request to increase the speed limit but more of being open to request to higher speed limit if speed humps were installed.
 - John Katok, Timber Creek Estates President spoke of ongoing issues. He asked that additional data be collected June-September 2021 to gather more information during the height of summer. He noted the feeling from the HOA is that speeding is more of an issue than the data shows. They are asking for more enforcement.
 - Manager Eddy reviewed the data and noted that next summer, work can be done to collect the necessary data.

- Trustee Finley notes this should be part of a broader conversation to be had by the Board addressing the entire town.
- Discussion around the data and need to collect more during the summer months.

VI. REPORTS

- Mayor
 - Summit County Protect Your Neighbors Letter of Support
 - Mayor Babich noted case numbers are rising and there is concern of the State coming in and making decisions for us versus being proactive. He noted a letter is drafted to be sent to the Commissioners and Scot Vargo, County Manager asking for improvements in testing times, capacity, prioritization for who is tested and services. This is being sent with all the Mayors signatures. He noted that in conversations with the County much of this is starting to be done with the understanding there can be more at a more accelerated rate. It is noted that if cases can't be brought under control it will have a detrimental impact on the entire area. The letter includes support to make it happen or to develop ideas.
 - Discussion of the need for quicker turn around for testing.
 - Discussion of utilizing volunteers to assist with testing by setting up the facility in Frisco.
 - Trustee Cleary noted letter sent to the State and reason for being opposed.
 - Town Attorney Widner explained the declaration of emergency.
 - The Mayor pushed the message of being diligent with the rising cases.
 - Discussion about pushing messaging about quarantine when to quarantine and staying diligent.
- Trustees
 - Trails Committee-Trustee Fossett
 - No report.
 - Transit Authority-Trustee Pilling
 - Reported there is a new Director and Operations Manager.
 - Working to address bus stops along Highway 9 as part of the short range transit plan.
 - Survey is being sent out.
 - Wildfire Council-Trustee Dixon
 - No report.
 - Manager Eddy noted the County has entered into Stage 2 Fire Ban.
 - Planning & Zoning-Trustee Robertson
 - Trustee Finley asked about crane.
 - Trustee Robertson had report.
 - Citizen Advisory Committee-Trustee Finley
 - Trustee Finley had no report.
 - Other Trustees

- Trustee Cleary asked about location code for the department of revenue. He also stated a concern about the Comprehensive Plan committee meeting and scope.
- Attorney's Report
 - Ordinance readings and requirements
 - Attorney Widner reviewed that currently the Town does two readings for ordinances which is not a requirement for Towns. He is proposing to adopt into the code that ordinances can be done via one reading but the practice will be two readings. He would like to present this to the Board as an option for adoption.
 - Discussion that it is a good idea and will be brought forward next month.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Robertson moved and Trustee Finley seconded to adjourn the regular the meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:40 p.m.

VIII. Next Meeting, Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Michelle Eddy, Town Clerk